

LESSON 22: CHURCH AND STATE

Memory (*same as last week*)

Who ordained the civil authorities?

God did.

Why were civil authorities ordained?

*So that the world might be governed by laws and policies
in order to restrain man's lawlessness
and that everything might be conducted in good order.*

How are we to treat the civil authorities?

*We are to respect the authorities given by God,
obey them with respect to all things in agreement with God's Word
and pray for them
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.*

Homework

1.(4) In general, government is said to have three arms: legislative, executive, and judiciary. What is meant by this? Explain the three arms, giving an example of each.

2.(3) Why would it be difficult for a Christian to serve in the judiciary?

Do you think a Christian can serve in the judiciary? _____ because _____

3.(3) Imagine a Christian working as a policeman. This person is called upon to enforce a law he is opposed to because of his faith convictions (e.g. provide security at a sex-fair in Tradex). What should he do? Provide reasoning with your answer.
