

# LORD, GIVE US WISDOM

WHEN TO LOVE, WHEN TO OPPOSE, WHEN TO PROTECT

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## GOD HAS ORDAINED THESE DISTINCT AUTHORITIES

### 1 THE INDIVIDUAL (LUKE 11:21-22; EXODUS 22:2; ROMANS 12:19)

- MANDATE: To love one another (even our enemies) \_\_\_\_\_; to ever pursue \_\_\_\_\_; to \_\_\_\_\_ your own life.
- BOUNDARIES: Do not take \_\_\_\_\_; do not take the law \_\_\_\_\_.
- RESPONSE TO THREAT: To refuse \_\_\_\_\_; to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and others by fleeing or using proportionate, lawful force if attacked; to forgive, but forgiveness is not a mandate to return to an \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2 THE FAMILY (DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7; EPHESIANS 6:4; MARK 9:42)

- MANDATE: Parents are God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the home; they are responsible for the physical, mental, and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of children.
- BOUNDARIES: Authority is limited to the household; no right to \_\_\_\_\_ the church or the state.
- RESPONSE TO THREAT: To \_\_\_\_\_ children from physical abuse, exploitation, or toxic influences; to \_\_\_\_\_ discernment without breeding paranoia; to remove threats to safety or well-being, even if that means cutting ties or involving authorities.

### 3 THE CHURCH (ACTS 20:28-31; TITUS 3:10-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 5)

- MANDATE: Shepherds are given \_\_\_\_\_ over souls, protect from false teaching, and maintain order.
- BOUNDARIES: The church is not to usurp the right role of \_\_\_\_\_ or the state.
- RESPONSE TO THREAT: To \_\_\_\_\_ false doctrine; to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ among its members; to secure meeting spaces and provide \_\_\_\_\_ for gatherings.

### 4 THE STATE (ROMANS 13:1-4; 1 PETER 2:13-14)

- MANDATE: The civil magistrate is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to punish evil, protect the innocent, and secure peace.
- BOUNDARIES: Limited to \_\_\_\_\_ justice; the state cannot save souls, \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine, or punish mere opinion.
- RESPONSE TO THREAT: To \_\_\_\_\_ crimes impartially; \_\_\_\_\_ the vulnerable; restrain the violent; defend the \_\_\_\_\_ — all while refusing \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOSPEL IMPERATIVES: TO LOVE, TO OPPOSE, TO PROTECT

MATTHEW 5:44; LUKE 17:3-4; 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26; ACTS 5:29; JOHN 10:11-13

- 1 Show \_\_\_\_\_ love at all times, even to those who stand \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 2 Stand opposed to those who would teach \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine and refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ with specific, anti-Christian edicts.
- 3 Protect those who are \_\_\_\_\_ to our care.