

Pragmatic Things Christians Can Do To Resist Tyranny

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Pragmatic Definition (from Google): “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.”

Goal:

The objective of this list is to provide brothers and sisters in Christ with a list of pragmatic actions that they may possibly take to be a “doer” of liberty (James 1:25) and a resistor of tyranny in their every-day lives as Christians.

Forward:

The command to be a “doer” of liberty found in James 1:25 is a command which comes with a promise of blessings:

“But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, *he will be blessed in his doing.*”

It is this “doing” of liberty that results in the righteousness which exalts a nation:

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” - Proverbs 14:34

It is this “doing” of liberty which resists Satan and causes him to flee:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” - James 4:7

It is not merely enough to ascend to the truths of God’s word intellectually and to transfer such knowledge to our neighbors; they must see the character transformation which ought to be the result of such knowledge being translated into action. Biblical knowledge must translate into “good works”, into displays of biblical character in the lives of Christians, which works display the very “light” and “salt” that the scriptures speak of being shown to our neighbors (Matthew 5:13-16, Philippians 2:15); without such works, claims of faith will in fact prove out to be no faith at all for a great many supposed Christians (Matthew 7:21-23, James 2:18-26, Philippians 2:16), even though many will indeed display some degree of intellectual knowledge of the scriptures.

The intent of this forward is to clarify and emphasize the often misunderstood nature of “doing”

liberty that many Christians miss; in times of calamity, many Christians are left wondering “what do we do?”, when the answer is often found right in front of them in the mirror of liberty: God’s law as revealed in His Word (James 1:23-24). To be frank and to the point, a great many of the calamities a once-Christian society faces are the result of wayward Christians not repenting of their sins and fulfilling their duties. In such cases, it is often that Christians have a disconnect in their understanding regarding their personal obedience to God and His resultant sovereign ordering of every day of our lives (Proverbs 16:33). Simply stated, when Christians act disobediently to God’s laws, He frequently does not order the events of the future favorably as means of chastisement, even though the eternal consequences of such sins are forgiven for those who are truly in Christ.

For a simple and frank example, let us look no further than the many Christians who participate in the public branding of “F*** Joe Biden” and “Let’s Go Brandon”, amongst other crass slogans. There are several public personalities, like Benny Johnson from Turning Point USA, and Officer Tatum, who repeatedly cite their Christian faith and identify with Christ, and yet with their own mouth, public digital posts, and merchandise lines, repeat all of the aforementioned sayings and more; they are of course high profile examples of what millions of allegedly Christian Americans are doing all over the U.S.A. Now, let us see what God’s Word has to say about such language:

“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.” - Ephesians 5:4

Not only does God’s Word tell us that such language and expressions are evil, and we as Christians are to abhor what is evil (Romans 12:9), but it actually commands us to pursue a heart of “thanksgiving” and “joy” in the face of the very circumstances (Philippians 4:4-7), also known as “providences”, which are causing our hearts and mouths to spew such evils. And no, “Let’s Go Brandon” as a euphemism is no better than the original saying itself, because it stems from the same heart, which is clearly not one of thanksgiving. Now, many will balk at such a teaching with all sorts of excuses as to why they don’t think it’s that big of a deal, or as to why they simply don’t care, but here is the hard fact of the matter: God cares deeply, and He steers the hearts of our civil leader’s and neighbors according to our disobedience in these matters:

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.” - Proverbs 21:1

What to us may not seem like that big of a deal is in actuality a big deal to God, and though such sins are forgiven for those who are true believers in Jesus Christ, a good Father will still chastise disobedient children who continue in such behavior. Often, such chastisement from our Father comes by making us face the music of our own sins through others; our communities are now littered with flags, stickers, and signs containing swear words and crass language for the youth in our communities to view daily, and such behavior encourages our unbelieving neighbors to be more civilly open and loose with their own depravity, through such things as the display of sexual imagery and sexual language on their vehicles, etc. In other words, many alleged Christians look out at, and are angered at, a reckless, depraved, and lawless society, to

