

# Public Awareness Ministries Handbook – A Plan of Prayer and Action: Preserving Liberty and Keeping the Door for Evangelism Open

## Why and How to Start a Public Awareness Ministry

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### Introduction—The Second “Civil War” in America...

Everything we hold dear as a Christians (including the open door for evangelism) is under ongoing attack:

- **God and His principles** (via removal of prayer and Bible reading from public schools, removal of the Ten Commandments from public facilities, and removal of Christian symbols from the public square)
- **Innocent life** (via abortion, euthanasia, cloning, stem cell “research,” etc.)
- **Marriage and family** (via attempts to have homosexual “union” made equivalent to man-and-woman marriage, and attempts to confiscate family control of education by eradicating home schooling)
- **Morality** (via the expansion of pornography and child pornography as protected “free speech,” and the advancing of promiscuity and homosexuality as “normal” in many public schools and the media).

**Wallbuilders.com reported that about 1 out of 4 eligible Christians voted in November, 2000!**

Are you angry that voluntary Christian non-participation in the public policy process combined with aggressive ongoing efforts of anti-Christian forces are threatening to undermine the Christian foundation of our liberty and the open door for the Gospel? Will this anger energize you into positive action, propelling you to fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders in government? Our prayer and action (or lack thereof) to select God-fearing leaders will determine whether we live in liberty or tyranny within a generation, and whether or not the door for evangelism will remain open!

### Preserving Liberty and Keeping the Door for Evangelism Open in America... Easy as 1-2-3!

1. **History reveals America's Christian foundation is the source of liberty for all Americans** (including religious liberty—the open door for evangelism)! •80-85% of all missionaries to the world in the Name of Christ over the past 200+ years have come from America<sup>1</sup>!
2. **To preserve America’s Christian foundation and the liberty that it begets, people of faith must fulfill the Scriptural mandate to pray for those in authority** (I Tim. 2:1-2), **invite His presence and help** (II Chron. 7:14), **and select God-fearing leaders** (Exod. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3).
3. **You can establish a local Public Awareness Ministries group in your city that meets monthly to consistently pray and work together to select God-fearing leaders. It's easy, it's Scriptural, it's non-partisan, and we will help.** This Handbook provides a specific Biblical plan for establishing ongoing Public Awareness Ministries groups which work to preserve liberty and the open door for the Gospel via:
  - a. **Prayer:** For those in authority, seeking God’s help and presence — use [Civil Government Prayer Guide](#) available at [PreserveLiberty.com](#).
  - b. **Equipping with Biblical principles of government and civic duty** — use this [Public Awareness Ministries Handbook](#) available at [PreserveLiberty.com](#).
  - c. **Working:** Equipping Christians to **fulfill the Biblical mandate to select God-fearing, pro-life, pro-family leaders** (all of which can be done with no threat to the church’s tax exempt status) via *non-partisan* voter registration and local voter guide production — see [Brad Dacus / Pacific Justice Institute Letter to Pastors](#) here on page 12 and at [PreserveLiberty.com](#).

<sup>1</sup> Mayflower Institute ([MayflowerInstitute.com](#))

The key to preserving liberty in America for Gospel purposes involves remembering and fulfilling our Scriptural duties toward civil government including the Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority and to select God-fearing leaders. Joshua 4, Deuteronomy 6 and 28, and Hosea 4 exhort us to remember (and warn us against forgetting) His greatness, the law of God, and the duties it prescribes for us.

This *Public Awareness Ministry Handbook* provides Biblical reasoning and a specific plan for establishing ongoing Public Awareness Ministries groups. The **Public Awareness Ministries group** serves as a local hub of ongoing united prayer and action which is key to preserving America's Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel. **Please use, copy, teach, and distribute this vital information!**

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## SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT... Vital Importance of Prayer (and Battle in the Spiritual Realm)

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. [James 5:16b]

Therefore I exhort first of all that... prayer... be made for... all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [I Timothy 2:1-2]

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.” [Zechariah 4:6b]

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers... [Eph. 6:12]

For the weapons of our warfare are... mighty in God for pulling down strongholds... [II Cor. 10: 4]

## The Biblical Mandate to Select God-Fearing Leaders

He who rules over men must be just, **ruling in the fear of God**... [II Samuel 23:3]

Moreover **you** shall select from all the people able men, such as **fear God**, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be **rulers** of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. [Exodus 18:21] (**e.g.**, Federal—State—County/City) [Also see Deut. 16:18]

## Our Duty to Advance Christ and His Principles in our Culture and Government

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion... [Genesis 1:28a]

Do business [occupy] till I come... [Luke 19:13b]

Faith without works is dead... [James 2:26b]

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required... [Luke 12:48]

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. [James 4:17]

## The Fruit of Selecting God-Fearing Leaders and Advancing Christ in our Culture and Government...

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD... [Psalm 33:12]

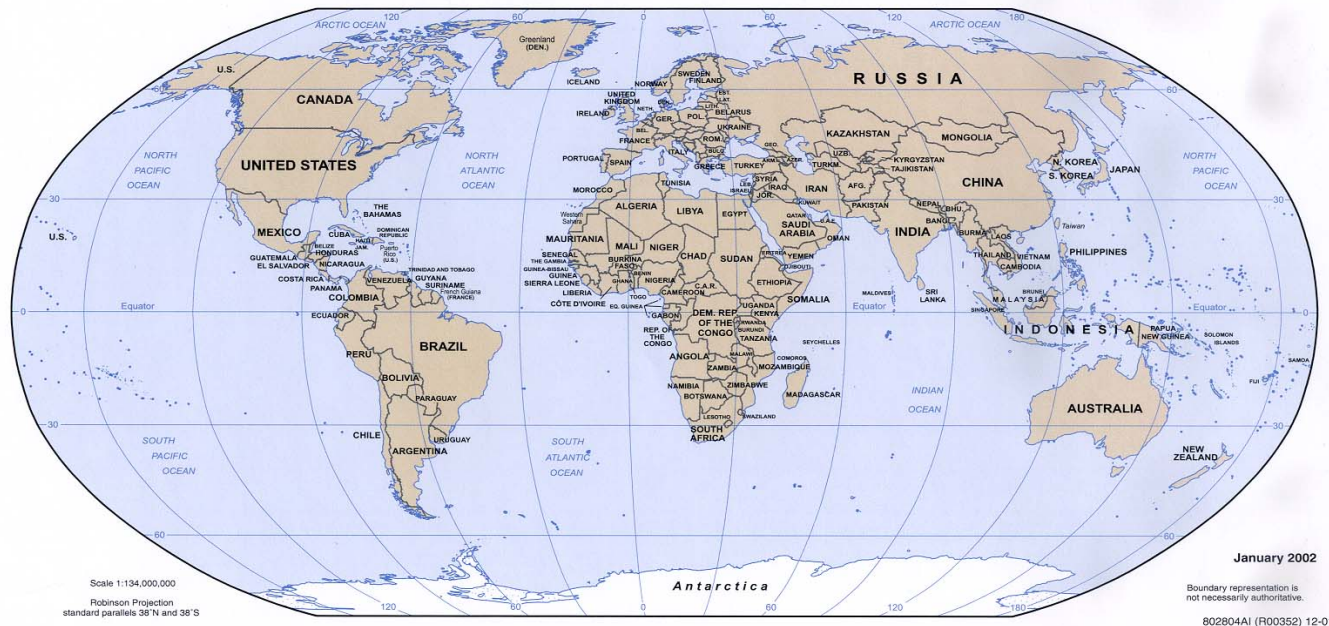
Righteousness exalts a nation... [Proverbs 14:34]

