

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Jesus Christ Controls History

Many believers in the Roman church were frustrated over the tyranny imposed upon Christianity by Nero's regime. But they saw only the now and failed to faith-rest the future (problem-solving device number 3) under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history.

God sees the end from the beginning. A stiff-necked people need highly intensified levels of disaster testing in order to reach objectivity.

The believer with doctrine must be patient during national decline while constantly presenting the Gospel to the lost and encouraging troubled Christians.

Secondly, he must demonstrate honor and integrity toward duly established authority while consistently contending to his fellow citizen that right will ultimately prevail under the justice of God.

The key virtue here is patience which is a deeply-held faith that God is in His heaven and is taking care of details.

This is the application of problem-solving device number 5, doctrinal orientation to reality.

We relax and continue our due diligence with the confidence that Jesus Christ will control history on our behalf—problem-solving device number 4, grace orientation to life.

Therefore, we respect the laws, the officials, and the system of our government while continuing to function as priests and ambassadors for Christ.

This requires a great deal of doctrinal inventory, for the pressures of the Devil's world are intense and are designed to neutralize the life of the believer.

The problem-solving devices are designed to protect the soul. Once inculcated, they are to be applied to life and circumstances.

The invisible war of the Angelic Conflict is intense and unabating and therefore requires the believer to exert constant vigilance.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "vigilance":

alertly watchful especially to avoid danger; to be intense and unremitting in watching out for danger.

This was one of the virtues expressed by Patrick Henry in his famous speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses as he sought to inspire his fellow citizens to prepare for war with the British:

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

This virtue of vigilance is implied very eloquently by Charlie Reese in a column which appears in the May 3rd issue of Conservative Chronicle:

Reese, Charlie. "How A Good Role Model Gets Lost." *Conservative Chronicle*: 3 May 1995, p. 24: Romans 13:2

Those who resist the authority have opposed the divine institution of God. In Fact, they who oppose shall receive punishment back upon themselves.