

# Watch and Pray



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# Watch and pray

Matthew 26:41

**Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.** The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

# Anti-fascism

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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# Capitalism in the Bible

Micah 4:4

But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Proverbs 31:13-16

13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

# Capitalism in the Bible

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should **enjoy good in his labor**. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that **according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing**, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

# Capitalism in the Bible

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

# Human rights in the Bible

2 Thessalonians 3:12

Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they **work in quietness and eat their own bread.**

Exodus 3:18-19

18 Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, **let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.**' 19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.

Acts 28:30-31

30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, **no one forbidding him.**

# Government in the Bible

Deuteronomy 12:8-9

8 You shall not at all do as we are doing here today--  
every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes-- 9  
for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance  
which the LORD your God is giving you.

Romans 13:1-3

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing  
authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and  
the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore  
whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God,  
and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3  
For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you  
want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and  
you will have praise from the same.





# Government in the Bible

Exodus 18:21-22

21 Moreover you shall select from all the people **able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness;** and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.

James 2:8-9

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but **if you show partiality, you commit sin,** and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

# Government in the Bible

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that **he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and **be careful to observe all the words of this law** and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

# Social justice

Ezekiel 18:19-20

19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul who sins shall die. **The son shall not bear the guilt of the father,** nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Romans 10:11-13

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For **there is no distinction between Jew and Greek,** for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# Refuse to be divided

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Matthew 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 19:19

'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 18:21-22

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

# The Biblical family

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Psalms 128:1-3

1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. 2 When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

# We don't approve contra-Biblical behavior

Ephesians 5:11-12

11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.** 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.