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice... [Proverbs 29:2]

Of the increase of His government (control) and peace, there will be no end... [Isaiah 9:7a]

## How Many Nations Can You Identify Where the Individual Citizens:

- Have **God-given rights** (*not privileges*) including security for life, liberty, and property?
- Have **God-given religious liberty** (to practice and share one's faith—the open door for the Gospel), **economic liberty** (to create and distribute wealth as one chooses) and **civil liberty** (to assemble and use the media and press unhindered by government authorities)?
- Are called "**Sovereign**" citizens and hold the power to select their own leaders (self-govern)...?



• America's unique liberty for the individual is the result of Christian principles which form the foundation of our civil government. The preservation of these principles *requires* that we fulfill the **Biblical mandate** to pray for and select God-fearing leaders (I Tim. 2:1-2, II Chron. 7:14, Ex. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3).

### A. The Actions of Individual Christians Determine the Destiny of Our Nation...

1. Our national stance toward God and His principles will determine our destiny as a nation
2. Rulings that flow from our federal courts (and Supreme Court) determine our "official" stance toward God and His principles (*e.g.*, prayer, Bible reading, and Ten Commandments postings in public, etc.)
3. The US Senate confirms the President's nominees to various judicial positions
4. We The People vote to select our US Senators directly—we are directly responsible and accountable! Because Christians comprise the majority in the United States, even greater is our responsibility (and ability) to assure that God-fearing leaders are selected. •Reasoned from Numbers Chapter 30, silence in the face of evil in the world around us equals our agreement with, and affirmation of, what is being said and done; this is the sin of omission. •Fulfilling "the great commandment" (Matt. 22: 36-40) to love one's neighbor as oneself involves working to resist attacks on the innocent unborn, morality, marriage and family, etc. We have the votes, the resources, and most importantly, the Holy Spirit to empower, equip, and guide us; but do we have the resolve to fight the battle to preserve Christian liberty?

### B. Advancing Liberty Requires that We Take Christian Principles into *Every* Venue

The Great Commission (Matt. 28: 18-20) involves two components: the Evangelistic Mandate (seeing men become "new creations" as they receive Christ – II Cor. 5: 17-19) and the Cultural Mandate (transforming our culture, society, government, and business and educational institutions with Christ and His principles – Gen. 1:28, Luke 19:13b; Matt. 5:13,14). This involves taking Christ and His principles to individuals and nations (civil government). •To secure life, liberty, and property, we *must* take Christian principles into **all three institutions created by God**: 1) family, 2) church, and 3) civil government. **Where Christ and His principles go, life and liberty flow (for people of all faiths)!**



## C. Understanding the Origin of Liberty: Christ is the Author of All Liberty.

### Every Religious System Begets a Form of Civil Government

**Ideas have consequences.** All religious systems have principles which, as they are applied, produce a form of government. The **Christian form of government works from internal to external** (from cause to effect) based on the principle of self-government to produce the maximum liberty for *each individual* in society. History reveals that all other (non-Christian) forms of civil government beget tyranny or anarchy.

#### 1. INTERNAL LIBERTY *causes* the external/effect liberty (#2) below

- a. **Spiritual Liberty:** The effect of giving one's heart to Christ is *spiritual liberty* (i.e., freedom from sin's control) and the development of Christian character and conscience; the resulting *self-government* according to God's word (by the power of the Holy Spirit) is *the seed of all liberty*:
  - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **liberty**. [II Cor. 3:17]  
[See also **John 8:32, 36; Rom. 8:2, 21, Lev. 25:10**; James 2:12; Psalm 119:45; Isaiah 61:1; Gal. 4:31, 5:1, 5:13; James 1:25]
- b. **Liberty of Conscience:** Being right with God through Christ allows us to live harmoniously (without offense) toward man.
  - This being so, I myself always strive to have a **conscience without offense toward God and men**. [Acts 24:16] (See also: Romans 9:1, I Timothy 1:5,19, & 3:9, Hebrews 13:18.)

#### 2. EXTERNAL LIBERTY results from the internal/cause liberty above...

**Christian self-government is first individual**, then flows outward to the **family, church, and civil government**. From internal liberty (#1, above) flow **religious, economic, civil, and political** external liberty. Governments throughout history have been tyrannical, top-down, and oppressive with little freedom for the "common man." **But Christ gave us a self-and-civil-government model wherein the individual** (not just a select few at the top) **enjoys**:


- a. **Religious Liberty:** the freedom to worship, evangelize, educate, and disciple according to the dictates of one's own conscience;
- b. **Economic Liberty:** the freedom to use, possess, enjoy, and dispose of the fruits of our time, labor, ideas, reputation, or signature;
- c. **Civil Liberty:** freedom from the arbitrary will of control of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of civil government (freedom to assemble and use the press and media); *and*
- d. **Political Liberty:** freedom from control of another nation.

**The Old Testament law had focused on external actions and consequences (Leviticus 24:17-20), but Christ emphasized internal self-government (Matthew 5:21, 22, 27, 28, Ephesians 6:6).**

**The Purpose of America's Liberty** is to advance Christian self and civil government (liberty with order under law) for Gospel purposes. According to the Mayflower Institute, 80-to-85% of the missionaries (and the bulk of humanitarian aid) sent out to the world in the Name of Christ over the past 200 years have come from America! America's God-given liberty and sovereignty are worth preserving!

#### D. America's Christian History<sup>2</sup> (Begetting the Fullest Expression of Liberty Ever in History)

History (*His Story*) clearly reveals America's Christian heritage which American Christians must understand and pass to the next generation. There would be no America if there were no Christianity! There is a vital linkage between Christ, His principles, and liberty that must be passed on to our children!

