

How To Stand When Your Government Is Ungodly - Part 2: Actions

- 1. Many of us want to oppose the government because we believe their decision will lead to harder lives, removal of comfort, or even persecution for us. Why are these not Biblical reasons to refuse to obey the laws?
- 2. Read John 18:33-37. How can we ensure our hearts and actions reflect Jesus' statement to Pilate?
- 3. On a scale from one to ten (one being none and ten being excellent), how Kingdom-minded are you? Why did you answer the way you did?
- 4. In reading the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we saw that when they were ordered to defile themselves with the king's food and drink, they instead asked for favor. What would asking for a favor in today's world look like? Think of a scenario where you could apply this tactic.
- 5. In Daniel Ch 3, we see that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego didn't follow the king's orders and worship the statue he had created. How would you respectfully say no if the government asked you to do the same? Is your trust in God as resolute as these men? What are some things that make you fearful in a situation like this?
- 6. If the government ever told us that we could not proclaim the Gospel, would this decree significantly change your life? In what way? How does this question make you think about how you are (or are not) sharing the Gospel presently?
- 7. How can we stand up for the oppressed, the poor, and the broken in our culture? How has the church succeeded or failed in this regard

