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The Christian Social Theory Workbooks are designed to help you come to a solid understanding of how God designed His world to operate. After completing this course you will have a solid foundation to understanding the problems in our society today and what God's answers are. You can then dig in to greater details on your areas of special operation. To successfully complete this workbook you will need to:

1. Complete all the questions in a Section.
2. Score all questions before taking the related Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
3. Take the Review.
4. Score the Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
5. Go on to the next section and repeat.
6. Memorize selected Scriptures.
7. Before taking the Pre-Test make sure all questions in the Sections and Reviews are correctly answered.
8. Take the Pre-Test.
9. Score the Pre-Test. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
10. Take the Final Test.

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Write out and memorize 1 Sam. 8:7 _____

SELF-GOVERNMENT

The Bible teaches that mankind is responsible before God. We are responsible for our actions in obeying or disobeying the Word of God. One day everyone will stand before God and give an account of his life.

“...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” Rom. 14:10

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Phil. 2:12-13

For this reason, the most important form of government is self-government. In other words, we need to be able to control our actions ourselves without the need for external controls. A person who is self-governed chooses to obey the word of God himself. He does not need people telling him or compelling him to be obedient. This person is mature.

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Heb. 5:14

Self-governed people know the difference between good and evil and choose the good. They study to apply the Word of God in every area of life and so work out their own salvation by the power of God. Working out a person’s salvation is not referring to being saved and going to heaven [justification]. It refers to the process of self-discipline [self-governing] in which a person learns the difference between good and evil and grows into Christian maturity [sanctification], under the power and direction of the Holy Spirit.

The more people in society that are self-governed, the less the cost of policing and courts. The law does not have to be enforced by outside authorities, because the people choose to keep the law for themselves.

For example, Joe’s Shoe store sells running shoes for \$50.00. In a society where self-governed people are the majority [it will never be 100% this side of heaven]

that is all the customers have to pay. In a society - like ours - that is theft-based with more and more people choosing not to be self-governed, Joe may have to add bars to his windows, he may install video cameras and monitors, he may hire security, etc. The cost of all of this has to be added to the price of the shoes. Cathy Consumer may end up paying \$60.00 for running shoes for no other reason than the theft of other people. Add to that the fact that both Joe and Cathy will pay higher than necessary taxes to cover extra policing, court, and prison costs. [We will cover the legitimacy of the prison system in Workbook 10.] The expenses keep going up for a society that will not live in terms of God's Law.

"All government must first be based on self-government under law." Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 57

1. The Bible teaches that mankind is _____ before God.
2. The most important form of government is _____.
3. A self-governed person knows the difference between good and evil and chooses _____.
4. The expenses keep going _____ for a society that will not live in terms of God's Law.

WHAT IS FREEDOM?

What is freedom? The modern idea promoted by Humanists is that freedom is the ability to do whatever we want to do. It is a hypocritical ideal because a] they do not really support it, and b] it is impossible for any society to reach it and it is highly dangerous to try.

Let's look at the above statement. How do we know that humanists don't really support the modern definition that they like so much? Simple. We know that they don't believe in freedom as the ability to do whatever we want because of all the rules they make. If they really believed it, there would be no law. No one would go to jail for drugs, murder, rape, or anything else. Businesses would not be required to get licenses. Schools could operate without government supervision. And a million other things.

Why is it impossible to achieve that definition of freedom? The answer should be obvious. Without law society would break down into anarchy. Even then this kind of freedom would not be achieved because the most powerful individuals would rise to take advantage of the weaker members of society. Whether you have law or you don't have law, you can never achieve this kind of freedom for everyone. Every society must

restrict some activities and allow other activities. The question is always: What will be banned and what will be allowed?

Libertarians have a definition of freedom that goes like this: A person should be allowed to do whatever they want as long as they are not hurting anyone else. This is close to the mark, but still dangerous. Who is to decide what activity hurts someone else? Are we to trust fallible men and women with the power to make that decision? What if they are wrong? Consenting, non-married adults having sex may not seem to be hurting anyone, but Scripture reveals that not only are they hurting themselves, but also they are hurting society as a whole [more on this in Workbook 9].

So how should we define freedom? Freedom is the ability to do what is right. If you understand what we said about positive and negative law in Workbook 1, then you will see that we could say freedom is the ability to do whatever a person wants as long as it is not in violation of Biblical Law. Biblical Law defines what actions hurts others and hurts society. Any activity that is not forbidden by God [negative law] is permitted and no human being should be allow to prevent or control another person's activities in this almost unlimited area of permitted activity.

