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The 6 governing principles God gave man by which to live #1

Hi all,
All over the world governments are warring between liberal and conservative, free-will based or government based rights, and things have gotten nasty and dirty, at least in the US. As individuals we too war over self-governance. We war within ourselves between no rules, let me do as I want, versus living within rules and regulations and obligations for our lives. The governance, or stewardship of our lives individually and therefore as federal governments do have certain God-given elements to them, whether all people want to acknowledge Him as Creator and Source of these things or not.

It seemed good to me and with much peace that I share key elements of that which God has given to all mankind as it relates to both personal governance over our lives, as well as governments over nations. I will state the 6 points which flow rather easily one to the other, and then go into a few details.

Once you understand these you can very easily find the Lord's will, understand issues others are having, how HE would lead you personally when you don't have clear direction, and where He would lead a government. You'll be able to help others too. So let us start at the beginning, the flow is in order from I through VI (1-6).

I) Free will was given by God to man and provides core ***characteristics*** of self and federal governance.

II) Man has been endowed by his Creator with **intelligence and emotion** by which to direct free will. These are the ***qualifications*** of self and federal governance.

III) Enlightenment is the seat of inner knowing of right and wrong, and is the source of conscience and guilt. This is the ***revelation*** of governance, self and federal.

IV) Relationships are the ***opportunity*** for proper governance, of self and federal.

V) Obligations are the ***requirements*** of self governance and federal governance of a people.

VI) Consequences are the ***enforcement*** of self governance and federal governance of a people.

Notice the flow from free will embodied in beings that have both intelligence and emotions by which to direct their free will. These then flow into revelation of how best to be a steward of free will with our intellect and emotions directing relationships. These provide the opportunities for a proper life. From these then flow obligations and consequences...it all flows, and all these things were given us in Christ before times eternal - by us I mean mankind, by our Creator. Let us begin...

I) Free will - Given from Creator to His highest creation, man. That man has a free will is seen by the choices and responsibilities and consequences in the Garden - eat or don't eat, your choice, but there will be consequences either way, good or bad.

Because God has the ability to create He must also have the ability to control that creation. Yet He created free-willed beings blessed and burdened with the responsibility to be stewards of their free will, determining how to live and all that goes with living. God works by invitation in a person's life on the small scale, while retaining control on the large scale over creation and will step in before mankind self-destructs.

A person is directed to exercise their free will, governing their life themselves, forging plans and design, goals and objectives; they are responsible for their lives.
The Lord will lead people towards self-sufficiency by urging them to work for a living - support themselves when possible. The Lord will cause us to stand before Him 1 on 1 to give account for our lives, again illustrating free will and ultimate accountability to our Creator.

By contrast an amoral person will live according to cause and effect, situational ethics, unstable and unable to form godly plans, marked by no accountability.
An amoral person will use their free will not to build their own lives, but to manipulate others to serve them, thus tearing down the lives of others, seeking to take advantage of the free will of others so that they will not have to 'stand on their own two feet'.

Characteristics of government in free will - The means by which free moral agents (people) arrange laws and rules to live peacefully
That God gave mankind free will among other rights is recognized in the US Declaration of Independence: "We recognize these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness." (Unalienable means un-challengable and unchangeable. No person nor government can give rights nor take them away - God gave them.

A government that recognizes these truths will be directed towards free will by its citizens with limits placed on a moral level which promote godly free will.

Such government recognizes <u>the role of government is the protection of God-given rights, not the provider of rights</u>.

By contrast, an amoral government will seek to establish itself as the giver of rights, giving rise to governance by cause and effect and situational ethics.
The amoral government believes government is the giver of rights, and can give and take them away at will. However as we will see, God's gift of free will has 5 other elements which cannot be separated from that free will.

And I've run out of room - more next week, until then, blessings,
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The 6 governing principles God gave man by which to live #2

Hi all,
I'm continuing with the reasons people are so divided, and our individual and governmental responsibilities...

