

The Church And The State

"Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work." Titus 3:1 (New King James Version)

Is the _____ to be _____ from the _____?

Some Argue That Christians Have No Part In Government

A. Significant figures of the past have taken this position:

1. Lipscomb argued that since _____ places _____ in power, Christians should not work against Him.
2. Early _____ refused to take any _____ part in the _____ administration of the empire.

B. Where is our *first* allegiance?

1. Philippians 3:20 - Our _____ is in _____.
(But Paul sometimes used his Roman _____ to his advantage.)
2. Acts 5:29 - "We _____ to _____ God rather than _____."

Christians Must Shine Their Lights Where They Live

A. Matthew 5:13-16 - _____'s followers are to be like _____ and _____, exerting a good _____ in ways they are able.

B. Should we shine our light on political matters?

1. Romans 13:1,2 - We are to be _____ to the governing _____. But are we to be merely _____?
2. Titus 3:1 - Be _____ to _____, but also be ready for every _____.
3. 1 Peter 2:13-17 - By doing _____, we can put to _____ the _____ of _____ men.
4. Godly people have made a difference in times past:
 - a. Genesis 45:5 - _____ put Joseph in power so he could _____ life.
 - b. Daniel 6:26 - The king of _____ issued a decree favorable to Israel because of Daniel's _____.
 - c. _____ had a great influence because of his position as _____ to the king.
5. Proverbs 14:34 - _____ will _____ a nation!
6. Matthew 22:21 - When possible, we must give _____ his things, as well as giving _____ His.

Let Christians, the _____, **not** be _____ from the state.

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