

## The Duty of Every Citizen Warrior

### Selected Scriptures

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Introduction: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

John Coran (1808) "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Nine Steps of Growth of Disintegration of Any Nation Or Society:

- From bondage to spiritual faith
- From spiritual faith to courage
- From courage to liberty
- From liberty to abundance
- From abundance to selfishness
- From selfishness to complacency
- From complacency to apathy
- From apathy to dependence
- From dependence to bondage

Every Citizen Warrior Should:

#### 1. Pray For Our Government

*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **1 Timothy 2:1-3***

*The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord,  
Like the [a]rivers of water;  
He turns it wherever He wishes. **Proverbs 21:1***

#### 2. Pay For Our Government

*For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. **Romans 13:6-7***

Jesus paid tribute to Caesar

*When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the*

*house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a [c]piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."* **Matthew 17:24-27**

I believe in paying taxes, but I don't believe in paying excessive taxes

We've become a nation in crisis when half the people get the idea they don't have to work because the other half will take care of them and the other half gets the idea it does no good to work because somebody else gets what they work for.

### 3. Praise The Government

*17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17*

There are those who don't want us to wave our flags with pride for own cherished freedom.

### 4. Preach To Our Government

God's people dare not be silent in the affairs of government.

*I charge you [a]therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead [b]at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:1-2*

Nathan warned David

Elijah preached to Ahab

Daniel preached to Nebuchadnezzar

John The Baptist preached to Herod

We cannot be silent. We must preach and declare to our government that whatever is morally wrong is not politically right.

### 5. Participate In Our Government

Our government is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

It is inconceivable that God would ordain human government, and then tell His people to stay out of it.

When Christians abdicate this arena, who runs government?

- In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control over all of England.
- One vote caused Charles III of England to be executed.

- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language rather than German.
- In 1845, one vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.
- In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the U.S.
- In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler the leadership of the Nazi party.

#### 6. Persuade Our Government

America's government is a Republic - representative rule of law.

The only hope for America is to change public opinion and the only thing that can change public opinion is the Word of God.

It is not political influence that we need, it is the power of God that we need. When we change America, we'll change politics.