For example, a person who is addicted to drugs is not free. They may be doing what they want to do at the time, but they do not have the ability to do what is right; therefore, they are not free. It is normally a long, hard struggle for them to regain their freedom. The same is true in every area of life.

5. Without _____ society would break down into anarchy.
6. Every society must _____ some activities and allow other activities.
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8. Freedom is the _____ to do what is right.
9. Any activity that is not _____ by God [negative law] is permitted and no human being should be allow to prevent or control another person's activities in this almost unlimited area of permitted activity.

WHY IS FREEDOM SO IMPORTANT?

Freedom is important because each individual is responsible before God for their actions. If the civil government or other individuals restricts their freedom they are limited in how they can fulfill their responsibilities before God. Everyone is in the process of working out their salvation [growing in maturity before God] or working out

their damnation [growing in rebellion against God] and NEITHER group should be hindered by the civil government as long as they are not violating Biblical Law.

For example, let's say Harry Homeschooler wants to teach his children at home. He is accountable before God for what and how he teaches his children. If the civil government steps in and requires registration, control of the teaching material or subjects, or anything else, they are interfering with his ability to fulfill his responsibility before God. In some "free" nations today parents have had their children removed from their care because they were homeschooling, other places require parents to be licensed teachers before they can homeschool. This is not freedom, but tyranny.

This example can be applied in any area of life that others seek to control. Civil government control over families, businesses, schools, etc., hinders people in their working out of their responsibilities before God.

"Liberty has never come from government...The history of liberty is the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it." Woodrow Wilson quoted in Tom Rose, Economics: Principles and Policy, pg. 84

Some people hate the idea of freedom. They do not want to be free because they do not want the responsibility that comes with freedom. They would rather the civil government take responsibility for their lives. Since they don't want to be free, they don't want anyone else to be free either. They want everyone else to pay for their irresponsibility.

10. _____ is important because each individual is responsible before God for their actions.
11. Everyone is in the process of working out their salvation [growing in maturity before God] or working out their damnation [growing in rebellion against God] and _____ group should be hindered by the civil government as long as they are not violating Biblical Law.
12. Some people do not want to be free because they do not want the _____ that comes with freedom.

WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL TYPE OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT?

"May you answer the following question wisely, because, other than the first all-important questions which deals with eternal life [that is, What will you do with the Christ? Will you receive Him or reject Him as Saviour and Lord?], the next most important question, with respect to this world is: What will you allow civil government to

do to you? That is, What is the proper role of civil government in a society of free and self-responsible individuals?" Tom Rose, Economics: Principles and Policy, pg. 83

Considering the evil and harm toward which civil governments naturally tend towards, some have questioned whether we are not better off without them altogether. At first this may seem like a good idea; however, it is not Biblical. The Bible does give civil government a legitimate - but limited - place in society.

The result of no government is called anarchy. The problem with anarchy is that it supposes that mankind is basely good so that left to themselves they would all get along. Of course, the Bible reveals that mankind has been corrupted and so we all start with a sin nature. In practice, what happens in anarchy is that the most powerful people rise to take advantage and abuse the weaker people. There is no government to stop them or restrain their wicked practices. They, in fact, become a new government and so a state of anarchy [no government] does not tend to last very long.

What type of civil government does the Bible allow? What are the Biblical rules for civil government?

1. All the officers of the civil Government are to be dedicated to following the laws of God. They are to personally write out the book of Deuteronomy upon taking office so that they will know the laws of God and not come to think that they are superior to others in society.

And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: [Deut. 17:18]

2. The civil Government is to enforce God's Law on the nation. Only God can declare ultimate Law, any laws they make are only application laws, i.e. practically applying God's Law in a specific situation. In other words, they are to be representatives of God in working out differences between people in the society that the people could not work out for themselves. This includes, of course, punishing criminal activity.

And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do. [Deut. 1:16-18]

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. [Rom. 13:4]

3. The civil Government is to maintain a defensive military to protect the nation from outside invaders. This could be a trained volunteer force or a limited core of professional soldiers supplemented by trained volunteers as needed. It would supply enough technology and training to defend the nation, but would be insufficient to be an aggressive force.

