



Christian Citizenship

“You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world” (Mt. 5:13-16). One way to be salty and let our light shine is by being good citizens on earth. Our vocation as citizens of both the secular kingdom and God’s kingdom gives us the responsibility to proclaim God’s Word and care for our neighbors. We are called to engage the “public square” with our message of Christ’s mercy for all. Please pray for God’s will to be done... in Jesus’ name.

The Family: A Force of Nature

Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe recently stated, “I’m not going to let parents come into schools and actually take books out and make their own decisions. I don’t think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.” Rev. Jonathan Lange observes that this governor “could not have drawn the battle lines more clearly.”

Lange continues, “A human family is the most basic unit of human society. Its bonds of love are a force of nature. . . . These velvet chains of love make individuals responsible to care for one another. When they prevail, all three people thrive in tangible ways. . . . A family is the most effective welfare program in the universe.

“. . . Human families are not Tinkertoys that can be disassembled and rearranged without harming the persons in them. Bonds of love, once formed, cannot be broken without damaging people. That is why husbands and wives make life-long promises before governments and God. That is why every child has the right to the love of both natural parents.

“These bonds make the family pre-political. Families exist before the city (polis) exists; and cities are built by families. A city is neither a mere collection of buildings nor a commune of individuals. It is a community of families. That is the most basic of all political truths.

“. . . Just governments recognize and protect family rights. . . . Governments cannot create families. But they are obligated to support them.

“. . . Totalitarians of every stripe deny that governments are for families. Evil governments

always set about to dissolve the bonds of family and control individuals directly. They intentionally interfere in families and set themselves up as a better big brother. Universally, totalitarians fail to recognize that the dissolution of family bonds is destructive to the state.

“When family structure is broken, not only are the individual persons harmed, but neighborhoods devolve into ghettos and nations fail. Governments that protect family rights simultaneously help individuals to thrive and preserve the state.

“That is why it is the direct responsibility of governments to encourage family bonds, protect them from destructive forces, and shield them from outside interference. And that is why citizens have an absolute right to this kind of government.” (Excerpted from “Families are a force of nature,” Only Human Blog, 11-18-21.)

What can we do? We should insist, says Lange, that our government takes marriage vows seriously. We should be outraged, he says, when politicians run roughshod over parental rights and insert themselves between children and their parents. We should attend school board meetings in order to push back against “junk science and divisive social theories.” We should protect children from inappropriate sexualization. We should let politicians from every party know: Mess with our children and you mess with a force of nature.

Please pray for biblical families... in Jesus name.

Citizens Urged to Turn on Neighbors

A sobering trend is emerging: Americans are being encouraged and even incentivized to turn their fellow citizens in to government authorities. Examples are: 1) The Biden Administration gave the duty of enforcing company vaccine mandates to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) but, because it is a small agency with approximately 1,850 inspectors responsible for the health and safety of more than 8 million worksites, employees will be needed to start reporting on their own companies; and, 2) The Tennessee legislature had to pass a bill to protect

doctors during a special Covid-19 session this fall. Why? Because the state's medical board attempted to set up a system where residents could report doctors for "spreading misinformation about Covid vaccines." The plan was to take their medical licenses as a result.

At risk are free speech, free market, and constitutional rights. "Doctors do not lose the right to their opinion because they are doctors. The government has absolutely no authority to make businesses force healthcare decisions on their employees. . . . [C]reating a system for citizens to stalk, harass, and sue one another is no way to conduct a society. . . . Governments throughout history have used this tactic to enforce horrible laws they would have had no chance of upholding without the help of citizens willing to sell out their fellow man."

What can we do? We must know history. Americans were told to be "vigilant" after Pearl Harbor. "The FBI received over 2,900 reports of suspected sabotage in just one day. According to the Associated Press, 'After Pearl Harbor, more than 11,000 German-Americans and 120,000 Japanese-Americans were rounded up and placed in internment camps for the duration of the war.'" We must learn from history. Some German citizens turned on Jewish neighbors. Some German students harassed Jewish classmates. Some Germans invested themselves in ongoing persecution of Jews after acquiring Jewish businesses and belongings when Jews were driven from the economy. We must see trends around us. The social credit system of the Chinese Communist Party uses one neighbor to snitch on another with resulting loss of "credit score" and, thus, "state privileges." (Source: "Governments are asking us to become informers. Isn't this dangerous?" by Hannah Cox, Mercatornet.com, 11-27-21.)

Please pray to render judgments in truth and not devise evil in our hearts for one another (Zech. 8:16-17)... in Jesus' name.

The Trans Movement: The Spearpoint of Transhumanism

Language is an instrument used to change thinking and behavior. The harsh fact is that language based on a lie can only foster chaos and

destruction. "The trans movement, which is the ideological spearpoint of transhumanism, denies the reality of the human being as male or female in favor of a vision of a new creature redefined by language and born again . . . into an *ubermensch*. A superior being, neither male nor female, [that leads] the way into a future formerly conceived only in dystopic science fiction."

The attempt "to grant men and women the status of disembodied spirits detached from earthly reality does not liberate them. . . . [Instead], a human reduced to a mere unit, a thing without essential identity is incapable of relating to any other human being. Worse, the human cannot relate to the Creator. . . . In the place of God is a new self-contained being; a 'they.' The use of the preferred royal pronoun 'they' is an indicator of the creation of a plural self; a being who assumes the generative powers once attributed to the Trinity, the Three in One. . . . 'They' are raised beyond individual physicality to the status of the divine. 'They' are the new royal 'we.' The new hierarchy of 'they' has the power to rule, as 'they' are the living embodiment of transhuman ideology, superior messianic figures who lead the way to a new world order." (Source: "Living in an Age of Lies" by Fay Voshell, American Thinker, 10-30-21.)

What can we do? We must "continue in My Word . . . and the truth will set you free" (Jesus in John 8:32). We must never knowingly support lies.

Please pray that the Word of God take captive every thought and behavior... in Jesus' name.

Staying Informed

The following resources are highly recommended.
1) *American Citizenship and Its Decline*, 8 on-line lectures by Victor Davis Hansen, Hillsdale College.
2) *A Shot Heard Around the World*, compilation of 500 documented links, resources, and references concerning children and the Covid "vaccine." (Free PDF with e-mail from www.PERK-group.com (Protection of the Educational Rights of Kids).
3) *The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates (A Proper Resistance to Tyranny)* by Matthew J. Trewhella. A hopeful blueprint for freedom.

Please pray for those who strive to honor God in their speaking and writing... in Jesus' name.

