

## OUTLANDISH LIVING

### Outlandish Patriotism

Philippians 3:20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

Patriotism - The love of country and the willingness to sacrifice for it

Matthew 22:15 Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested.

16 They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites.

17 Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me?"

19 Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin,

20 he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied. "Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

22 His reply amazed them, and they went away.

Give to Caesar

Leaders Are Put In \_\_\_\_\_ By God

\_\_\_\_\_ Taxes

Accept \_\_\_\_\_ When You Disobey

\_\_\_\_\_ For Our Leaders

Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

2 So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

3 For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you.

4 The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you.

They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.

5 So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

6 Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.

7 Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

3 This is good and pleases God our Savior,

4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

## Give To God

The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment

Mark 12:29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

The \_\_\_\_\_ Rule

Mark 12:31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ God The Priority

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Only God Can Give Us \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Only God Can Give \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 4:17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:  
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,  
19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.  
2 And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Only God Can Give \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 119:34 Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.  
35 Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.  
36 Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!  
37 Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.

Matthew 5:1 One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him,  
2 and he began to teach them.  
3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.  
4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.  
6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.  
7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.  
9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.