4. Although not specifically mentioned, it is implied that the civil government could maintain a police force to protect citizens against the activities of criminals. This would include medical quarantine and certain public safety issues.

“The officials of the State legally represent the community in Biblically limited ways: they offer protection of life and property [Ex. 22], trials by jury [Ex. 18; Rom. 13:1-7], national defense [Judges], medical quarantine [Lev. 13, 14], and public safety [Ex. 21:28-36].” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 15

The civil government possesses a monopoly: the monopoly of violence. It alone has the right to inflict fines, physical punishment, and death on those who violate the laws of God and those statutes written by men in conformity to God’s legal principles.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 155

“...the most basic function - indeed, the only necessary function - of civil government is to safeguard property so that individuals can go about exchanging good and services with each other peacefully and for mutual benefit.” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 95

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence - it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.” George Washington quoted in Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 84

5. Taxation is to be limited and equal for both the rich and the poor. Such a limited income forces a civil government to deal only with its Biblical mandate as it would not have the funds to develop into the socialistic monsters we have today. [Ex. 30:15]

13. The Bible does give _____ government a legitimate - but limited - place in society.
14. The result of no government is called _____.
15. Mankind has been corrupted and so we all start with a _____ nature.

16. All the officers of the civil Government are to be dedicated to _____ the laws of God.
17. The civil Government is to _____ God's Law on the nation.
18. The civil Government is to maintain a _____ military to protect the nation from outside invaders.
19. The civil government could maintain a _____ force to protect citizens against the activities of criminals.
20. _____ is to be limited and equal for both the rich and the poor.

WHAT IS THE CORRECT FORM OF GOVERNMENT?

The Bible declares that the world is a theocracy. All of it is to be ruled by God. The individual is to be submitted to God. The family is to be submitted to God. The church is to be submitted to God. And the civil government is to be submitted to God. Each has its own sphere [sometimes overlapping] of authority and none is to interfere with the others, although all are to be under God.

As far as how a theocracy would be practically worked out in the style of the civil government, the Bible does not say. This is part of mankind working out Biblical principles in daily life. It means that different nations could choose different forms of government - all still under God - and be perfectly accepted before God.

The Bible illustrates different forms of civil government:

Dictatorship: Moses was the absolute ruler under God. From a human perspective, his word was law. He did develop a system of representatives/judges that were accepted by the people and had direct rule over the people. This gave it many of the features of a **democratic republic**.

Military Dictatorship: Joshua was the general/leader with absolute authority over the nation under God. Presumably he kept the system of representatives/judges established by Moses. He allowed the people freedom of choice even in their religious beliefs. He knew that you cannot force from the outside convictions on the inside.

Judges: Men and women were chosen by God and accepted by the people as leaders. They often united the people to throw off foreign oppressors and then served to bring God's justice to society.

Monarchy: Saul, David, and others ruled as kings. Their reigns were a success or a failure depending on how much they were submitted to God's overall theocracy.

There are no large monarchies existing today. Some monarchies - such as England - are really republics because the royal figure has little or no power in the civil government.

Other forms of government include:

Democracy: A democracy is a rule by the people. The majority wins. This works if the majority are righteous people. If the majority - or the active majority - are evil then evil wins. It can be corrupted very quickly when the people learn they can vote themselves money through socialist theft. The bottom line is mob rule. It has no ultimate rule of right and wrong. Whatever the majority decides is right must be right. A strict democracy is not possible when a lot of people are involved because it is too difficult to have everyone vote on every issue.

Republic: A republic is a practical democracy. Instead of every person voting on every issue, the people vote for representatives who will vote on the issues for them. The representative getting the most votes represents everyone in his district or "riding" whether they voted for him or not. This sounds good, but again there is no ultimate right or wrong so it depends on the character of the people and leaders to succeed. It becomes the job of the representative to promise whatever he has to in order to get reelected. Long-term planning is difficult because government may change every few years. When the wicked are the majority, representatives of integrity who make hard decisions for the overall good of the country probably won't get reelected. People of compromise and low character - who are willing to "play the game" - tend to rise to the top.

"Government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advance sale of stolen goods." H.L. Mencken [1880-1956] quoted in Tom Rose, Economics: Principles and Policy, pg. 85

Aristocracy: An aristocracy is a rule by aristocrats, who are generally wealthy, educated people in society. People of influence rule over everyone else. They decide what is right for the nation and everyone else has to live with it.