1. 52 of the 55 Founding Fathers who worked on the Constitution were members of orthodox Christian churches and many were evangelical Christians.
2. A study conducted at the University of Houston involving a massive sample of over 15,000 writings revealed that 94% of the Founders' quotes were (directly or indirectly) based on the Bible.
3. Key components of our governmental structure are clearly derived from Scripture:
  - a. The rationale for the Separation of Powers comes from **Jeremiah 17:9** based on the Christian idea of fallen man
  - b. The structure of the three-Branch System of Government comes from **Isaiah 33:22** and
  - c. Tax Exemptions for Churches comes from **Ezra 7:24**.
4. Our **Founders instituted prayer** at the beginning of every session of **Congress** and a **Chaplain system in the military**.
5. **The Motto of the American Revolution was "No King but King Jesus!"**
6. **The Bible was called the "Great Political Textbook of the Patriot."**
7. **Noah Webster** (Founding Father, Author of Webster's Dictionary, educator, largely responsible for Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution) said: "**The religion that has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles... to this we owe our free Constitutions of Government.** ...No truth is more evident to my mind than that Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."
8. **John Quincy Adams**, America's sixth President, said (in a speech delivered on July 4, 1837, at Newburyport): "Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the **birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior?** ...Is it not that **the Declaration of Independence** first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it **laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?**"
9. The *Mayflower Compact*, dated November 20, 1620, records the purpose for the Plymouth colony and subsequent expansion across North America, "**for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith...**"  This is the American Covenant, that is, the document which organized the first civil government with linkage to the Great Commission and based on the principle of Christian self-government! (Please refer to *The American Covenant*, a book by Marshall Foster.)
10. Our *Declaration of Independence*, dated July 4, 1776, makes four direct references to God and our dependence on Him.
11. Our *US Constitution* was ratified on September 17 "in the Year of our Lord" 1787 (Article VII, attestation clause)! Its principles are distinctly Biblical.
12. Our National Motto today is "**In God We Trust**" (on our currency, etc.). Our Pledge of Allegiance contains the verbiage "**One Nation under God.**"

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<sup>2</sup> **America is a Christian nation.** This does not mean that every American is a Christian OR that it is our goal to compel anyone to a particular faith perspective. This DOES mean that America was founded explicitly upon Christian principles without which there would be NO religious, economic, civil, or political liberty. Without the maintenance of America's Christian foundation through the selection of God-fearing leaders (according to Ex. 18:21 and II Sam. 23:3), the open door for evangelism cannot be sustained.

## E. Christian Principles (“Biblical Blueprint”) of Liberty in America<sup>3</sup> (Produce Liberty for All)

The Christian principles below which have blessed America, uniquely among the nations, with unsurpassed security for life, liberty, and property, **stand in stark contrast with the pagan ideas of man and government.**

1. **Separation of powers:** The Christian form of our civil government is based on the idea that man is fallen and capable of wickedness (Jer. 17:9); therefore, the Founders reasoned that the powers of civil government must be separated (and they found the Biblical pattern for separation in Is. 33:22)
2. **God-granted inalienable rights** to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness: This stands in stark contrast to the idea of **Man-granted privileges** (“divine right of kings” which allows the sovereign to live “above” God’s and man’s law). Without God, there can be no inalienable rights!
3. **God’s Principle of Individuality:** Exalts God and explains how He works through **individuals** and **individual nations**; each person is a unique and valuable creation of God.  
It exposes the **errors** of: secular collectivism (*i.e., that it is the state, not the individual who is viewed as being insignificant, has value*) and individualism separate from Christ. [I Corinthians 12:4-11]
4. **The Christian Principle of Self-Government:** In order to have **true liberty**, man must be **governed internally** by the Spirit of God rather than by external forces. Government is first **individual**, then extends outward to the **family, church, and community**. The principle of **self-government** involves **God ruling internally from the heart** of the individual and is dependent upon man’s obedience to “the spirit of the law of Christ” [Rom. 8:2; Prov. 16:32; Rom. 8:2; Eph. 6:6; I Tim. 3:5]
5. **America’s Heritage of Christian Character:** The image of God engraved *inside* the individual brings dominion and change to his *outside* environment. The Founders understood that **Christian Character** (based on a strong sense of religious accountability to God) **in governmental leadership is essential to the preservation of liberty in America**. The model of Christian character is the Pilgrim and Patriot character. *Becoming accountable* for one’s individual actions and productivity is the fruit of Christian character. [Matthew 7:24-29; Acts 24:16; Philippians 4:13; II Timothy 4:7]
6. **Private Property with Conscience as the Most Sacred of All Property:** Christians are required to exercise faithful stewardship of their *God-given sense of right and wrong which is the key to the proper use of private property*. Conscience is also a tool for the development of self-government as each child learns to submit his will. [Acts 5:4, 24:16; Eph. 2:10; I Tim. 3:9; II Tim. 1:3; Heb. 13:18]
7. **Christian Form of Our Government:** America’s civil government grew out of Biblical Law and the Gospel (*i.e., “the American political textbook”*). Our **Christian Republic<sup>4</sup>** based upon **individual representation, separation of powers, and federalism** (in both the states and the nation) arose from Biblical principles described here. [Deut. 1:9-18, 16:18-20; Prov. 22:6; Is. 33:22; Matt. 22:35-40]
8. **Planting the Seed of Local Self-Government and the Importance of the Home:** Identifies the **Christian home’s responsibility for maintaining religious and civil liberty under law** (and the fruits of local sovereignty) including teaching and practicing *industry, charity, and obedience to all laws not contrary to Scripture*. [Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 10:12-14; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 9:6]
9. **The Christian Principle of Voluntary Union:** God wants His children to cooperate and work together politically, commercially, and in meeting community needs through **voluntary** consent, without compromising a Christian conscience or Scriptural separation. [Ps. 133:1; I Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:1-3]

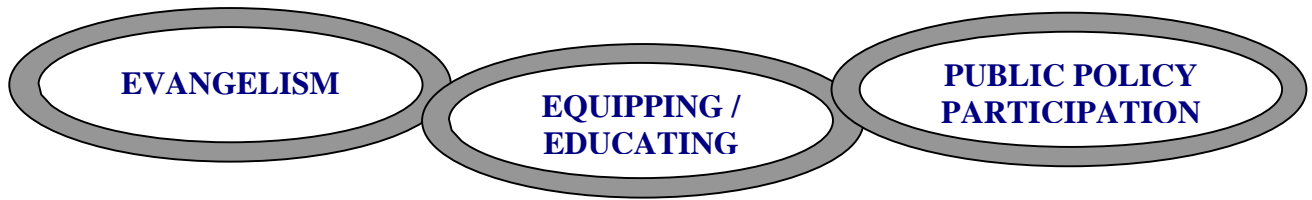
Without these **Christian** principles, there would be **no** religious, civil, economic, or political liberty in America. Christians must understand these principles, teach them to their children, and work to advance them at home, in church, **and** in civil government, otherwise they and the liberty they beget will be lost. All non-Christian ideas applied to civil government beget tyranny or anarchy. The Christian orthodoxy is the **ONLY ONE** that begets liberty *and* allows opposing viewpoints to be freely expressed.

