

APPLYING THE PILLARS TO OTHER ISSUES

GOD'S POLITICS SERIES

Crime & Punishment

- Governing authorities are ESTABLISHED by GOD
- Government has the RIGHT and RESPONSIBILITY to ESTABLISH LAWS regarding crime and punishment
- We must SUBMIT to these authorities, but our ultimate submission is to the WILL of GOD

The Environment

- The EARTH belongs to GOD, and He has appointed MANKIND to be STEWARDS of it
- God's CONCERN for His creation extends to PLANTS, ANIMALS, and the ENVIRONMENT
- When we DESTROY our environment, we are DESTROYING OURSELVES in the process

Freedom of Speech and Religion

- Our freedoms of SPEECH and RELIGION impact our ability to FULFILL the GREAT COMMISSION
- These freedoms must be exercised with LOVE and GRACE, not HATRED and HOSTILITY
- We must attempt to SILENCE our OPPONENTS through our DEEDS and our CONDUCT

Immigration

- Immigration is an issue of CITIZENSHIP
- Immigration has multiple facets
 - LEGAL vs. ILLEGAL
 - PREVENTION and PRESENCE
- God's concern for the FOREIGNER runs as deep as His concern for the poor
 - Mercy ...
 1. ... addresses the dominant CAUSE
 2. ... protects FAMILY solidarity
 - Morality is achieved by maintaining LAWFUL CONDUCT
- A Biblical option must BALANCE mercy and morality