Oligarchy: An oligarchy is where a small group of people control the civil government. It could be expressed as aristocracy, a dictatorship or something else. Even a monarchy could be an oligarchy if the monarch is controlled by a small group of influential people.

Canada is a **constitutional monarchy**. The Queen of England is our head but civil government is controlled by our constitution as represented by our elected party members.

"The essential idea behind a constitutional republic is that man tends naturally rather toward evil than toward good, and will enslave his fellow man if given the opportunity. Therefore, it is necessary to limit his potential for doing evil by binding him

down to a written set of limitations on the power he can wield in the political sphere, the sphere in which coercion is used.” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 73

I am convinced that any form of civil government will work if the leaders and the people are committed to a theocracy and any form of civil government will become corrupt and tyrannical if the leaders or the people are not committed to a theocracy.

Interestingly Moses, Joshua, and some of the judges maintained their integrity throughout their time in power. They were men and women committed first of all to God and they were not corrupted by power or driven by the whims of people. Some of the judges became corrupt later in their rule. All the kings had times of corruption and only David and one or two others had reigns which were basically good throughout.

Whatever form of civil government a nation chooses, from dictatorship to democracy, there must be safeguards in place to limit the government to its God’s ordained function and to limit its taxing power [which includes not being in control of the money supply as we will see in Workbook 4]. There must be a system in place to remove leaders who violate the limits of government.

21. The Bible declares that the world is a _____.
22. _____ did develop a system of representatives/judges that were accepted by the people and had direct rule over the people.
23. Joshua knew that you cannot force from the _____ convictions on the inside.
24. Judges often united the people to throw off _____ oppressors and then served to bring God’s justice to society.
25. Saul, David, and others ruled as _____.
26. The bottom line of a democracy is _____ rule.
27. A republic is a _____ democracy.
28. An _____ is a rule by aristocrats, who are generally wealthy, educated people in society.
29. An oligarchy is where a small group of people _____ the civil government.
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people are committed to a _____ and any form of civil government will become corrupt and tyrannical if the leaders or the people are not committed to a theocracy.

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REVIEW 1

1. Write out from memory 1 Sam. 8:7 _____

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25. Whatever form of civil government a nation chooses, from dictatorship to

democracy, there must be safeguards in place to _____ the government to its God's ordained function and to limit its taxing power.

Score: _____ [4 points each]

DIFFERENT THEORIES OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Each system of government can choose different foundations on which to operate. The style of government which is chosen is far more important than the actual system of government. Theories of different types of civil governments can be divided into three categories: Anarchy, Free Market Government and Controlled Market Government. Free Market Government can be subdivided into Biblical Free Market Government and Non-Biblical Free Market Government. Controlled Market Government, also called socialism, can be subdivided into at least the following categories: Totalitarianism, Fascism, Communism, Welfare-statism. We will take a brief look at each of them.

“Economic systems, whether free or controlled, are the result, ultimately, of man’s theological beliefs.” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 81

“There will always be ranking chains of command, but any attempt to set up a single chain of command is demonic, for no human institution possess absolute authority.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 30

Anarchy: We have already mentioned anarchy. It is no government at all and ends up with the weaker members of society being totally at the mercy of the more powerful members of society. Whoever is strongest will control the Market or economy for their own benefit.

“...anarchy holds strongly to the idea that man is inherently good and that man can be perfected through education.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 117-118

Biblical Free Market: We have discussed the Biblical Free Market in Workbook 2 and will continue to do so throughout this course. As mentioned above, it means that people should be allowed to do whatever they want to do as long as they are not violating Biblical Law. It holds to an extremely small civil government limited basically to a Biblical court system, a defensive military, and certain aspects of public safety. All taxes combined should never equal or be more than 10% of a person’s income. It sees collecting 10% or more of a person’s income as asking more than God and seeking to displace God. The people, limited by Biblical Law, control the Market through personal decisions. Civil Government never enters the Market except to prevent or punishment Biblically-defined criminal acts.

“What is immoral is the existing seller getting the government to keep his potential competitors from having the legal right to make a deal.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 105

Non-Biblical Free Market: This is basically summed up in the statement that people should be allowed to do whatever they want to do as long as they don't hurt anyone else. It also holds to a small civil government [some hold to no government] with very limited taxing powers. The people, with no or few limits, control the Market through personal decisions. Civil Government never enters the Market except to prevent or punishment humanly-defined criminal acts.