which they then respond with “F*** Joe Biden” or “Let’s Go Brandon”; see the problem? Have we any right to be shocked when God, who has the power to steer the heart of kings wherever He wishes, doesn’t steer it in a favorable manner when such is the behavior we display? This behavior of course being only one of a litany of behaviors Christians currently need to repent of. This is indeed how scripture tells us God responds to our disobedience as His children; where there is disobedience needing correction, God’s chastisement is worked through all manner of providences, including stolen elections and leaders who’s heart and mind are wayward and senile. It is for this reason that, in times of impending calamity, when a great many errors and wanderings have been exposed within the body of the Church, that daily, faithful obedience of Christians to not only their personal moral duty to God, but their duty to their neighbors, ought to become areas of immense assessment and repentance where it is required; repentance meaning not only confession, but an actual turning and transformation of character actions as well.

When reviewing the pragmatic actions in the following list, though some may not seem like actions that would have immediate impact or effect on the current political, economic, or social climate, bear in mind that God is always watching, and that He steers even the hearts of kings according to the purposes of His good will, which He has promised us that His will is to bless those who are “doers” of His perfect law of liberty; which includes all areas, or the fullness, of His law. Therefore, do not doubt that faithfulness to God’s Word in areas of command that you have perceived to be obscure, such as His commands regarding the length of men and women’s hair (1 Corinthians 11:6,14-15), will result in blessings on your communities and nation which are currently in desperate need of Christian’s who are rooted and grounded in basic biological realities; when children are currently being indoctrinated by the secular world to believe their gender’s are fluid, and that they can change their sex, they need more than ever to see and hear from saints who look, act, and talk according to the biological sex which God knitted them together with in their mothers womb (Psalm 139:13-18).

As a quick aside, how is it possible at all that we could be thankful for the circumstances we currently face, as the previously cited verse in Philippians tells us to do? How can we at all give thanks to the Lord in the face of seeming societal collapse, large scale government tyranny, the collapse of the Western Church, and waning of Christian values from society? While this forward is insufficient to give this question just attention, we can quickly count a few ways in which thanksgiving can be found to see that it is indeed possible. First of all, there is the counting of the many blessing which we do still have; we still live in one of the greatest countries to have existed on the Earth, a country which still has a massive base of patriotic and dutiful Christians, a country which still protects a great many religious liberties when compared to a country like China, a country which has a massive conservative base that owns most of all firearms held in private ownership, a country which has some of the best access to medical treatment and care in the World, a country which has a proven capacity to work hard to produce a high GDP, a country where Bibles are found in the top drawers of desks in hotel rooms, and a country with a proven history of being on the winning side of a great many wars that were fought for good reasons, including two wars on our home turf, of which the winning side stood on the ground of biblical values and biblical justice.

However, it's not just the blessing we still have which can be counted to bring us thanksgiving during such trying times, but it's also the challenges we currently face that we can be thankful for. There is a part of an old saying that says something like "hard times create strong men, and strong men create good times"; what we desperately need right now in our society is strong men of good character to engage the many trials facing us, and those are exactly the type of men God wants to grow, because such men image the character and love of His Son, Jesus Christ. And, behind these strong men, the Lord wants to raise up strong women as helpers to the men, to push and encourage them up into the roles which God has called them.

In an epidemic of weak men and women, there is no better medicine than calamity and trials of providence, which require the Church to regain its footing and its role in society; to churn out biblical families, led by biblical men, who lead communities into biblical communities that put God's law forward and govern with the liberty that brings blessings. We can be very thankful in the face of the trials that are before us because we know, a) that God is in complete control of all of them, and b) God always has good purposes in bringing such calamity, such as a means of redeeming and restoring His wayward children to obedience and strength in Him. When these are the goals of our loving God, we can be more than thankful, we can be joyful.

