



Government's and Man's Laws— Religion and Divine Laws

▶ IMPORTANT GOSPEL PRINCIPLES:

- We believe that governments have the right to pass laws for the peace and safety of their citizens but not to interfere with righteous worship (1-4, 7, 9, 11-12).
- Governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man. It is the duty of all people to obey the laws of the nation in which they live (1, 5-8).
- Religious organizations do not have the right to take away a person's life or property. They can only deny a person membership or fellowship in their organization (4, 10).

▶ THE GOVERNMENT DECLARATION:

1. Every day you are late to seminary, you will be fined \$5.
2. If you do not get an 'A' in seminary, you will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular school activities.
3. Every day you fail to read your scriptures, you must forfeit to the teacher one of your personal possessions (up to \$10 in value).

**IS THIS REALLY FAIR, ETHICAL, OR
FOLLOWING THE LORD'S PURPOSE?
SHOULD WE BE FORCED TO ACT A
CERTAIN WAY?**



"Bad laws, if they exist, should be repealed as soon as possible; still, while they continue in force, they should be religiously observed."

- Abraham Lincoln

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

