

# The Useful Law: The Political Use

## ————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 7 —————

### Sermon Questions

1. The three main uses of the law are: \_\_\_\_\_, political, and pedagogical (teaching).
2. What is the political use of the law? The law defines morality, restrains \_\_\_\_\_, and prescribes punishment for violators of the law.
3. Removing laws forbidding murder and theft would send our country spiraling downward. (Yes/No)
4. Since the law cannot change hearts, it serves no good purpose in society. (Yes/No)
5. The context of 1 Timothy concerns teachers misusing the law, but the problem is not the law since “we know that the law is \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Biblical law is only authoritative for people who profess to follow God. (Yes/No)
7. Biblical law ought to be the standard for laws today in our nation. (Yes/No)
8. The laws given through Moses were to be a light for the \_\_\_\_\_, drawing them to God.
9. When using biblical law, one must consider: (circle all that apply)
  - i. The moral and ceremonial distinction.
  - ii. The time and culture gap.
  - iii. The underlying principle or “general equity” of the law.
10. Who does God want to enforce his law in society? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How is the political use of the law in accordance with the gospel?
  - i. It brings a knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_, leading people to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. It bring \_\_\_\_\_, promoting human flourishing and \_\_\_\_\_ advance,
12. Know the \_\_\_\_\_ is good for man, and know that the law serves the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Do you agree with the general premise of the political use of the law? Why or why not? What dangers are present with this idea and what dangers are present without it?
2. Read Deuteronomy 19:15–21. How should this apply today? What about the sanction prescribed, is that just today?
3. Consider laws we have today that reflect biblical law. How have they made our country prosperous and a place many want to live?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

## Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about God today? \_\_\_\_\_

What words did you not know today? \_\_\_\_\_