<sup>3</sup> (James B. Rose, *A Guide To American Christian Education*, (Palo Cedro, The American Christian History Institute, 1987), pp. 3,4.

<sup>4</sup> Although we employ the democratic practice of “majority rule,” the United States is a Constitutional Republic, a form of civil government where sovereign power is lodged, under law, in representatives elected by the people. We are not a democracy, where power is lodged directly in the hands of the people; this is like asking two wolves and a sheep to vote on whom to eat for lunch...

## F. The Biblical Recipe for Liberty—Three Actions Required to Advance Christian Liberty

What am **I** doing today to advance Christian Liberty?



The source of liberty...

1. **Evangelism**: spreading the Gospel, producing **spiritual liberty\*** (freedom from sin's control) and **liberty of conscience\***, **Christian character, Christian conscience, and Christian self-government** (the seed of all liberty) in those who come to Christ! These *internal* liberties (\*above) move outward from the individual, to the family, to the church, and ultimately to "the gate" (civil government) giving rise to four *external* liberties: religious, economic, civil, and political (below). **Evangelism begets liberty!**
2. **Equipping / Educating**: teaching the **Biblical blueprint for liberty, Scriptural duties toward civil government, the "4-R" Principle Approach to Biblical reasoning used by our Founders, and mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders.** A free resource for remembering these truths is the *Public Awareness Ministries Handbook* available at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com).
3. **Public Policy (Political) Participation**: occupying till He comes... being salt & light... influencing "the sword" for good (Luke 19:13b; Matt. 5:13,14; Rom. 13). **The Nehemiah approach includes prayer** (Neh. 1), **action** with everyone involved (Neh. 3:18), **and battle** (Neh.4:13-18).
  - a. **Praying for those in authority** (I Tim. 2:1-2)
  - b. **Selecting God-fearing leaders** (Exod. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3) who assure that Christian principles remain the foundation of our nation, preserving liberty and the open door for the Gospel.

⇒ **Consistent** united local prayer and work to select God-fearing leaders is facilitated through the establishment of **ongoing local Public Awareness Ministry groups**.

### **Evangelism and Liberty are Interrelated: Keeping the Door to Evangelism Open**

Church involvement in advancing Christian principles in civil government does not detract from evangelistic efforts, rather ensures unobstructed future evangelism! **Evangelism** begets liberty as those who come to Christ become *self-governing* (a necessary *prerequisite of liberty*). **Liberty** (religious, economic, and civil) is the ideal platform from which the Gospel can advance. Therefore,

⇒ **Christians should be involved in both areas, *primarily* concerned with evangelism** (spreading the Gospel), but also actively advancing Christian principles in civil government (through the prayerful selection of God-fearing leaders) that allow Gospel dissemination to proceed unhindered in the future.

RESOURCES FOR REMEMBERING the Biblical blueprint for liberty, America's Christian History, and our Christian civic duty are available at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com): *The Public Awareness Ministries Handbook* and much more. Also, consider purchasing "America's Godly Heritage" video/DVD from [Wallbuilders.com](http://Wallbuilders.com) for your library. Every home and church library should have books and print resources that are available at [FACE.net](http://FACE.net).

## G. Our Scriptural DUTIES to Civil Government (Advancing Christian Principles in Public Policy...)

Our Founders understood well the principle of corporate prayer and repentance, proclaiming national days of prayer where Christians would humble themselves (often with fasting) and cry out to God to implore His aid for the nation and to repent for national sins (e.g., abortion, immorality, divorce, chemical abuse).

### 1. Humble Ourselves, Pray, Seek His Face, Repent

*“IF My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” [II Chronicles 7:14]*

### 2. Pray for Leaders

*“Therefore I exhort first of all... prayers... for... all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” [I Timothy 2:1-2]*

### 3. Select God-Fearing Leaders who Advance Christian Principles in Civil Government — **VOTE!**

*“He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God...” [II Samuel 23:3]*

(See also **Exod. 18:21, Deut. 16:18**)

*“Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is... executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.” [Samuel Adams, Father of the American Revolution]*

### 4. Seek Knowledge and Wisdom (Biblical principles must be the only benchmark for selecting political parties, people (candidates), and ballot propositions.)

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” [Hosea 4:6a]*

*“Incline your ear to wisdom. And apply your heart to understanding. ...Cry out for discernment... Then you will understand the fear of the LORD.” [Proverbs 2:2, 3, 5]*

### 5. Take Action to Advance His Principles Until He Returns

*“Occupy [do business on My behalf] till I come...” [Luke 19:13b]*

*“Faith without works is dead...” [James 2:26b]*

*“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required...” [Luke 12:48]*

*“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” [James 4:17]*

### 6. Obey Governing Authorities and Laws

*“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.” [Rom. 13:1] (see also I Pet. 2:13,14)*

### 7. Resist Tyrants and Laws that Violate Scripture [**Daniel 3 & 6, and Acts 4 & 5**]

See **Daniel 3 & 6** and **Acts 4 & 5** for examples of godly individuals who violated man’s law in order to obey and honor God.

### 8. Teach Our Children the Biblical Principles (including their duty to select just leaders and the Biblical principles of Liberty); we **must re-establish an inter-generational perspective**

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...” [Deut. 6:6-7a] (Also see Deut. 4:9 and Proverbs 22:6)*

The bare minimum Christian civic duties include **PRAYER** for our leaders [I Tim. 2:1-2, II Chron. 7:14] **consistent, prayerful, informed VOTING** to select **God-fearing leaders** (Ex. 18:21, and II Sam. 23:3) **who will preserve Christian principles in government, and TEACHING** our children.

## H. Public Awareness Ministries—“Praying and working together locally to fulfill the Biblical mandate to select God-fearing leaders who preserve America’s Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel.” (Mission Statement)

### 1. Background...

The key to preserving liberty to evangelize is ongoing local prayer and working together to select God-fearing leaders. IF we select God-fearing leaders at the local “entry level” (city council, school board, judges, county supervisors, etc.), THEN we send “good seed” up to state and federal office.

### 2. We’re Under Attack in America – Understanding Why...

America is founded on Christian principles from which all of our liberty is derived. Because of our God-given liberty, America has been the source of 80-85% of the Christian missionaries to the world in the past 200 years. No wonder we’re under attack from **foreign** and **domestic** enemies!

### 3. To Preserve Liberty, We Have a Biblical Mandate to:

- a. **Pray for those in authority** (I Tim. 2:1-2)
- b. **Invite His presence and seek His help** (II Chron. 7:14)
- c. **Select God-fearing leaders**<sup>5</sup> (Exod. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3) ←

*Replace bad leaders, don't lobby them!*

But are we taking these actions consistently and in unity as the body of Christ?