The main difference between the two Free Market systems is that the Non-Biblical Free Market has no brakes. It has to invest in man [not God] the ability to declare right and wrong. Someone has to decide what “hurts” someone and what does not. Often only hurts which are seen immediately and are physical or mental [i.e. theft, murder, etc.] are recognized. So-called victimless crimes - such as non-marital sexual activity - which harm both a person and a society on a spiritual level but often do not have an immediate physical impact [although there is a long-term physical and mental impact] are not recognized as hurting anyone. They are then allowed. In some cases even marriage is viewed as a temporary contract between two individuals which can be terminated at will by either partner.

“When the people are encouraged to turn to government to settle all of their problems for them, the basis for all revolutions is thereby established...I am convinced that a revolution would not be possible if the only relationship between government and the people was to guarantee them their liberty and security,” Frederic Bastiat, before the French National Assembly, 1849 quoted in Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 84

Totalitarianism: Totalitarianism comes from tyranny. Under this system the tyrant has absolute power and can use it however he wants. There is no protection for the people who must obey or face his wrath. Technically, a tyrant could impose a free market system. In practice, they always want to control people so they always choose some form of controlled-market system. All forms of socialist government are totalitarian in that the leader [or “the party”] declares and enforces law according to their theories and whims. The people either obey or are punished. The Market is controlled by whatever systems the leader declares.

“Thomas Jefferson...wrote. ‘The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain control.’” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 73

When we reject God we can only get oppressive forms of government.

*I will make boys their officials;
mere children will govern them.*

*People will oppress each other—
man against man, neighbor against neighbor.
The young will rise up against the old,
the base against the honorable. Is. 3:4-5*

1. The style of government which is chosen is far more important than the actual system of _____.
2. Theories of different types of civil governments can be divided into three categories: Anarchy, _____ Government and Controlled Market Government.
3. “Economic systems, whether free or controlled, are the result, ultimately, of man’s _____ beliefs.” Tom Rose
4. Anarchy is _____ government at all.
5. A Biblical Free Market means that people should be allowed to do whatever they want to do as long as they are not violating _____.
6. The Non-Biblical Free Market is basically summed up in the statement that people should be allowed to do whatever they want to do as long as they don’t _____ anyone else.
7. Under totalitarianism the tyrant has _____ power and can use it however he wants.
8. When we reject God we can only get _____ forms of government.

Socialism: Socialism is where the civil government owns or controls the Market/economy. How this is done determines the form of socialism. All socialism involves theft in that it is based on using force to take one person’s property and disperse it how the civil government sees fit in their “wisdom.” The idea behind all socialism is that the majority of citizens are pawns to be used as best seen fit by the master chess players in civil government. The civil government manipulates people and markets to try and build their perfect society. To the extent that people “buy into” the civil government’s vision of a perfect future they will support socialism. The assumption is always that the central planners are smarter than the average citizen and so should have control. People need the “father” or “big brother” to look after them.

“Socialism is not in the least what it pretends to be. It is not the pioneer of a better and finer world, but the spoiler of what thousands of years of civilization have created. It does not build; it destroys. For destruction is the essence of it. It produces nothing, it only consumes what the social order based on private ownership in the means of production has created...each step leading to Socialism must exhaust itself in the destruction of what already exists.” Ludwig von Mises quoted in *Productive Christians*, pg. 174

God’s word requires man to build, to develop. Satan is the destroyer and any system which is build on destruction is Satanic. Socialism idolizes man. It is a Satanic attack on the way God designed the world to operate. It promises everything but, like all the deceiver’s other promises, it brings only death in the end. Satan is a murder of people and Godly systems.

“...it should be obvious that the natural outgrowth of civil government, if one takes the humanist viewpoint, is ultimately a controlled and regimented society: socialism, fascism, communism, and the modern ‘welfare’ state are different not in essence, but only in degree.” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 81

“When governments get involved in providing ‘free’ services, they inevitably become involved in the redistribution of wealth by force [laws] and violence.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 162

“In socialism, control is always vested in a self-continuing elite which uses various strategems to maintain itself in power...In practice, socialism amounts to the application of coercion by the few over the many.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 120

Today every nation on earth practices socialism to one degree or another.

