

SAMPLE LETTER TO LOCAL CIVIL OFFICIALS

One way to engage in explicitly reformed Christian politics is by writing local civil officials, encouraging them to govern according to Biblical principles. Here is an illustrative letter that has been employed by some to that end, and hopefully it will provide you with ideas as to how you may write such letters:

Dear Commission of the Town of _____:

I would like to introduce you to the efforts of our Chapter of the Campaign for Community Biblical Governance. We are seeking to encourage community leaders to govern in accordance with Biblical principles to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. We read in Psalm 2 how God calls civil magistrates to “kiss the Son” in their leadership: “...Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son...”

We also read in Jonah 3 the important role that the civil rulers in Nineveh played in the repentance and reformation there: “...the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. FOR [or BECAUSE] word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.”

And the godly rulers of Israel and Judah were those that obeyed God and upheld His moral law as summarized in the Ten Commandments.

Nor dare civil rulers not uphold God’s revealed moral law, on the excuse that the federal government will not allow such, for God’s word is that “we ought to obey God rather than men” and God alone is chief “governor among the nations”. The Ten Commandments of Jesus Christ are supreme over all laws, mandates, and pronouncements of human governments, including the US federal government. We ought to respect the federal government and obey it as much as possible, but not when it commands that which is immoral. In cases of the latter, local civil magistrates should respectfully communicate their duty to uphold God’s moral law, while acknowledging their respect for the higher magistrate and intention to follow him so long as he does not command them to do that which is contrary to Biblical morality.

Let me suggest one important initial action you could take: pass a resolution of the Commission to the following effect, “we proclaim and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of the Town of _____, looking to Him as Savior from the transgressions committed by the people of the city, and resolving by God’s grace to follow Him in gratitude in accordance with Biblical principles.” Such a city resolution provides a clear Biblical direction for everything the Commission does.

We will be praying that God would help you as you lead in your town. And we would encourage the Town of _____ Commission to pray for wisdom from God to rule in accordance with His will. Finally, we look forward to an opportunity to discuss these matters with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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