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New Hope Community Church

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ why these people defied government
  - Infanticide
  - Murder
  - Idolatry
  - Opposing God
  - Banning of prayer
  - Banning of preaching

► QUESTION: Is there any guiding principle on how we know whether or not we are free to disobey government?

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1. How do we determine our course?
  - Be sure you are in line with \_\_\_\_\_
  - Be very \_\_\_\_\_
  - Maintain a clear \_\_\_\_\_ before God (R 13:5 / 14:22,23)
  - Weigh the \_\_\_\_\_ of disobedience (1 Pt 2:19)
2. What happens when Christians see things differently?
  - Remember our enemy is Satan who seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ us
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