An Aside

Though there is much to be said about what it means to be a "strong" man or women, given the influence of secular feminism over the Church in modern times, it seems apt to quickly elaborate on the role of women in being "doers" of liberty, so that a clear picture of the problems at hand may be seen. In the most recent elections, ~12 women were elected as governors, and ~144 for seats in congress; these are record numbers of women leading in civil positions, and many are celebrating such accomplishments, including saints within the Church. Though it is not biblically a sin for a woman to serve in a political position, it is an indictment on the culture and society when children and women lead:

"My people—infants are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, your guides mislead you and they have swallowed up the course of your paths." - Isaiah 3:12

In times filled with weak men and chaos, it may be necessary that a woman who loves the Lord fulfill the duties of a civil leader; just as we see in the book of Judges with Deborah, a woman leader is raised up by the Lord to lead. However, the will of the Lord in this regard must be properly understood; it is because of the chaos and failure of God's people during the time of Judges that such a woman leader was necessary. The book of Judges tells us that it was a time when "everyone did what was right in their own eyes", including one of God's chosen Levite priests having his own concubine, whom he lets get raped and killed by a gang of homosexual men. The statistics are clear that our times are growing in lawlessness, and are very comparable times to those in the book of Judges, including disobedience to God within the Church. Such are the only times that we see in the Bible when God raises up a woman civil leader; the only other time being when the woman tyrant, Athaliah, usurps the throne in Judah, being later removed and executed as she yells "treason". And, we can only understand all of

this in the light of the rest of scripture, which shows us that a woman leader is clearly an indictment on the culture and society in which she leads, as we read in Isaiah.

The overall point to be made here is not that current women leaders who are ruling justly should be chastised or spoken out against for the role which the Lord has clearly raised them up into, because as Romans 13 says, any just ruler is a ruler whom the Lord has ordained as a civil minister for Him. The point to be made is how Christian's should view electing women to office, or being elected to office. According to the Word of the Lord, it is not something to be celebrated, applauded, or encouraged in concept. It is not a good thing for our culture or society that women are having to step up to lead in the civil spheres. Some of this is simply the result of secular feminism and unbelievers doing what unbelievers do, for which there is not much the Church can do anything about directly, except in casting their votes and living obedient lives to the Lord.

However, when it comes to how Christians teach their church congregations, their neighbors, and their families, celebration and encouragement of women seeking political office should not be what we are known for if we are to be "doers" of liberty. A Christian who loves God's law of liberty and wants to see their community, and nation, blessed with liberty, knows that male leadership in the civil sphere is what should be encouraged and fought for, which means repenting of the feminism that has leaked into the church that encourages the idea of women as civil rulers as a good thing to be sought after. Any woman seeking or feeling called into office should be doing so carrying the message of "I ought not have to be doing this; we need to help raise up biblical men to fulfill these roles"; for which "raising up biblical men" involves women supporting and encouraging their husbands and sons into being courageous "doers" of liberty themselves. All of this of course also entails men repenting of their cowardice and passivity and actually stepping up to lead; and there is indeed much to be said about this as well. However, such is made all the more difficult when not only society, but many in the Church, including wives, mothers, and daughters, have participated in pushing biblical masculinity to the sidelines and encouraged female leadership in its place.

All of this goes for women serving in combat roles as well, either in the military or in law enforcement; though we can be thankful to the women who have served and sacrificed in these roles for our country thus far, we can also be "doers" of liberty in repenting and changing our toon on what ought to be. Deuteronomy 22:5 discusses a woman not wearing men's clothing, the underlying word for "clothing" commonly carrying the meaning of a "utensil for war" or "armor". Combined with Exodus 23:19, which says not to boil a young goat in its mothers milk, the teachings of scripture are clear that women, mothers, should not be turned into instruments of death and destruction, which is what combat roles, and boiling babies in their milk, entail. Indeed, a great many Christians simply stand by in silence, or even applause, when women are encouraged into such roles that God clearly lists as against His design for their sex. To be Christian "doers" of liberty which brings blessings on our nation, these teachings are an easy place to start.

