

What's a Dual Citizen to Do?

An Independence Day Message

Big Idea: As citizens of heaven, we're called to be ambassadors for Christ while stewarding our earthly citizenship. Live for eternity, not just the brief dot of our time on earth. Pray for leaders, be grateful, lead godly lives, and prioritize God's kingdom above all.

Key Takeaways:

1. We are stewards of everything in our lives, including our citizenship.
2. Our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, not on earth.
3. We must live for eternity (the infinite line) rather than just our earthly life (the brief dot).
4. As Christians, we have responsibilities both to our earthly government and to God.

Scriptures:

- Colossians 3:1-4
 - Philippians 3:20
 - 1 Peter 2:11
 - John 14:1-6 (specifically verses 2-3 are quoted)
 - Matthew 22:17-21
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 - Romans 13:1-7
 - Acts 4:19-20
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Discussion Questions:

Pastor Tim mentioned loving America but not worshipping it. How can we appreciate our country without idolizing it?

Read Colossians 3:1-4. How can we practically "set our minds on things above" while still engaging in our earthly responsibilities?

The sermon mentioned seven responsibilities of a dual citizen. Which of these do you find most challenging and why?

How does the concept of being an "ambassador for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20) change the way you view your role in society?

Discuss the tension between submitting to government authorities (Romans 13) and obeying God over man (Acts 4:19-20). How do we navigate this in today's world?

Pastor Tim talked about praying for all people, including those in authority we may disagree with. How can we cultivate a heart that genuinely prays for leaders we oppose?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally pray for a political leader or authority figure you disagree with.
2. Identify one area of your life where you've been focused on the "dot" rather than the "line." What's one step you can take to shift your perspective towards eternity?
3. As ambassadors for Christ, brainstorm ways your group could represent Jesus well in your community this month.
4. Reflect on your use of time and resources. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you, keeping in mind your heavenly citizenship?

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Lord, help us to live as faithful citizens of heaven while still engaging responsibly in our earthly communities. Give us wisdom to navigate the complexities of dual citizenship, always keeping our eyes fixed on eternity with You. May we be effective ambassadors for Christ, representing Your kingdom well in all we do. Amen.