### 4. The Challenge

Christians are failing to consistently pray and work together to select God-fearing leaders. The “Christian Lone Ranger” approach of praying and voting separately is insufficient. **Liberty and the open door for the Gospel cannot be preserved unless we consistently pray and work together locally to select God-fearing leaders.**

### 5. The Solution: Public Awareness Ministries

Public Awareness Ministries answers this challenge: the Holy Spirit has provided a simple, duplicable, non-partisan<sup>6</sup>, Biblical plan through which we meet every month<sup>7</sup> city-by-city to:

- a. **PRAY** for those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-2) inviting God’s help and presence (II Chr 7:14) consistently in unity with other churches (**equipping with Biblical principles** of government and civic duty<sup>8</sup>) – first Saturday<sup>7</sup> of every month from 7am-to-8am.
- b. **WORK to select God-fearing leaders** (Ex. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3) including *non-partisan* voter registration and local voter guides that in no way threaten a church’s tax-exempt status – third Saturday of every month from 7am-to-8am.

### 6. Investing in Public Awareness Ministries – The “Tipping Point”

Public Awareness Ministries requires little or no resources: our focus is **prayer**. Once 4-to-6 mature believers are meeting to pray **consistently** in a given city, then the group is mature enough to produce *non-partisan* local voter guides so that local candidates can be selected with Biblical wisdom. Election 2000 showed us clearly that *every city, every church, and every Christian* vote will count in 2004 and beyond!

During election years, Public Awareness Ministries groups focus on non-partisan voter registration *and* local voter guide production. On off-election years, Public Awareness Ministries groups focus on non-partisan voter registration.

**Consistent local prayer and work together, city-by-city, to select God-fearing leaders is key and will have national impact! *Think nationally; pray and work locally!***

<sup>5</sup> Consistently praying and working together to select God-fearing leaders at the local, state, and federal levels is one of the best ways to defeat domestic enemies who seek to separate God and His principles from America.

<sup>6</sup> Public Awareness Ministries’ **non-partisan Scriptural goals** include selecting leaders who are **God-fearing** (Exod. 18:21; II Sam. 23:3), **pro-life** (Prov. 6:16,17), **pro-family** (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:6-9), and **pro-morality** (Lev. 18 & 20).

<sup>7</sup> Monthly meetings: **first Saturday of every month**, 7-8am, a time chosen not to interfere with family or work

<sup>8</sup> There are many free Scripture-based summary resources that equip Christians to fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders available at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com), e.g., the Public Awareness Ministries Handbook.

## Starting a Public Awareness Ministries Group in Your City: It's Simple, it's Scriptural, it's Non-Partisan, and We Will Help You.

Public Awareness Ministries groups start simply, in prayer. Here are some steps for getting started:

1. **SEEK** your pastor's approval—provide the pastor(s) with a copy of this *Public Awareness Ministries Handbook* and ask if you can start a prayer-based Public Awareness Ministries group to fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority, invite His presence, and select God-fearing leaders. This ministry is strictly non-partisan and poses no threat to the church's tax-exempt status (see the "letter to pastors" on page 12 of this handbook and on the home page at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com)).
2. **INVITE** civic-minded Christians from your church and other churches in your city to join you in prayer on the first Saturday of every month (7am-to-8am, a time chosen not to interfere with family activities). Use the HALF-PAGE Public Awareness Ministries invitation sheet (MS Word format) on the "Printable Tools" page at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com); customize it with your group's specific information (meeting location, contact phone, etc.) and then use it to invite others or to insert into your church's bulletin with your pastor's permission. Pray and go for it!

**Get excited** and remember that great things have small beginnings. **Be encouraged**, even if only a handful of people show up; remember that He is in our midst as two or more gather in His Name (Matt. 18:19,20). Ultimately, you will identify people who will commit to coming regularly.

Every church enjoys the blessing of a **youth ministries** (to disciple our children in Christ), and **music ministries** (to welcome His presence in worship), but do we have **Public Awareness Ministries** at our churches to consistently pray and work together locally to select God-fearing leaders who will preserve America's Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel?

### What Public Awareness Ministry Groups DO the First Saturday of Every Month (7am-to-8am)

- 5 min. **1. WELCOME and brief introductions:** On your first meeting, **read** page 9 of this handbook to provide a summary of the mission and work of Public Awareness Ministries. **Circulate** a sign-in sheet to collect name, church, phone, and Email address of all who attend so you can stay in touch.
- 30 min. **2. PRAY** to invite God's presence in our nation and pray for those in authority in accordance with II Chronicles 7:14 and I Timothy 2:1-2. Make copies of the one-page [Civil Government Prayer Guide](http://PreserveLiberty.com) (available here on page 11 and on [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com)'s home page) to give to all who attend.
- 10 min. **3. EQUIP** Christians with a clear understanding of Biblical principles of government and civic duty and the Biblical mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders and. Use the 16-page [Public Awareness Ministries Handbook](http://PreserveLiberty.com) at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com); simply **read** one page together per meeting.
- 10 min. **4. WORK** to advance Christian principles and leaders in government—Go to the [Legislation & Issues – Prayer and Action Center](http://PreserveLiberty.com) at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com) for information on one or two vital moral and public policy issues. Before the meeting print and make copies of just one or two current moral / public policy issues (e.g., passage of a Federal Marriage Amendment, etc.) to distribute at the meeting, read together, and discuss.
- 5 min. **5. Upcoming event reminders:** Remind everyone of the next "first Saturday" prayer meeting and any events or rallies that are taking place in between.

### The Next Step... Non-Partisan Voter Registration and Local Voter Guides

Once 4-to-6 mature believers are meeting to pray consistently in a given city, then the group is mature enough to do *non-partisan* voter registration and produce *non-partisan* local voter guides so that local candidates can be selected with wisdom. This can be organized on the third Wednesday of the month, 7am. The most important activities you can do include:1) praying together consistently for those in authority, inviting His presence and help, 2) building relationships with other churches in your city, 3) *non-partisan* voter registration, and 4) producing local voter guides. To do non-partisan voter registration (with your pastor's permission if you plan to do it at church), it is best to contact your county's office of voter registration; they usually offer a brief training or video to equip you to do this properly. To produce non-partisan local voter guides, read [How to Produce Local Voter Guides](http://PreserveLiberty.com) on the "Printable Tools" link at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com) AND contact us at 916-716-1075 or [Mark@PreserveLiberty.com](mailto:Mark@PreserveLiberty.com). **We will help!**

# I. Prayer Guide – Scriptural Support and Suggested Prayer Points Related to Civil Government

## The Power of Prayer and the Need for Spiritual Warfare as the Top Priority

1. *The effective, fervent **prayer** of a righteous man **avails much**.* [James 5:16b]
2. *Not by might nor by power, but **by My Spirit**, says the LORD of hosts.* [Zechariah 4:6b]
3. *We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...* [Eph. 6:12]
4. *“For the weapons of our warfare are... mighty in God for pulling down strongholds [II Cor. 10: 4]*