“When individuals take advantage of democracy, and vote away the wealth of their fellow men, they are no different in principle from Israel’s evil king Ahab, whose reign is discussed in the book, *First Kings*...Socialists...defenders of the graduated income tax...defenders of redistributing wealth through majority vote, take note. In your lust to confiscate other people’s property, you have become false accusers of millions of your fellow citizens, whose only crime is consumer-satisfying productivity.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 39

“They purpose that the State become either the owner of the means of production or else the director of the means of production. The former system is called Communism and socialism, and the latter system is called fascism or the corporate state. The goal is the same: an elite body of central planners will, through scientific techniques, plan everyone else’s life.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 55

“Wherever socialism is widely believed by the people, the church is persecuted, or at least discriminated against. Socialism is inherently anti-Christian, and Christianity is inherently anti-socialist.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 83

Fascism: Fascism is the form of socialism that allows the actual ownership of property to remain in private hands, but through regulations controls how it can be used and reserves the right to use it whenever it wants. In short, the civil government has all the privileges of ownership, but none of the responsibilities! Nazism was a form of fascism. Fascism can be seen in Canada wherever the civil government controls business without actually owning it. The CTRC, ICBC, Workman’s Compensation are examples as are the laws of eminent domain.

Mercantilism: Mercantilism was popular in some countries between 1500 and 1800. The main idea was that it legitimate for the king and his agents to control and influence the market for state-established goals.

“...the king and his agents minutely controlled the economy through a massive and intricate system of rules, regulations, taxes, tariffs, bounties and subsidies.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 125

Communism: In the communist form of socialism, the civil government owns all the property and seeks to provide for all the needs of its people. At least they are honest enough to take the responsibilities of ownership as well as the privileges...but that is the only good thing that can be said for it! The ultimate idea is each person will be happy to produce according to their ability and will use only what they need. The violence of communism will fade away as people reach this ideal. The problem is it assumes the goodness of man in opposition to the Biblical teaching of the sinfulness of man. The ideal is never reached. Communism eventually destroys productivity and has to depend on help from the outside and continual violence on the inside.

“Since 1917, it is estimated that the Communist Party in Russia has intentionally murdered and purposely liquidated some 60 million persons.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 129

“Instead of the superabundance the Karl Marx predicted, communism has produced low standards of living and long lines.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 133

“Soviet agriculture continues year after year in not being able to feed the Soviet people, even through farm workers make up 24 percent of the work force in the Soviet ...134.

Note Karl Marx’s 10 important things needed to turn a nation to communism as quoted from the *Communist Manifesto* in *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 138. See how many of these are already in effect in Canada.

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all right of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State, the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
8. Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by a more equable distribution of population over the country.
10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form...

Welfare-Statism: This form of socialism, popular in Canada and other Western nations, transfers personal responsibility to the state. The State is then responsible to look after its citizens. The old Roman slogan, "The health of people is the highest law", is its motto. The central planners determine what the people need from education, to housing, to health care, to recreation, to every aspect of life. It is then their duty to provide it for every citizen. They develop "free" education, "free" health care, "low-cost" housing, etc. But nothing is really free...someone has to pay for it.

9. Socialism is where the civil government _____ or controls the Market/economy.
10. All socialism involves _____ in that it is based on using force to take one person's property and disperse it how the civil government sees fit in their "wisdom."
11. The assumption of socialism is always that the central planners are _____ than the average citizen and so should have control.
12. _____ is the destroyer and any system which is build on destruction is Satanic.
13. Today every nation on earth practices _____ to one degree or another.
14. Socialism is inherently _____, and Christianity is inherently antisocialist." Dr. Gary North

15. _____ is the form of socialism that allows the actual ownership of property to remain in private hands, but through regulations controls how it can be used and reserves the right to use it whenever it wants.
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TAXATION

What many people do not realize is that the civil government has no money! It does not produce anything. It can only redistribute other people's money. The only way to do this is through some form of taxation.

“Governments cannot give to the people anything they do not first take from them.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 52

Let's look at this example. Suppose the nation of Ourcountry has 10 citizens [Jack, Sue, Bill, Mary, Tim, Jill, Lewis, Sandy, Scott, Betty]. Let's further suppose that each citizen produces an income of \$1,000 a month. Altogether they produce an economy of \$10,000 a month. Now they recognize that they need a government to protect them from injustice and/or attack. They elect Sue to be the first leader. What happens? Sue no longer is producing her \$1,000 a month for she is now in public service. The economy of Ourcountry drops to \$9,000 a month. But Sue needs to be paid so each citizen is taxed \$100. Now their income is reduced to \$900 a month, but they are happy to pay it as they realize the genuine service Sue is providing.