II) Man has been endowed by his Creator with i<u>ntelligence</u> and <u>emotion</u> by which to direct free will. These are ***<u>qualifiers</u>*** of governance.
If a person is created with a free will, he must have the means by which to direct that free will, thus man was given intelligence and emotions. Upon being given free will, man must also be given the ability to understand right and wrong, their obligations and consequences, and where they fit in a society of other free-willed creatures.

To say it another way: If man is to have the ability to initiate decisions, <u>he must have the means by which to think and feel through the process of those decisions</u>.

Emotions are the ability to experience the consequences of actions. Intelligence can formulate the strategy involved in decision making, but there must also be an ability of a free-willed beings to appreciate, enjoy, see beauty and feel all that comes about as a result of an intelligent decision. Emotions are what enable man to see art for more than a brush stroke, but to feel the emotion the artist was trying to capture. Emotions allow mankind to insert themselves into another person's situation upon hearing the facts (intellect), experiencing sympathy and empathy (emotions).

Without emotion the free willed person would be void of personality, unable to experience the ups and downs of life.
A person recognizing free will and therefore the gift of intelligence and emotion, will direct his life towards the intelligent use of free will and the disciplines of emotional health.

By contrast an amoral person or government will seek to stir intellect and emotions of people for the purpose of manipulation rather than to encourage its citizens to higher thoughts and higher healthy emotions.

III) Enlightenment or **revelation** is **the source of one's inner knowing of right and wrong**, the revelation of governance of self and also federally.
Enlightenment or revelation is the source of conscience and guilt, the ability to feel remorse and make peace with those we've wronged.

If a person has free will, and is given intellect and emotion with which to direct free will, he must also be given absolutes against which to measure his thoughts and emotions. This is the spark of life, when God by His Spirit ties together free will, intellect, and emotion with wisdom from above on how to live with those gifts. This is enlightenment and revelation. It is the voice of conscience and conviction, the sudden knowledge from outside ourselves yet felt within that we have done wrong. It is also the means by which wisdom is applied - wisdom being now to apply knowledge.

Without enlightenment from God a person has intelligence and emotion running full speed within their free will, but they have no wisdom on how to apply knowledge and thought and emotion. With revelation or enlightenment comes our reaction; either to harden oneself against the revelation, or to soften and repent.

A person and a government that is enlightened understands the spirit of the law, whereas an amoral person or government focuses on the law by intellect only - the letter of the law. An amoral person and government shows no remorse, no regret. Understanding free will, intellect and emotion merely by intellect, without understanding the spirit of the law leads to inconsistent and arbitrary court rulings, laws, and enforcement that those with common sense immediately see as wrong.

IV) Relationships are the ***opportunity*** for proper governance, of self and federal.
As free will flows to intelligence, emotion, and is bound together by revelation, these together flow into relationships. The relationships in scripture are three:
First vertically to God, second horizontally to other people, and third to creation including the material things we surround ourselves with.

The qualities of free will, intellect, emotion, and revelation are God-designed to function within relationships. These qualities are honed, refined, grown and nurtured within relationships, flowing first from the family, then outward to extended family, neighbors, co-workers and strangers. It is the job of parents to teach children how to handle their free will, intellect, emotions, and revelation/enlightenment within the framework of family. That is the job of parents.

Relationships are therefore the greatest opportunity for the expression of these traits, and placed within context of being stewards over all things created - from the clothing we choose to protecting water ways and wildlife.

Therefore our relationships are intended by God to make us holy, to help us grow into the image of Christ in character, thoughts, and lifestyle.

And I've run out of room - the conclusion next week, until then, blessings,
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The 6 governing principles God gave man by which to live #3

Hi all,
We will pick it up with relationships, which if you will recall are the result of free will, which is endowed with intellect and emotion, glued together by enlightenment and revelation.

