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For her last two pregnancies my wife has gone to a very competent gynecologist/obstetrician who does not personally perform abortions, though, she was told by one of the doctor's office staff, that while she doesn't perform abortions, she does refer patients for them, is this grounds enough to boycott this doctor for future deliveries?

This physician is rather like the local extortionist whose moral sensibilities keep him from taking on assignments to commit murder, but who does refer clients to the Mafia if they want this particular service. She probably thinks that she is a paragon of virtue for not adopting fee-splitting with the butchers. Warn her graciously that she is in danger of going to hell, and find a new physician.

How is a man justified, in the eyes of God, in supporting the military build-up of a nation that has forsaken the laws of God to the extent that America has? Any book or periodical that may respond to this question would be highly valuable.

Such justification comes by praying that this nation's military build-up will buy enough time for a worldwide revival to hit and for God-fearing people to replace the leadership of every humanist, God-hating social order, especially the Communists, who are dedicated to the establishment of a fifth undivided kingdom on earth—the one that God says only He will establish (Daniel 2:44-45). But this military build-up should be essentially defensive: a passive civil defense system, an anti-ballistic missile oriented active defense system, with about 10,000 slow, strictly defensive, one-megaton, mobile cruise missiles in reserve. The cruise missiles could be towed behind naval vessels on rafts, if necessary. An introductory book is *Fighting Chance* by me and Arthur Robinson.

1. Under God's law, justice for crimes is to be achieved by either restitution or retribution. Prison is not seen by God as justice for crimes. We are not to return evil for evil. The Lord says "that vengeance is mine, I will repay." Is there any way that a Christian can sit on a jury or as a civil magistrate and sentence a man to prison, and not sin and incur God's wrath and judgment?

One of the worst heresies in the history of the church is the sin of perfectionism. Perfectionism is governed by a perspective that says that a Christian person must do nothing that isn't perfect. Again and again, this attitude has led to the false conclusion that Christians are not able to do **anything** because either they or their environment is partially evil. So perfectionists do nothing, and greater evil results.

What if a jury convicts a man of a crime? What if this is

his fifth or tenth conviction? Clearly, he is a professional criminal. These professionals account for the vast majority of all crimes committed. Perfectionism says that the Christian juror must vote to release him (thereby hanging the jury) if the jury does not agree to recommend that the judge sentence him to make economic restitution only, or to execute him.

The man should be executed because he has demonstrated that he is an incorrigible professional criminal — a variant of the old "three-time loser" in U.S. crime laws (now ignored). But today's courts do not recognize the existence of this class of criminal. So the perfectionist would have to hang the jury, since the state refuses to hang the criminal.

Send him to prison. This is much better for the victims he will surely tyrannize if he is set free. Then, while he is in jail, Christians should work to reform the criminal law code. Next time he is convicted, maybe he will be hanged.

The answer is parallel to the answer to the previous question regarding paying for national defense. We buy time with less-than-perfect solutions.

2. Is it a sin for Christians to invest "money" in the evil fractional reserve banking system? I realize that some use of the "system" is inescapable, but don't you believe that Christians should drop out of the evil banking system as much as possible? Don't you believe that Christians fuel the beast that wants to devour them by playing the game of the beast? I know of many Christians who complain about the evil system, but I know of very few that have trusted the Lord enough to drop out.

Again, your problem is perfectionism, not fractional reserve banking.

First, you put "money" in quotation marks. Why? Because Federal reserve notes are not money? But they are money. I will take them any time you want to send them to me. You used a check or Federal Reserve Notes to buy all the gold and silver coins you say you own. But how could you have bought such items if you had not first been paid in nasty, evil, sinful, etc. Federal Reserve Notes, or a check drawn against a fractional reserve bank account?

I am reminded of the letter I received a few years ago from a man who offered to sell himself into perpetual bondage to me if I would take over his finances, since he felt too guilty to go on using Federal Reserve Notes and checks. Of course, he was perfectly willing to let **me go** on sinning in this way, ignoring the covenantal implications of voluntarily placing yourself under a sinner. What happens to you when your master gets judged by God? Do you then try to find another sinner to sell yourself to?

Second, the only way to topple the banking system is to demand Federal Reserve Notes when withdrawing money from checking accounts, and then not redeposit them in any

bank, If everyone would do this, it would create a massive deflation. But what if you dismiss Federal Reserve Notes "money" because they are not really true money? Using Federal Reserve Notes, too, can therefore be regarded as evil. So the only way for Christians to topple the banking system is to pull all their money out in the form of Federal Reserve Notes, and then burn the notes to make sure they are never redeposited. So much for the accumulated savings of Christians.

Third, would you say that it is sinful to work for a firm that uses checking accounts?

You can see where all this is leading: to cultural impotence. So my answer is to work hard, invest money in long-term capital, and abandon all traces of perfectionism. Avoid debt, keep tithing, and stop reading Social Credit economics books and tax rebellion literature based on Social Credit economics books.