In five years the position comes up for reelection and Scott decides to run against Sue for the job. Sue has been doing a good job so Scott has to offer an incentive to vote for him. He tells everyone else that he will provide free education for their children. Tim, Jill, Lewis, Sandy, Scott, and Betty all have children so it sounds good to them. Scott gets their vote and is the new leader. Now look what happens. Scott, of course, still taxes everyone \$100 to pay for his wages, but he can't find a teacher to work for free so he hires Jill to teach. Jill is now a government employee and so she is not producing anything in the market so her \$1,000 comes out and the economy drops to \$8,000. Since the civil government doesn't produce anything and so has no money of its own, the tax must increase to cover Jill's wages. So now the citizens are taxed \$200 and their income drops to \$800. Notice that Jack, Sue, Bill,

and Mary have no children so they are being forced to pay [for the “common good”] for a service they do not want and cannot use. This is theft.

“The State takes on the responsibility of supporting both the young and the old, so the State naturally demands payment, just as if it were the lawful heir.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 70

Taxation is a powerful tool. It comes in two forms: direct taxation [money taken directly from the people/companies] and hidden taxation [inflation - which will be discussed in the next workbook].

“But how do governments pay for anything? There are only two ways: taxation and inflation.” [Productive Christians, 42]

“Civil governments exist on the power to tax...tax is an involuntary levy and it will be collected by force if the person taxed refuses to pay.” Tom Rose, *Economics: The American Economy*, pg. 49

If the civil government is able to tax at will they will have the ability to control people and to grow to a gigantic size. All Socialist governments need to be able to collect huge amounts of taxes in order to finance their goals. On the other hand, if a civil government is severely limited to the amount of tax it can collect, then it cannot grow and become socialistic. It simply will not have the money to do so. To remain free a people MUST limit the civil government’s power to tax.

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WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL METHOD OF TAXATION?

Originally the money taken into the Tabernacle was used for both governmental and religious purposes. This means that the very limited money extracted was divided between the duties of State and Church. In other words, the ten percent tithe [or possibly 13.5%] took care of both State and Church obligations. People really did have most of their money to save or disperse under their own direction.

“The Bible does, of course, allow for some government taxation, but not much. The specific form of taxation [head tax, income tax, or whatever] is relatively unimportant, and is not set forth in Scripture; what is important is the rate of taxation, which determines the size of the state. As an absolute, outside limit, any tax of ten percent or more is specifically regarded by Scripture as tyranny - an attempt by rulers to be like God, extracting a “tithe” [1 Sam. 8:15,17].” David Chilton, *Productive Christians*, pg. 42-43.

So what are the principles of Biblical taxation?

1. It is to be small - not equal to or greater than 10% of a person's income.
2. It is to be equal to all tax payers. In the case of a head tax, both the rich and the poor would pay the same amount [Ex. 30]. In the case of income tax both the rich and the poor would pay the same percent of their income. No progressive taxation.
3. Property cannot be seized for payment of taxes.

Forbidden forms of taxation:

1. Progressive income tax.

The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls. [Ex. 30:15]

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. [Lev. 19:15]

“Theoretically, if the taxing authorities can custom-make a workable taxing scheme, they could tax away the entire portion of each citizen's economic rent without destroying his productive incentive. This is the pragmatic ideal behind the idea of progressive taxation, of taxing higher incomes at higher rates.” Tom Rose, *Economics: Principles and Policy*, pg. 165

2. Property tax. Private property belongs to the individual and the civil government has no right to take it for any reason [with the possible exception of the selling the property of a convicted criminal to pay back his victim - never the state]. If the state taxes property it is claiming ultimate ownership of the property [fascism].

Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession. [Ez. 46:18]

3. A combined tax rate of 10 percent or more.

What is one possible way a tax system could be run without overtaxing individuals? The local government could administer the tax directly on the citizens in its jurisdiction. This places the direct taxing authority close to the people where it can be more easily controlled. The province or state could then tax the local governments for the limited services it provides. Finally, the federal government could tax the provinces or states for the funds they would need for their limited responsibilities. No tax imposed could equal or be greater than 10% of income. This means the people only have one small tax to pay and most of the money is spent on the local level where the people can monitor how it is spent easier. [I believe this general idea came from one of the books of Dr. Gary North.]