## The Biblical Mandate to Select God-Fearing Leaders and the Blessings of Godly Leadership

1. *Moreover you shall select from all the people able **men, such as fear God**... and place such over them to be rulers of thousands... hundreds... fifties... tens.* [Exodus 18:21] (e.g., Federal, State, Local)
2. *He who rules over men must be just, **ruling in the fear of God*** [II Sam. 23:3, see also Deut. 16:18].
3. *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.* [Proverbs 29:2] (See I Timothy 3:1-10 for a list of Godly leadership qualifications.)
4. *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.* [Proverbs 14:34]
5. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.* [Psalm 33:12]

## Pray for the Nation, State, and Local Government (pray specifically by office and by name)

- *If My people who are called by My name will **humble themselves**, and **pray and seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* [II Chronicles 7:14] • **Welcome His presence, thank Him, repent, make our requests known...**
1. **Invite an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and great awakening in America: that our families, churches, and nation will welcome His presence, honor His person, and obey His principles!**
  2. **Thank Him** for His presence, protection, provision, health, blessing, relationships, and wealth...
  3. **Repent** of spirits of abortion, sexual sin, drug abuse, divorce, gambling, and spiritual deception.
  4. **Pray for President Bush** (and his family, cabinet, and advisors [Karl Rove]) for health, safety, wisdom (especially related to Iraq, the Middle East, etc.), and Biblical & Constitutional reasoning.
  5. **Pray for our troops** for health and safety as they fight terrorism and tyranny around the world (particularly in Iraq); **pray against terrorism & radical Islam** and the associated spiritual deceptions.
  6. **Pray** for the appointment and confirmation of God-fearing, pro-life, pro-family Justices to the **US Supreme Court**<sup>9</sup> and Federal District Courts; **pray against** anti-God filibusters in the Senate.
  7. **Pray for the “In God We Trust” and “One Nation Under God” cases.**
  8. **Pray that He will raise up God-fearing leaders. Pray that God will shake pastors and churches awake** to fulfill their Biblical duty to select God-fearing, pro-life, pro-family, pro-morality leaders.
  9. **Pray for the fear of God (against a spirit of the fear of man – Prov. 29:25)** especially for pastors.
  10. **California: pray for Governor Schwarzenegger, the state legislature, and for their salvation.**
  11. **California: ask God to raise up US Senators that are God-fearing, pro-life, and pro-family.**
  12. **Ask Holy Spirit to bless and multiply Public Awareness Ministries city-by-city, that our prayers and local voter guide efforts will be used by Him to seat God-fearing leaders (pray thru local list below)**

## Pray for God-fearing leaders and Biblical wisdom in these offices: [I Tim. 2:1-2]

Federal	State	County	City
<b>Executive:</b>	Governor	Supervisors	Mayor and City Council
President	Lieutenant Governor	Sheriff	Police Chief
Cabinet	Secretary of State	<b>Regional/District</b>	(City Manager & Dept.s)
<b>Legislative:</b>	Controller	Park and Rec. Directors	
Senate	Treasurer	Comm. College Districts	<b>School Districts</b>
House of Representatives	Attorney General	Fire and Water Districts	School Board Members
<b>Judicial:</b>	Insurance Commissioner	<b>Judges</b>	(School Superintendents)
Supreme Court and Federal District Courts	State Superintendent of Public Instruction <sup>10</sup>	Superior Court	
	Senators	Municipal Court	
<b>Military leaders</b>	Assembly Members		

<sup>9</sup> Reportedly, there may be one OR two vacancies on the US Supreme Court within the next Presidential term...

<sup>10</sup> Approximately 88% of all students attend public school and are subject to public instruction policy and curricula. Private school and home school students comprise about 12% of the total.

## J. What Churches Can Do to Impact Public Policy with Christian Principles

*(...A letter from Brad Dacus, Christian Attorney and Founder of Pacific Justice Institute.)*

**Dear Pastor,**

I am a Christian attorney and the President of Pacific Justice Institute, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. As a result of working to assist individuals and churches with the aforementioned issues, our ministry has become knowledgeable about what pastors and ministers can do to educate their congregations, and what churches can do to advance traditional Christian principles in civil government.

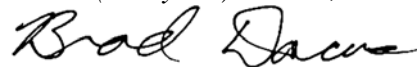
### **What Pastors and Churches Can Generally Do to Affect Public Policy with Traditional Christian Principles:**

1. Conduct non-partisan voter registration drives, including having registrations tables at church.
2. Allow the distribution of non-partisan voter education materials (e.g., voter guides and scorecards) that do not imply an endorsement for candidates. To accomplish this objective, voter guides should address some of the issues in which the church does not have a stated position (e.g., tax reform).
3. Host candidate or issue forums where all candidates are invited and allowed to speak
4. Allow candidates and elected officials to speak at church services. (\*\*Note that all candidates running for elected office must be invited to speak.)
5. Educate members of the congregation about pending legislation.
6. Engage in issue advocacy, spending no more than an insubstantial amount of the church's budget (usually no more than 5%).
7. Although pastors **cannot** publicly endorse candidates on behalf of the churches they work for, they **can** do so in their capacity as private individuals. A pastor does not lose his protected right to free speech simply because he is an employee of a church. To this extent, a pastor may identify himself as a pastor in a public endorsement so long as it is made clear that the endorsement is not that of the church for which he works.
8. Pastors can participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church for which he works.

The purpose for sending this information to you is to clear up any misunderstandings about Christian participation in shaping public policy, and to shed the light of truth on the fact that non-partisan Christian participation in shaping the great moral issues of the day (e.g., protecting innocent life, protecting marriage and family, opposing immorality) will NOT result in any threat to a church's non-profit 501(c)(3) status. I am at your service, working to advance Christian principles in all three institutions created by God: family, church, and civil government.

If we can ever serve you or your church in any way, please always feel free to give us a call.

*In His (and your) service,*



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- **For a more comprehensive booklet on this vital topic, please contact [PacificJustice.org](http://PacificJustice.org).**

## K. The Fear of God versus the Fear of Man– When to Unite and When to Separate

*The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe. [Proverbs 29:25]*

### **Our Dilemma: Speaking Truth in Love (Fear of God) versus Preserving Relationship (Fear of Man)**

There is a battle that rages within each of us: the desire to “get along” and “fit in” **versus** the call to stand for truth. When we enter a situation in school, at work, in government, or even at church, we are often confronted with a decision: do we choose to “go along” with the ideas being presented OR do we risk being labeled “phobic,” “hateful,” “intolerant,” and “divisive” because we support Biblical principles.