When a person understands these 6 points THEN a person can have a rich and exciting life with the Lord - a life of communication and fellowship, of understanding and even friendship with Him. The Lord is healthy in His own free will, intellect, emotions, relationships, obligations, and consequences - within this framework one may commune with Him.

IF a person is not healthy emotionally, He can reach them, but He will attempt to bring them into health in part so that they may correctly and in a healthy way, know Him. IF a person is not healthy in their exercise of free will, intellect, or enlightenment, their ability to draw close to Him is limited - because He is healthy, because He is balanced. He seeks to bring us up to His higher ways and thoughts, but as Isaiah 55 says, we must first forsake our ways and thoughts.

Look at this in your own life - the healthier you are in how you exercise your free will, in how you think, in how you feel, upon what you feed for revelation and enlightenment - is the degree by which you feel that closeness to Him.

By contrast an amoral person ruins relationships by the misuse of their free will, intellect, emotions and enlightenment. An amoral government has the same characteristics, making rules and laws that destroy peaceful relationships, and pervert relationships,

V) Obligations are the ***requirements*** of self governance and federal governance of a people. Following my logic, once these first 3 points are embodied within the frame work of (#4) relationships, it follows there are obligations within those relationships in order to have a godly and peaceful set of relationships throughout one's life. These obligations once again fall into three categories: God, man, creation.

Obligations are intellectual in nature, not emotional. We may not feel like keeping the outside of our house nice, but we have an obligation to our neighbors which compels us to do so. Obligations are things which control us because we are indebted to someone or to a circumstance, and binds us to them or it.

A godly and moral obligation is then a course of action flowing from God through us that is right and proper towards others we are in relationship with. Because we live in nations, each nation having its own set of rules and regulations, we are obligated to be good citizens, to participate as allowed in our governance, and to steer our lives and that of government towards godly obligations.

An amoral government like an amoral person, will pervert relationships, pervert obligations through arbitrary and unilaterally created rules. An amoral government puts burdensome rules on its citizens, seeking to ever move away from free will and individual self-sufficiency, in order to centralize power to a large federal core.

VI) Consequences are the ***enforcement*** of self governance and federal governance of a people. Again follow my logic in that obligations that come about through relationships, which come about through the exercise of free will, intellect, emotion, and enlightenment, must have therefore consequences good and bad.

If a person is to be godly, moral, and walk with God, there must be consequences good and bad as a result of free will. These consequences are according to God's perfect justice, some of which will be revealed later, some of which is seen in this life.

The good consequences of a person living in points 1-5 are a blessed life, healthy relationships, favor, revelation, and a life that gradually moves closer to God and closer to Christ-like character. Godliness, in a word.

The bad consequences of not being a good steward of points 1-5 are the opposite: Unhealthy thoughts and emotions, unhealthy enlightenment and revelation from unhealthy sources, unhealthy and broken relationships, obligations unmet and obligations others fail to fulfill to them, and eventually physical deterioration, even perhaps to eternal separation from God.

An amoral government will move ever closer to controlling every aspect of its citizens with dire punishments for disobeying the letter of the law. An amoral government perverts obligations and

consequences, and in many cases because it is void of wisdom and enlightenment it will call good evil, and evil it will call good.

The reason I've thought through these (what turned out to be) six elements flowing from God to mankind is because of all the warring going on between the liberal and conservatives around the world - protect one's borders or have no borders, ever increasing encroachment of government into the lives of private citizens and business, or a smaller government that allows a people and businesses to pursue life, liberty, and happiness, and Christians are often confused for all the voices out there. I hope I've brought some clarity, for by these you can rightly discern and judge righteously - just keep these 6 elements in mind and you'll be amazed how clear things become.

I hope it has been a blessing to you - rather academic I know and I apologize, but I thought it best just to lay it out there point by point. Hope it makes sense to you as it does me.

New subject next week, blessings,
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