[From another reader also burdened with perfectionism:]
How can a Christian accept the principle that any earthly government is entitled to demand more of what my labor produces than God expects, without placing the word of men above the word of God?

Answer: Because several of these governments have the power to confiscate your money and your future earnings. and even send you to jail, if you refuse to pay. Might doesn't make right, but might certainly does make a strong case for compliance when you are being hauled off to jail.

Who gave Babylon the right to demand that Judah pay tribute to her? Who gave Babylon the right to burn the temple (II Chron. 36:19) Who gave Babylon the right to enter the temple and confiscate its treasures (II Chron. 36:10, 18)? Who gave Medo-Persia the right to steal those treasures from Babylon and not return them to Israel for decades (Ezra 6:5)?

Of more recent interest, who gave the Communists the right to steal Russian Orthodox Churches and turn them into granaries and museums?

The answer is obvious: **God did. He delivers covenant-breaking people into bondage. On this point, read the Book of Judges. In the case of Babylon's threatened invasion of Judah, Jeremiah told the government to surrender to the invading pagans, which is why he was kept in prison in the palace (Jer. 38).**

In short, God tells Christians to pay today's outrageous taxes as a form of **judgment on this nation until the people** of this nation repent, start tithing again, and start electing men who recognize that all of the taxes collected by all of the civil governments combined must not total ten percent of income (1 Sam. 8). Until then, Christians are to submit to judgment. They should pay attention to the words of **Gedaliah**, the governor of Judah, in whose house Jeremiah dwelt after the Babylonians had invaded: 'Fear not to serve the **Chaldeans**: dwell in the land, and sewe the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you" (Jer. 40:9). Pay your taxes, shut up, and work.

Problem: for saying this, a princely rebel slew him (Jer. 41:2). So the Babylonians sought the rebel and his followers, and they fled to Egypt (Jer. 41 :17)— precisely where Jeremiah told them not to go (Jer. 42). In short, they were in rebellion against God from start to finish. Their problem was not the Babylonian tax collectors; their problem was their own sin — a fact recognized clearly by the captain of the Babylonian guard who took Jeremiah captive and then released him: "The Lord thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the Lord hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you" (Jer. 40:2-3).

Unfortunately, there are tax revolt advocates today who would rather place their wives and children in economic

jeopardy, and even risk sharing a' prison cell with an AIDS carrier who rapes cellmates, rather than pay some money to the IRS. Perfectionism asks its followers to pay a high price. The two things that I find that almost all tax rebels share are (1) **an absence** of income or any capital worth confiscating by the IRS; and (2) fearful wives. The only exceptions to the second characteristic that I have met are unmarried tax rebels.

In short, your legal case is impeccable. **Today's** taxes are unjust. Your dominion case is ridiculous. You are risking your capital and your wife's peace of mind. Pay your taxes and use any money left over to build a biblical alternative. If you remain a tax protestor, you will not gain sufficient capital to exercise dominion because you are too much of a perfectionist to deal with the reality of today's self-imposed judgment of American voters on themselves.

What do I intend to do? To follow the words of Gedaliah: "As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans" (Jer. 40:10 a). You ask me what I recommend? Follow the advice of Gedaliah: "But ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in vessels, and dwell in your cities . . ." (Jer. 40:10 b).

'But, you understand, I am not a perfectionist.

In *Dominion Strategies* you have discussed the need for insurance, but you state that disability insurance should either not be carried or only have benefits payable for a short time. Please explain your reasoning, since I know of no other advisors who share your view.

This may be because most of the other advisors you have consulted are disability insurance salesmen.

The reason for carrying insurance of any kind is to protect yourself against catastrophes. But to do this, you must estimate costs. What would the premium money do for you if you invested it? What is the likelihood of a very serious injury that is not already covered by your employer's personal liability insurance, or a homeowner's (where you had the accident), or the driver of the car that hit you? In short, for most really serious injuries, you are already covered by someone else's policy.

Consider the premiums for a policy that will cover your total monthly household expenses (including all insurance premiums) for over six months. I think you will find this a major expense. Better to save this amount of money each month and put it into an emergency injury or sickness fund.

What is your impression of the future you expect for dollar exchange values against European currencies (namely Austrian shillings and German marks)? We missionaries would benefit from your insight in this area.

On the assumption that Solzhenitsyn is incorrect, and Western Europe will not be invaded by the Soviet Union, I would expect the German mark to appreciate against the dollar. I think the Austrian schilling will also appreciate, but not equally fast. I would put my money into German marks.

I know Gary North isn't answering specific questions on prophecy any more [or even before— G. N.] but could you do a newsletter on the postmillennial "model"? You know, your counterman to the kind of God's prophetic plan for the ages/end time chart/outline you can get from most all rapturists. I can't afford any more books. . . .

Your problem isn't a shortage of postmillennial prophecy charts. Your problem is a shortage of money. Get a second job for a couple of years, so that you can afford more books. Then quit the job and start reading. Boy, will you enjoy reading!