•*The hypocrisy here is glaring as the adversaries of God present an “anything goes” attitude of toleration to every possible idea, except reverence for God and His principles (which history reveals blesses society)!*

### **Device of the Enemy: The Fear of Man**

The enemies of God and America will always portray those who advance Biblical truth as being “hateful,” “intolerant,” and “divisive;” it is their goal, through bullying and name-calling, to intimidate people of faith into silence. They have been working at this (quite successfully) for years in our schools, at work, in government, and even at church. Consider some ideas presented in direct opposition to Biblical principles:

- Many schools teach students that “compliance” and maintaining relationship (fear of man) are more important than absolute truth (fear of God) via curricula like OBE, Goals 2000, SCANS, Agenda 21. It is often taught that there is no absolute truth and that those who believe in God, His standards, and family authority are “rigid” and “intolerant.” *This is a barefaced effort to intimidate students into rejecting authority and living outside of relationship with God and Biblical standards.*
- The unborn child is presented as a blob of tissue, a “choice” which can be aborted for convenience. *This prepares us to compromise God’s idea of the sanctity of life and unique purpose and value of every individual.*
- Homosexual “gay” marriage is presented as equal to man-woman marriage, that the type of marriage that one selects (heterosexual versus homosexual) is only a matter of choice or preference. *This sets us up to accept “alternatives” to God’s definition of marriage and family, the basic brick of society.*
- “Environmental” ideas are presented that humans cause irreversible environmental cataclysm (e.g., global warming, destruction of endangered species) and that human life is perhaps less valuable than animal life. *This “politicized science” represents an attempt to seize control of private property (a communist idea) to “protect” the environment. (See [PacificResearch.org](http://PacificResearch.org) to de-bunk popular myths.)*
- Pornography and man-boy love are presented as within the context of free speech and ending oppression. *This persuades us to abandon Biblical standards of morality which bless society.*
- **In the church**, equipping Christians to fulfill the Biblical mandate to elect God-fearing leaders who are pro-life, pro-family, and pro-morality is sometimes presented as “partisan” and “divisive.” *This is an effort by the adversary to render the church impotent in selecting God-fearing leaders.*

**How Shall We Respond?** IF we oppose any of the pagan, secular humanist, immoral, socialist, or communist “ideas” presented above, THEN we will be painted as narrow, hateful, intolerant, and divisive. When this happens we must respond Scripturally, in a spirit of Christian love, AND teach our children to do so:

1. **DO speak the truth in love** [Eph. 4:15] **and reason together** [Is. 1:18]. **Address practical reasons for supporting God’s principles** (e.g., •history reveals that electing God-fearing leaders secures liberty for people of *all* faiths; •ending abortion provides more workers which improves the solvency of our social security system; •supporting man-woman marriage is key to healthy families, reducing costs to society; •keeping adult entertainment businesses out reduces drug traffic and crime, etc.).
2. **DON’T forsake taking a stand for Biblical principles** out of fear of losing relationship or being called “hateful” or “intolerant;” the fear of man is a snare that causes compromise. [Prov. 29:25]
3. **DON’T react hatefully** in response to the hateful actions toward you [Luke 6:27]; displaying a loving Christian attitude is a strong witness for Christ. A soft answer turns away wrath [Prov. 15:1].

**When to Unite and When to Separate:** While maintaining a Christ-like attitude of love, we must reject any attempts to “build consensus,” “be a team player,” or “go-along, get-along” which compromise Biblical principles. **We must stand for what is right (fear of God) rather than what is popular (fear of man).**

## L. No Separation of Church and State; the American Covenant; “IF-THEN” Statements

### 1. Refuting the Myth of “Separation of Church and State”

- Why words and their changing definitions matter so much: In 1962 case *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court redefined the meaning and application of the word “church.” For 170 years prior, the word “church”—as used in the phrase “separation of church and state”—was defined by the court to mean “a **federally established denomination.**” •The Founders always intended Christian principles to be a part of our government, but that no single federal denomination would be established. However, in 1962 the Court explained that the word “church” would now mean “a **religious activity in public.**” This was the turning point in the interpretation of the First Amendment and the basis for kicking prayer out of public schools despite its presence there for 340 years and despite court-ordered polls which showed prayer and Bible reading in public school was consistent with the beliefs and wishes of 97% of Americans.
- Also consider these words and their changing meanings: “**choice,**” “**gay,**” “**diversity,**” and “**tolerance.**”

**The notion of “separation of church and state” is a recent one with NO Constitutional, legal, or historical basis.** The Constitution protects, rather than forbids, religious liberty even in public arenas. We must pray, work, and fight as needed to preserve religious liberty and keep the door for the Gospel open. (For more info, read *Original Intent* by David Barton available at [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com).)

### 2. The American Covenant – Breaking It Results in National Perils

The *Mayflower Compact*, dated November 20, 1620, states that the purpose of the Plymouth colony and expansion into North America was:

... for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith...

**The Mayflower Compact is the American Covenant, that is, the document which linked America to the Great Commission, and first organized civil government on the principle of Christian self-government!** (For more information, please read *The American Covenant* by Dr. Marshall Foster.)

In 1962 and 1963, contrary to the wishes of 97%+ of Americans and with virtually no public protest or outcry, key Supreme Court decisions (*Abington v. Schempp*, *Murray v. Curlett*, and *Engel v. Vitale*) removed prayer, Bible reading, and the Ten Commandments from our classrooms—thus officially kicking God and His word out of public school (after a 340-year history of their presence there)! **This resulted in significant losses of liberty, morality, and lawfulness in America since the early 60’s as American Christians took virtually no action to resist these overt judicial acts against God and His principles.**

The Bible makes it clear that God’s presence, protection, and blessing depart when a nation breaks covenant with God and the people dishonor His principles. •Let’s fulfill **II Chronicles 7:14**, humbling ourselves, praying, seeking Him, and repenting that He may hear from Heaven and heal our land!

### 3. The World’s Most Important “IF-THEN” (Conditional) Statements Come from the Bible...

**II Chronicles 7:14** states: **IF** My people who are called by My name will **humble themselves**, and **pray** and **seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways** (repent), **THEN** I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**Deuteronomy 28** admonishes us that: **IF you diligently obey** the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, (**THEN**) the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these **blessings** shall come upon you... (v. 1-2) **But...**

**IF you do not obey the voice of the LORD...** (**THEN**) all these **curse**s will come upon you... (v. 15)

**Proverbs 29:2** tells us clearly that: **WHEN** the righteous are in authority, (**THEN**) the people rejoice; But **WHEN** a wicked man rules, (**THEN**) the people groan.

**Isaiah 9:7** reminds us that: Of the increase of **His government and peace** there will be no end... which can be understood to mean that **WHENEVER Christ’s principles govern** (control), **THEN peace** (domestic order, health, blessing, tranquility, and security for life, liberty, and property) **increases!**

**IF** we pray and work **together, consistently and locally**, to select God-fearing leaders, **THEN** we can preserve America’s Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel!

