

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

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16Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

17Honor everyone.

Love the brotherhood.

Fear God.

Honor the emperor.

—1 Peter 2:13-17 ESV

<sup>6</sup>For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, <sup>7</sup>but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

—Psalm 75:6-7 ESV

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"The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men."

—Benjamin Franklin

God-devotion makes
a country strong;
God-avoidance leaves
people weak.
—Proverbs 14:34 мsg

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The Principle of Sovereign Rule 1 Peter 2:13	20But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.  —Philippians 3:20-21 ESV
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render to Caesar —Matthew 22:21	there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. —Romans 13:1 ESV
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[Pray] for kings and all who are in high positions —1 Timothy 2:2 ESV	The Principle of Submissive Respect 1 Peter 2:9-12, 13-15
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"The idea of the New Testament is that life is meant by God to be an ordered business, and that the state is divinely appointed to provide and to maintain that order..."

"... it holds that a man cannot accept the privileges with which the state provides him without also accepting the responsibilities and the duties which the state demands from him. A man cannot in honor and decency take everything and give nothing." —William Barclay

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net."

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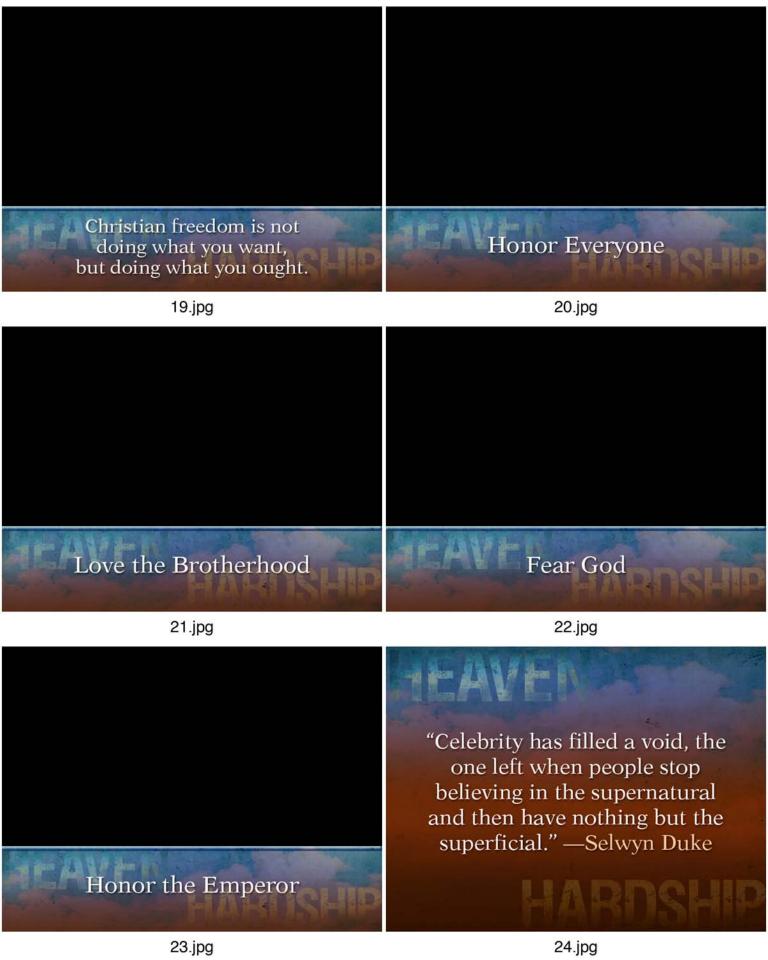
"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to govern any other."

—John Adams

The Principle of Selfless Responsibility

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Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. —John 15:13 ESV

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