Description:

This list will start out broad, shallow, and at a “high level”, with the expectation that any Christian reading it will assess their own spiritual gifts, skills, talents, spiritual passions, and providential equipping to discern which actions they are best suited to pursue; the list will be updated and added with additional details and depth as time and revelation allow. We are all many members of one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27), so it is not just assumed, rather expected, that Christians will be acting in a great myriad of ways to resist tyranny and enact liberty in society, and we should all be careful to not pass judgment on one another for walking the different paths which God has assigned to us (James 4:11-12).

The liberty which He has called us to through Christ has great depth and expanse, and we should expect that it will work itself out in fellow brothers and sisters in very niche and unique ways, which we must all be not only content and non-jealous of (John 21:20-22), but rather supporters and up-builders of one another in our unique callings. We should be far more concerned about how God will judge us personally, and whether we acted dutifully according to His royal law of liberty (James 2:8), than we should be about the idiosyncrasies of our brothers or sisters pursuit of the same. Though certainly, we should not shy away from giving loving rebuke and correction if our eyes are free from logs, and we are indeed seeing biblical issues of weight and concern in our brothers or sister’s lives (Matthew 7:3, Luke 6:41). Remember always: “love covers a multitude of sins,” (1 Peter 4:8) but the weightier matters of the law of biblical justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23) desperately need our attention as saints.

Also, inherit in a great many of these list items is the pragmatism of personal repentance; since true repentance involves a turning from an old, sinful way, repentance is inherently pragmatic in many cases, because the spiritual state of our heart is almost always resulting in external action and speech (Matthew 15:11, Matthew 12:34, Romans 10:10). So, instead of having “repentance” be a list item itself, it is assumed that readers will be assessing themselves against the pragmatic items listed to discern if they have need for internal repentance, a work on their heart by the Spirit, in order that they may step towards acting faithfully in the items listed.

It is not the suggestion that every list item in this list is necessarily an act of sin needing repentance; some of them are, but some are not. Things based directly on scriptural commands, such as caring for the orphans, widows, and poor, are absolutely sins of “omission” when neglected. “Omission” meaning that Christians have neglected their duties to their neighbors in these areas, though they themselves may not have committed a sin of “commission”, such as committing personal sexual immorality or drunkenness, etc. Areas not directly listed by scripture as areas of sin fall under the “Priesthood of all Believers” doctrine of “good works”; meaning, there are many “good works” which a believer may do in order to be a “doer” of liberty. As previously discussed, not every believer is equipped to do every “good work”, so they must decide in their conscience with the Lord which “good works” they are to complete. Many of the items on this list are simply optional “good works” which a believer may find they are equipped to complete. It is the “Priesthood of all Believers” that will lead them to

completing such works. It is very possible that a Christian can be seen as in sin before the Lord for living a “pietistic” life, where they avoid public “good works”, and focus only on living lives of personal holiness; in this sense only is it possible that a Christian be in sin for not doing some of the optional “good works” listed, because they are in the habit of avoiding them all together.

“Rather, believers are called by God to serve Him by offering up spiritual sacrifices, i.e., being a people zealous for good works. As priests of the living God, we are all to give praise to the One who has given us the great gift of His Son’s sacrifice on our behalf, and in response, to share this wonderful grace with others.”

<https://www.gotquestions.org/priesthood-believers.html>

Every Christian is given their own priesthood in how they are to discern and determine which acts of wisdom they are to pursue. Though it is certainly not an outright sin to use a service like Facebook, or to buy goods from non-Christian businesses, the Christian, in their own priesthood, is to assess their conscience with the Lord, in light of His wisdom, to determine how they ought to act in such circumstances. For example, it may be the case that a strong Christian with a job as a police officer may decide to stay and endure in their profession, though they are being confronted with “woke” ideology and liberal policies from their commanding officers. Such a Christian may choose to stay because they are prepared to disobey requests of them that violate their faith, thereby shining their Christian light into the circumstances; and, while they endure, they are able to continue helping and doing much good for others under the authority of the law. However, such a Christian must also be prepared for the day and time when they must leave their profession, or at least that municipality, because a request has been demanded of them for which obedience or the loss of their job is the ultimatum, and obedience would require a violation of their faith. The loss of their job would be the dutiful choice in such circumstances. Such is just one example of how the “Priesthood of all Believers” may play out in the myriad of lives of the saints, and in the myriad of biblical wisdoms. Some questions believers may ask themselves to help determine how they may act in related circumstances are:

