

Valley Victory Life Group

Kingdom Dominion-Church & State

Cultivate Good Relationships! “Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” (Rom 14.1 MSG)

The Sword

1. (Romans 13:3-4 AMP) Let every person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment. Therefore he who resists *and* sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed *and* arranged [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them]. For civil authorities are not a terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority? Then do what is right and you will receive his approval *and* commendation. For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, [you should dread him and] be afraid, for he does not bear *and* wear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant to execute His wrath (punishment, vengeance) on the wrongdoer.
2. (Romans 12:19-21 KJV) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
3. (Matthew 26:50-52 KJV) Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
4. (Romans 12:17-19 MSG) Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Commented [BC1]: God has appointed the civil government to be the SWORD of justice, and He has given the church the role of KEY BEARERS. Neither should attempt to take over the role of the other.

Commented [BC2]: The civil government has been given by God the power of COERCIVE FORCE. God has sanctioned government to protect, restrain and punish. Capital punishment and military forces are the duty of the sword.

Commented [BC3]: The church is forbidden from using coercive force. The church must support the civil government in the role of punishing evil and acting as the avenger. **The Inquisition and the Crusades are examples of the church forgetting its role.** Islam remains in this conflicted condition.

Commented [BC4]: Peter's role with Jesus was that of a KEY BEARER. He was rebuked by Jesus for acting on vengeance. Human justice was not Peter's role at that time. He was given a more powerful role of spiritual authority to transform the planet.

Commented [BC5]: The sword represents the power of man, but the keys represent the limitless supernatural power of God. We delegate to our civil government the task of justice and the restraint of law, but the church must be given the role of education, rehabilitation and social/welfare reform.

The Keys

1. (Matthew 16:18-19 TPT) I give you the name Peter, *a stone*. And this rock will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church—*my legislative assembly*, and the power of death will not be able to overpower it! I will give you the keys of heaven's kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven.”
2. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9 AMP) And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds *and* hearts; [then] You shall whet *and* sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, *and* teach *and* impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
3. (Psalm 78:5-8 AMP) For He established a testimony (an express precept) in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, commanding our fathers that they should make [the great facts of God's dealings with Israel] known to their children, That the generation to come might know them, that the children still to be born might arise and recount them to their children, that they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but might keep His commandments. And might not be as their fathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their hearts aright *nor* prepared their hearts to know God, and whose spirits were not steadfast *and* faithful to God.

Commented [BC6]: The state cannot legislate morality or bring our society into a healthy balance. The government is to give this responsibility to the church. **Only the key bearers will produce effective education of our children, rehabilitation of our criminals, and righteous social balance.**

Commented [BC7]: The state must recognize the role of the church to deliver education under a Kingdom worldview. *Government does not have the proper tool to affect human hearts toward morality or wisdom.* Only the key bearers (church & family) have the ability to educate and reform individuals to bring forth the perfect society.

Commented [BC8]: *More people have been killed in the last century by their own oppressive government, than died in all the wars fought.* Illegitimate authority is a curse to the people. The balance of powers is The Kingdom way. The state often overruns its boundaries and steps into the area that God has given to the family and the church. The state should compliment the church, and not be in opposition to the laws of God.