The danger with an income tax of any kind is that it invites an ungodly invasion of privacy as the civil government requires statements of income. It is really none of the civil government's business how much a person makes or how they spend it unless it is on criminal activities. In a Godly country where the majority of citizens are honest an honour system - like paying tithes to the church - would work. The more theft-based a society is the more the need for prying [and expense] government inspectors.

23. Originally the money taken into the Tabernacle was used for _____ governmental and religious purposes.
24. Taxation is to be _____ - not equal to or greater than 10% of a person's income.
25. Taxation is to be _____ to all tax payers.
26. Property cannot be seized for payment of _____.
27. _____ income tax is forbidden.
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DO CHRISTIANS HAVE TO OBEY UNGODLY RULERS?

If our Pastor would on Sunday stand up and say that he no longer believed that the Bible was the sole Word of God and that other religious books were of equal value and that he would; therefore, be preaching that Sunday from the Koran, would we accept that? Would we passively submit to his leadership because he is God's ordained authority? No, we would not. If he could not be dissuaded from his error, we would leave.

Like the Pastor, civil authorities are also to be the ministers of God only in a different area. When they are in direct conflict with the Laws of God - laws they are held responsible by God to enforce - they are in no less rebellion than the Pastor who rejects the Bible as the Word of God. To have authority, a person must be under authority. A person who removes themselves from the authority of God has also removed themselves from legitimate authority over anyone else.

“For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.” Matt. 8:9

“For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.” Rom. 13:4

Then why do we think we must passively submit to civil authorities when they are in total disregard for the Word of God? Are they not also ministers of God? The only reason is because we have fallen for the heresy that the world is divided into religious and secular. There is no secular - all the world is to be under and submitted to the government of Christ.

“Even powerful statist oppression will be overcome, not by revolution, but by godly dominion in the sphere of work...” [Productive Christians, 37]

“Man, therefore, according to the biblical view, has not only the right to be free; he has a duty to preserve his freedom so that he can maintain his personal responsibility before God.” Tom Rose, Economics: The American Economy, pg. 140

This does not mean that we engage in revolution. However, we are to use every Biblically legitimate means at our disposal to remove ungodly policies and leaders. We will cover this in more detail in the last workbook.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Tim. 2:1-2

“Government is therefore representative; it represents God to man, and man to God.” Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 26

“A government, Biblically speaking, is a monopolistic institution created by God.: Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 26

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REVIEW 2

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2. “_____ systems, whether free or controlled, are the result, ultimately, of man’s theological beliefs.” Tom Rose
3. Anarchy is no _____ at all.
4. A Biblical Free Market means that people should be allowed to do whatever they want to do as long as they are not _____ Biblical Law.
5. The Non-Biblical Free Market is basically summed up in the statement that people should be allowed to do _____ they want to do as long as they don’t hurt anyone else.
6. Under totalitarianism the tyrant has absolute _____ and can use it however he wants.
7. When we _____ God we can only get oppressive forms of government.

8. _____ is where the civil government owns or controls the Market/economy.
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Score: _____ [Each answer 4 points]

PRE-TEST

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3. The most important form of government is _____.
4. Freedom is the _____ to do what is right.
5. Any activity that is not forbidden by God [negative law] is _____ and no human being should be allowed to prevent or control another person's activities in this almost unlimited area of permitted activity.
6. Everyone is in the process of working out their salvation [growing in maturity before God] or working out their _____ [growing in rebellion against God] and NEITHER group should be hindered by the civil government as long as they are not violating Biblical Law.
7. _____ has been corrupted and so we all start with a sin nature.
8. The civil Government is to _____ God's Law on the nation.
9. Taxation is to be _____ and equal for both the rich and the poor.

10. The _____ declares that that the world is a theocracy.
11. Moses did develop a system of representatives/judges that were accepted by the people and had direct _____ over the people.
12. _____ knew that you cannot force from the outside convictions on the inside.
13. The bottom line of a democracy is _____ rule.
14. I am convinced that any form of civil government will work if the leaders and the people are committed to a _____ and any form of civil government will become corrupt and tyrannical if the leaders or the people are not committed to a theocracy.
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