- Why and to what end am I using this service? Is it my own leisure and entertainment that is causing me to support “woke” institutions, or must I do so to provide for my family currently? The former being an easy one to find conviction in our consciences regarding; the latter being more difficult, but not necessarily a bad idea to pursue a change to either.
- Is the use of my time, energy, and skills best used for the Kingdom through this service?
- Can I truly retain my Christian witness in using this service or supporting this company? (if you work at Disney and they ask you to contribute to a movie focused on indoctrinating children with transexual values, the answer is no)
- Am I able to remain in the fruit of the Spirit while I endure in these circumstances, such as a job at a “woke” company?
 - Though your company may not be directly asking you to build or support products that directly oppose your faith, enduring at one which is pushing an HR strategy of full-tilt wokeness may not prove to be fertile ground for a Christian to remain and continue on in a priesthood to their coworkers.

Simple List

This section just contains a simple list of pragmatic actions a Christian might take to enact liberty and resist tyranny in their life.

Remember, when you do these things, the Lord promises you and your communities will be blessed!

“26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” - James 1:26-27

Know The Complete Gospel Message

- God exists and created us
- God is the ultimate, perfect moral being; we are moral creatures, made by Him, obligated to His perfect moral standards, or “law”
- We have all disobeyed God’s perfect moral standard; every act of disobedience is a “sin”, a moral infraction of God’s moral law, which requires punishment
- There will be a future judgment before God where every human’s sin will be exposed and punishment determined
- All punishments are infinite and eternal, because God and man are eternal beings, and God is infinite in His character, with infinite demands for justice; hell is the place where the eternally punished will go
- The only way out of such an infinite, eternal punishment for sin is for a perfect, infinite, and eternal substitute to be punished in place of the sinner
- God, in His love, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, a perfect, infinite, and eternal sacrifice, to earth in human form to be such a substitute
- In dying on the cross, Jesus took all of His Father’s just wrath towards sinners, satisfying the penal demands of His infinite justice, so that the entire world may be offered forgiveness for their sins.
- After His death on the cross, Jesus resurrected from the dead after 3 days, and then ascended into heaven and now sits in His throne at the right hand of His Father; in this resurrection and ascension He displays that He defeated death, is God, and is Lord of all, and that those who have faith in Him for their salvation will be forgiven by Him at the final judgment that He presides over
- Only those who have faith in Jesus through repentance of their sin, who love Him as Lord in their heart for the work of atonement that He completed for them at the cross, will be forgiven their sins and reconciled to God; this is why a person must repent of their sins and have faith in Jesus Christ

Become A Christian

- If you’re reading this list and you aren’t already a Christian, or you have claimed to be a

Christian but are just now realizing it was not a genuine faith, then become a Christian! Repent of our sins and turn to Jesus Christ as your only source of salvation, making Him Lord of your life. Only through Him can true liberty be found, and only through His saints is liberty brought into a society. This all occurs through hearing and believing the Gospel message, detailed previously

