

# OTI Session 45

## “A Man And His Community”



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These are **not to be confused** – they complement each other but are separate – **church/state separation**.

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3. Christians have a **responsibility to make the state better** – influence

World's Standards (Public Perception)	God's Standards (Be led by the spirit)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Get Revenge</li> <li>▪ Pursue Growth</li> <li>▪ Seek Money/Profits</li> <li>▪ Use Ego/Power</li> <li>▪ Achieve Fame</li> <li>▪ Acquire Possessions</li> <li>▪ Be Self Centered</li> <li>▪ Pursue Goals/Results</li> <li>▪ Keep Ownership</li> <li>▪ Talk/Impress</li> <li>▪ Be Sexually Permissive</li> <li>▪ Develop your Mission</li> <li>▪ Deceive When Necessary</li> <li>▪ Be Opportunistic</li> <li>▪ Be of Service</li> <li>▪ Price Correctly</li> <li>▪ Provide Leadership</li> <li>▪ Plan and Organize</li> <li>▪ Get Even When Necessary</li> <li>▪ Be in Control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Love your Enemy</li> <li>▪ Be Obedient</li> <li>▪ Be Fruitful</li> <li>▪ Be Humble</li> <li>▪ Significance</li> <li>▪ Seek Treasures in Heaven</li> <li>▪ Be God Centered</li> <li>▪ Pursue Relationships</li> <li>▪ Be a Good Steward</li> <li>▪ Listen/Pray</li> <li>▪ Seek Purity</li> <li>▪ Pursue Calling/Vision</li> <li>▪ Always be Honest</li> <li>▪ Use the Right Character</li> <li>▪ Love in Service</li> <li>▪ Give a higher value</li> <li>▪ Be a Servant</li> <li>▪ Have Faith in your Plan</li> <li>▪ Be Forgiving</li> <li>▪ Let go through Him</li> </ul>

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though **they accuse** you of doing wrong, they may **see your good deeds** and **glorify God** on the day he visits us.

*Is what I am about to do or say more likely to lead people toward **Jesus...** or push them further away?*

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

John 16:8 (NKJV)

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

Our Job...

To Live A Life  
That Demands  
An  
Explanation

What Would Your Neighbors  
Say About You?

Life Implication:

God Chooses To Use You To Win  
Over A Dying World...He Wants  
Us To Discover The Proper Way  
To Reflect His Love And Lead  
Others To Him





### **Life Application Discussion:**

1. What are some practical ways I can serve my community?
2. Do I have the proper view of government—God's view?
3. What do I think my neighbors would say about me?