If any law created by governing officials crosses the laws of God, believers have a responsibility to God to make a decision and accept the reward, consequence or both.

Spiritual laws are for all to follow based on our conscience. Following spiritual law is not about feelings, opinions or directives from the world. Choosing to ignore, not study or forget spiritual laws is willful ignorance. We have a personal responsibility to obey God – no matter what. MORE LIKE JESUS

## How shall we now live?

Strengthen your filter so you may evaluate the vast amount of information with the lens of your growing biblical worldview.

#### Romans 13 & 14

#### 3. Live what we preach And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

**Romans** 13:11

#### How are we to get serious?

 Walk properly by focusing on spiritual things

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:13-18

#### How are we to get serious?

- Walk properly by focusing on spiritual things
  - Know to whom you belong

For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:6

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

I Corinthians 10:31

#### How are we to get serious?

- Walk properly by focusing on spiritual things
  - Know to whom you belong
- Do not use what you believe for vain disputes

# 4. A matter of conscience Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

Romans 14:1

One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

Romans 14:5

Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Romans 14:13

### Are there times where we should dispute what we see?

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adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries

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Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. Romans 14:22

There are certain things about which we should make decisions based on our relationship with God. Unless it is a spiritual law, we may not see eye to eye ... and that is ok!

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Romans 16:17

#### So now what?

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:12-17

The answer revolves not around the shot or how I feel about our nation or whether I agree with social media. The answer to all of this is how I live God's love to those around me.

#### Questions to Ponder

- 1). Do I look for ways to be contentious or to show love?
- 2). Do I even know what I believe, why I believe it, and know where to find what I believe in the Bible? In other words, have I totally surrendered?
  - 3). Is my filter a worldly filter or Godly filter?