Politics

- Advocate and support the return of Biblical laws to civil government. There are only two choices for government and law in life; autonomy or theonomy; “autonomy” being anarchy according to our own rules, or “theonomy” being law and government according to God’s rules. This means applying God’s Word to the civil sphere around you as you interact with it through other pragmatic steps listed.
 - See “The American Heritage Series”, volumes 1 and 2, by David Barton for a much deeper understanding of how this plays out
- If you feel compelled to stay in your current community, then run for local office positions (zoning boards, school boards, city councils, mayor, etc.) where you can bring a Christian influence and advocate for biblical liberty
- Attend local municipal and educational board meetings and vocalize Christian concerns
- Take volunteer positions in election related organizations & processes (poll watcher, etc.)
- Fund Christian’s with good theology and character who are trying to enter the political arena
 - For many, this means working heartily, fervently, and being frugal with monetary resources so that we have much to give. There is nothing wrong with bringing Christian excellence into a career field, especially as it provides the opportunity to fund others in areas of gifting for the Kingdom that run on charity.
- Canvas your neighborhoods and pass out Biblically informed, political education material
 - Example: get neighbors signed up for Hillsdale’s “Imprimis”
- Disobey any corporate rules or unjust government laws regarding use of pronouns, transexual name changing, mask wearing, vaccination, red flag laws, affirmative action, etc., and any other anti-Christian law or rule
 - For the truly brave and courageous, disobey to the point of being arrested so that the unjust law can be challenged in court and you have an opportunity to make a Gospel proclamation and Kingdom appeal before civil magistrates, lawyers, law enforcement officers, and other person’s in positions of civil authority. A good example of this would be churches with a 501c3 status speaking out publicly and fervently regarding political candidates and tyranny, something the IRS says they are restricted in doing. There are literally Christian civil rights law firms waiting for such scenarios to be able to challenge the IRS and government in court.

Media & Social Media

- Consider getting off of most forms of social media and become more active in local community
- If you want to participate in social media, consider joining newer forms of media services

and social media in the “parallel economy”, such as using Rumble, Truth Social, etc.

- Pull financial support, which is often in the form of “clicks/ listens/ views”, from company’s, artists, and institutions which propagate anti-Christian, anti-American ideals
- Practice Biblical habits when viewing social media content, such as being slow to speak, being cautious to respond before you’re sure you have all the information about something, and responding in gentleness and respect, etc.
- Start using encrypted chat and email services

Finance/ Economics

- Start your own local business and govern it with Christian values
- Buy American; purchase from local farm stands and local grocery stores as much as possible, etc.; support God fearing businesses wherever possible, including the Amish/ Mennonites
 - Search for “made in america” online stores, like <https://mystore.com/>
 - Chose technology services that are patriotic and conservative when possible, such as Patriot Mobile for cell phone service
- Pull investments from companies propagating anti-Christian, anti-American values
- Be an angel investor (an independent investor) for Christian’s trying to start local businesses
- Chose investment opportunities which give you power to govern and influence the asset with a Christian world-view, such as real estate where you rent to tenants whom who seek to build relationships with
- Be charitable with your wealth! Give to Kingdom minded organizations which are doing the work of the Lord, or political organizations which align with Biblical principles.

Education

- Assist, support, and volunteer for both private Christian and public run educational institutions; though parents may not feel comfortable sending their children to public educational institutions, they are a mission field in dire need of Christian influence
- Insist on and facilitate your grand children’s participation in youth groups and church activities
- Read and educate yourself vociferously on correct Christian political theology and the history of America’s Christian founding
 - Wall Builders: <https://wallbuilders.com/>
- Share educational materials with family and neighbors, and “contend for the faith” (Jude 1:3) by espousing correct theology, especially protestant resistance theology (PRT) & understandings Romans 13 properly
 - The pragmatic requirements of doing this; sharing good teachers, correcting others, lovingly challenging wayward church leaders and lay persons etc.
 - Challenging wayward established institutions like “Salvation Army” by speaking directly to representatives about their leadership’s anti-Christian errors; encourage them to dissociate or fight for reform within the institution
- Host educational meetings in your local church and community to provide resources and education on previously mentioned topics

- Visit Christian national monuments and historical landmarks, like The Monument to the Forefathers and the Mayflower replica in Plymouth, MA; support them with donations and purchases. Use the opportunities to educate your children and neighbors

