"Some Things Just Don't Change".

God & Government: Part 1 - Original Intent

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1. God created, governs and made an order to His creation.

"And God said" - 9 X in Genesis Chapter 1. Gen. 1:16-18

2. *God gave man dominion over the earth.* Gen. 1:26, 28
3. God had expectations and boundaries for humanity. Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:17
4. God held them accountable for their choices. Gen. 2:17

Three Truths

1. We were made to "reflect" God.
2. God expects us to govern our lives under His authority.
3. We will all give an account for our choices.

Three Questions

1. Are you "reflecting" His likeness?
2. Are you **governing** your own life and those under your care?
3. Who are you accountable to?

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? By "evidence," I don't mean how many Bibles you own, or how many bumper stickers you might have on your car with Christian sayings on them. I mean hard evidence. If your family members, neighbors, and coworkers were interviewed and asked the question, "Is (your name here), in your opinion, a real Christian?" we might not be happy with the response.

The only way others can tell whether you are a Christian is by your works. While all the good works in the world won't save a person (Titus 3:5), they are reasonable evidence that someone is saved.

Prov. 25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks **self-control**.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and **self-control**.

1Th. 5:6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and **self-controlled**.

1Pet. 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be **self-controlled**; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and **self-controlled** so that you can pray.

1Pet. 5:8 Be **self-controlled** and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2Pet. 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; [6] and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to **self-control**,

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