## M. Pastor Involvement in Public Policy is Key to Preserving Liberty

**Pastors are called to serve as watchmen, exhorting Christians to fulfill their Biblically-defined civic duties (including the Scriptural mandate to select God-fearing leaders and pray for those in authority), warning of danger, and apprising Christians of vital moral and public policy issues of the day. **Consider the prominent role that many pastors played in the American Revolution...****

**One such example is that of John Peter Muhlenberg.** In a sermon delivered to his Virginia congregation on January 21, 1776, he preached from Ecclesiastes 3—the passage which speaks of a season and a time to every purpose under the sun. Arriving at verse 8, Muhlenberg noted that this surely was not the time of peace; this was the time of war. Concluding with a prayer, and while standing in full view of the congregation, he removed his clerical robes to reveal that beneath them he was wearing the uniform of an officer in the Continental army! He recruited over 300 men who became the Eighth Virginia Brigade. John Peter Muhlenberg finished the Revolution as a Major-General, having been at Valley Forge and having participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point, and Yorktown.

[Paul Wallace, *The Muhlenbergs of Pennsylvania* (Pittsburgh: Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 1950), p.188]

**Another minister-leader in the Revolution was the Reverend James Caldwell.** His actions during on battle inspired a painting showing him standing with a stack of hymnbooks in his arms while in the midst of a fierce battle against the British outside a battered Presbyterian Church. During the battle, the Americans had run out of wadding for their guns, which was just as serious as having no ammunition. Reverend Caldwell recognized an ideal solution: he ran inside the church and returned with a stack of Watts Hymnals—one of the strongest doctrinal hymnals of the Christian faith (Isaac Watts authored “O God Our Help in Ages Past,” “Joy to the World,” “Jesus Shall Reign,” and several other classic hymns). Distributing the Watts Hymnals among the soldiers served two purposes: first, its pages would provide the needed wadding; second, the use of the hymnal carried a symbolic message. Reverend Caldwell took that hymn book—the source of great doctrine and spiritual truth—raised it up in the air and shouted to the Americans, “Give ‘em Watts, boys!” the famous cry that inspired that painting and its title (AND as if to say: deliver pure Christian doctrine—the source of our liberty—forcefully to the enemy).

[*The Revolutionary War: America’s Fight for Freedom*, Bart McDowell, ed. (Washington D.C.: National Geographic Society, 1967), pp.150-151.]

It was the pastors’ teachings over the years about the New Testament principles of God-granted inalienable rights that empowered Americans to defend Biblical liberty and oppose British tyranny at places like Lexington, Concord, and throughout the American Revolution. **Had the pulpits not flamed with the Biblical principles of liberty, America might still be a British colony!**

✓ Also see *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era* and review sermons entitled: “Scriptural Instructions to Civil Rulers,” “The Bible and the Sword,” “Defensive Arms Vindicated,” **and more.**

If America’s liberty were ever to be lost (God forbid), it would not be because some foreign or domestic enemy has overpowered us. It would be because Christians have failed to fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray and work together to select God-fearing leaders who preserve America’s Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel. The only way an enemy can advance against us is if we fail to “occupy” through voluntary non-participation (at the ballot box and beyond).

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. (Edmund Burke)

**N. Conclusion—Liberty is a 4-Letter Word: PRAY** (for those in authority, I Tim. 2:1-2), **WORK** (to select God-fearing leaders, Ex. 18:21), **LOVE** (even those who hate and abuse us, Luke 6:27)

**What Must I Do Today to Advance Christian Liberty? Join Us in a Three-Fold Ministry:**

1. **Evangelism:** sharing Christ with the unsaved, resulting in Spiritual Liberty (freedom from sin) when one receives Christ, producing **self-government** (the seed of all liberty) with the Holy Spirit's help.
2. **Equipping with God's Word:** teaching Christians the Biblical principles of self and civil government, equipping them to fulfill the **Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority** (I Tim. 2:1-2) and select God-fearing leaders (Exod. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3). *The Public Awareness Ministries Handbook* provides Biblical reasoning ("why") and a specific plan ("how") for establishing ongoing Public Awareness Ministry groups which work to preserve liberty and keep the door for the Gospel open (by **praying** for those in authority, **inviting** His presence and help, **equipping** with Biblical principles related to government, **working** to select God-fearing leaders, **building** relationships with other churches, and **informing** the pastor about the great moral and public policy issues of the day!)
3. **Public Policy / Political Participation:**
  - a. **Praying for those in authority** (I Tim. 2:1-2) and
  - b. **Selecting God-fearing leaders** (Exod. 18:21, II Sam. 23:3) who preserve America's Christian foundation, liberty and the open door for the Gospel.

➔ **You can establish a local Public Awareness Ministries group in your city that meets monthly to consistently pray and work together to select God-fearing leaders. It's easy, it's Scriptural, it's non-partisan, and we will help.** Please visit [PreserveLiberty.com](http://PreserveLiberty.com) for more information and contacts to help in starting and maintaining a local Public Awareness Ministry group in your area.

**If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?**

**Please review pages 9 and 10 in this handbook** and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you as you start-up an ongoing local Public Awareness Ministries group to **fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders** (so that America's Christian foundation, liberty, and the open door for the Gospel will be preserved). The open door of liberty hangs on the hinges of our obedience to fulfill the Biblical mandate to pray for and select God-fearing leaders. IF we select God-fearing leaders, THEN we can preserve liberty. Please provide a copy of this handbook<sup>11</sup> to your pastor and then seek approval to start a prayer-based Public Awareness Ministry group in your city, working with other churches.

**Resources Used in Writing *The Public Awareness Ministries Handbook*** (for home and church library)

1. *The Holy Bible*
2. *Teaching and Learning American's Christian History: The Principle Approach* by Rosalie J. Slater
3. *The Christian History of the United States of America: Christian Self-Government and The Christian History of the United States of America: Christian Self-Government with Union* by Verna M. Hall
4. *The Christian History of the American Revolution: Consider and Ponder* by Verna M. Hall
5. *A Guide to American Christian Education for the Home and School, The Principle Approach* by James B. Rose
6. *1828 American Dictionary of the English Language* by Noah Webster
7. *The Constitution of the united States*
8. *The Federalist Papers*
9. *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era* (Ellis Sandoz, Editor)
10. *America's God and County Encyclopedia of Quotations* (William J. Federer, Editor)
11. *Original Intent* by David Barton
12. *The Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence* by B.J. Lossing (reprinted by Wallbuilder Press)
13. *The American Covenant* by Marshall Foster
14. *God, Man, and Law—The Biblical Principles* by Herb Titus

Many of these materials are available at [face.net](http://face.net).

**Video Resources:** *American's Godly Heritage* and many other excellent video resources about America's Christian heritage are available from [Wallbuilders.com](http://Wallbuilders.com).

<sup>11</sup> This *Public Awareness Ministries Handbook* can also be used as a curriculum to teach a class about Christian civic duty.