Personal

- Reduce materialism from your life and learn to live below your means so that you can be more dedicated to other pragmatic actions listed
- Learn to start participating in food production via a home garden, raising meat chickens, etc.
- Purchase a concealed carry firearm, practice with it, and mentally prepare your conscience to have to use it
- Practice emergency preparedness with plans and resources for communication, travel, finances, food, first aid, etc.
- Eliminate all debts; become a Christian who is a giver and a loan provider, not a debtor
- Maintain a biblical, creation-inspired haircut for your gender
- Practice personal piety, or holiness, in all areas of your life: avoiding sexual immorality, drunkenness, etc.
- Abstain from attending public events or gatherings which are solely rooted in debauchery, revelry, or other sinful goals, such as “frat parties”, sexualized dance parties, drug/ drinking parties, vile and vulgar music performances, pride parades, etc. (street preachers excluded of course!)
- Pray daily for the Godly qualities needed to a “doer” of liberty
 - Courage, spiritual strength, supportive Christian community, biblical passion for duty and service, steadfastness, etc.
- Reduce the amount of time spent over-indulging in digital entertainment; entertainment is certainly biblical, but our modern practice of “binge watching” and filling time with T.V. in many cases has become an easy way out of giving our focus, time, and energy to Kingdom matters.

Community & Church

- Participate in a church & Christian organizations
 - Prioritize local community organizations, like Trail Life or Christian political groups like “America First”
 - Regarding Church
 - Do not neglect the gathering; all churches are broken churches. Either endure and contribute in love towards the one you are at now, find a new one if you’re unable to endure at your current one, or seek out a plant team and help start a new church.
 - Serve in a ministry where you feel equipped and called; do so with commitment and dependability
- Regularly invite your neighbors to church, especially around holidays; make use of holidays or significant moments in your neighbor’s lives to give gifts and cards which make room for invitations to Church
- As appropriate*, use your household as a missions output for the Kingdom:

- **Invite your unsaved neighbors to dinner; build relationships with them through which you can share the Gospel & Word with them**
- If you have room, open your homes to missionaries or persons of need in your communities. Don't allow endless, entitled use of your space; rather be wise and set timelines and expectations for guests, especially the down-trodden who need a helpful push getting back on their feet.
- Host Christian holiday parties, extending invites to the lonely and outcasts of your community. An extra Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter dinner for those who are alone for the holidays are very pleasing things to the Lord
 - “He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” - Luke 14:12-14
- When hosting persons at your house, set Kingdom minded expectations regarding behavior, use of alcohol, modesty, etc.
 - **Do not let holiday feasts become opportunities and excuses for drunkenness and debauchery from your family; it is biblical to simultaneously love and be a generous host to people while setting a Kingdom example for them in your hospitality and service, which includes behavioral expectations for them through which you can preach the Gospel message.**
- * single women households are wise to consider their safety with whom they welcome into their home
- Discover the poor and truly needy in your communities and give them biblical aid; avoiding enablement or entitlement through simple monetary donations, but truly working with them to establish a way of life
- Remove signs, flags, and stickers from your personal life which utilize swear words and crude language to make political statements
- Stand up for your neighbors and defend them in front of city councils, zoning boards, and courts against true matters of Biblical injustice, like the showing of partiality to economic status, ethnic status, accusations from false witnesses, violations of property rights, etc.
 - Defending someone against a neighbor who is falsely accusing them of car damage, or funding legal procedures for someone who's family member was attacked by a neighbors dog are good examples of this
- Consider relocation to a municipality where you can more effectively participate in Christian community and its influence on civil structures
- **Care for the elderly, especially widows, in your church and local community; simply spending time with them and helping them meet their needs is fulfillment of “pure religion” to the Lord (James 1:27)**
- Grow, encourage, and support biblical manhood
 - Promote and be involved in organizations like Trail Life; start “men’s” prayer and

study groups; encourage men to run for office and vote for them when they are qualified leaders; advocate and promote male leadership in the church and civil arena through social media, family discussions, etc.

- Start or join local militias; where possible, do so with blessing and involvement from local law enforcement & city government
- Re-incorporate your church as a 508(c)(1)(a): <https://helpinghandoutreach.org/faq/what-is-a-508c1a/>
- Personally thank and be hospitable to local law enforcement; inviting them to your home for meals or giving them gifts. Consider joining local law enforcement if you are in a season where you would be able to

Family

- Give your children a Christian education; this could be through homeschooling, private Christian school, or a decent public school supplemented with Christian homeschooling
 - Be sure the education includes history of Christian political advances, especially properly educating them on the Christian history of America (see “Education” section)
- Discipline your children with physical discipline; speak out against the current culture’s fight against such discipline
 - Discipline your children over matters of whining and temper tantrums, especially when they try to in public; don’t be passive, enabling parents
- Eat regular meals together as a family
- Find community service opportunities for your whole family to participate in so that sacrificial service is modeled for your children; volunteering for food banks, delivering meals to the elderly, or helping with vacation bible schools are all good examples.
- **Consider adopting children or taking on foster children if you’re in a season of life where you are able (James 1:27)**
 - Consider organizations like “Compassion International” for sponsoring a foreign child
- Have your children engaged in “homesteading” activities, including participating in gardening and caring for animals; teach them from a young age to care for one another and to care for and respect elders
- Model biblical gender roles for your children by having them participate in tasks and activities that require it of them; make sons do hard, laborious tasks like moving bricks and materials, etc., and make daughters learn how to prepare meals and do acts of compassion and kindness towards family members and neighbors. If situations don’t arise naturally, then create them.
- In case of marriage troubles, fight against a divorce at all costs; a divorce is sin, except for in cases of spousal abandonment by an unbelieving spouse or cases of adultery. Always, even in cases of adultery, fight tooth-and-nail for forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption of the marriage; God has forgiven us all of our vile sins against Him which merit eternal punishment, so we too can forgive the sins of such a wayward spouse who repents and returns (*repentance being a key*).
- Read books on how to structure and lead a patriarchal family; Doug Wilson’s “Reforming

Marriage” or “The Household and the War for the Cosmos: Recovering a Christian Vision for the Family” are good places to start; the list of wisdom and actions to take to display biblical gender roles from parents is too exhaustive for this particular list, but there are many books which it can be found in

- If you feel called to singleness in your current season of life, be sure to use your time for Kingdom minded ambitions and not selfish ones; be very active in other pragmatic items listed
- If you are single but feel called to marriage, ask the Lord to prepare you to be a spouse and focus heavily on required character growth; invite the counsel of wise adults into your life regarding your character deficiencies or character deficiencies in a relationship partner
 - Men, seek a career that will allow you to provide well for a family; pursue biblical manhood and a biblical understanding of sacrificial, patriarchal love by immersing yourself in the Word and books on the topic. Make yourself attractive (both spiritually and physically (yes, lose the weight and keep your hair trimmed)), and assume roles of responsibility within your church and community. Ask the Lord to make you into a man and to help you with humility, and to make you strong and courageous; look for opportunities to take calculated risks or insert yourself into situations where courage and fulfillment of duty are required. Stepping in to defuse a public dispute, or attempting to start a business are good examples of pragmatic things that can grow such character.
 - Women, make yourself attractive (both spiritually and physically (yes, lose the weight and dress attractively; don't be a prude, but be biblically modest)), and be available for a biblical man to pursue you. Appropriate flirting is biblical; don't play wordly games of “hard to get” unless the man pursuing you is biblically immature or unqualified; then play very hard to get and let him know why so that the Lord may use your rejection to chasten him. Ask the Lord to help you understand what it means to be a submissive wife, and to help you guard against a spirit of Eve in you which seeks to usurp a future husband's roles and authority. While you wait for a spouse, work jobs that teach you wisdom and skills which you can use to be industrious for your home some day; these are the qualities that help a Proverbs 31 woman go to the market and buy a field in which she plants a vineyard, etc.