We can never forget that a client nation to God is a nation under divine protection, because it has a large pivot of mature believers. These mature believers have blessing by association to those around them and historical blessing to their nation.

A client nation is destroyed by the reversionistic believers who "spin-off" from the pivot of mature believers by their rejection of Bible Doctrine.

Three things destroy a nation:

- 1. Economic depression It can result from government destruction of industry through legislation, or from destruction by the greed of labor or management.
- 2. Social degeneration Individual bad decisions destroy the structure of society. The sacredness of freedom, property, and life are ignored or rejected. Integrity disappears from society and is replaced by every form of crime or immorality.
- 3. Military defeat No nation can win a war when the manpower suffers from social degeneration and the industrial complex cannot provide logistical support.

No nation can survive functioning on principle without a pivot of mature believers.

Survival takes evangelism, positive volition toward Bible Doctrine, the function of the protocol plan of God, and cognizance of the portfolio of invisible assets provided for each believer.

As the pivot shrinks, the nation loses its client nation status with God and undergoes the five cycles of discipline.

Only a remnant of positive believers had impact through the spiritual life of Israel in the Old Testament.

A client nation is responsible for the following:

- 1. It must evangelize its own population.
- 2. It must communicate Bible Doctrine to the believers in the nation.
- 3. It is responsible for the custodianship of Bible Doctrine.
- 4. It provides a haven for the Jews.
- 5. It is responsible to send out missionaries to evangelize other nations.



For non-client nations, there is neither a pivot of mature believers nor freedom for the perception of truth in three categories:

- a. Establishment
- b. Evangelism
- c. Bible Doctrine

When you have apostasy in a client nation, it is always a cancer. If it grows long enough, that client nation dies under the fifth cycle of discipline.

<u>PRINCIPLE</u>: Good political leadership cannot override the degeneracy of the people.

Dr. Russell Kirk wrote with great clarity on this subject in his book, The Roots of American Order:

The good society is marked by a high degree of order, justice, and freedom. Among these, order has primacy: for justice cannot be enforced until a tolerable civil social order is attained, nor can freedom be anything other than violence until order gives us laws.³

When you have this cancer in a client nation, you can always look to three sources: the spiritual leaders in the pulpit, the politicians, and the negative volition of the people.

Jeremiah 6:13-14: "For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is greedy for gain, furthermore from the prophet even to the priest everyone manufactures lies.

Vs. 14: In fact they allege to solve problems of My people, saying, 'Peace, peace, 'But there is no peace."

So what destroys a client nation? Negative volition to Bible Doctrine.

<u>Principle</u>: The disease is the "loss of thought;" the result of the disease is the leadership we vote into office.

When many pastors and Christians see the client nation slipping away, they want to get involved in Christian activism and look to politics.

Russell Kirk, *The Roots of American Order* (La Salle: Open Court Publishing Co., 1974), 6.



The abortion issue is a great example. Protesting in the street in front of the Supreme Court, and the law was overturned. And guess what? Abortions have not stopped. Nothing has changed!

While man cannot solve his own problems, he likes to compensate by trying to solve the problems in his nation, state, or local government.

<u>PRINCIPLE</u>: Once apostasy infests the souls of a majority of the people, political solutions are no longer effective in restoring order.

All problems in life demand a solution. You have personal problems and then there are problems in your nation, city, and local governments.

We can't wait for God, who controls history, to take care of business while we take care of our business by growing to spiritual maturity and fulfilling God's plan for our life.

So we become Christian activists by attending group protests and undertaking zealous crusades to impose alleged Christian ideals upon both believers and unbelievers in a nation.

The underlying philosophy of Christian activism is that the end justifies the means, but it does not.

If a certain individual is elected as president, he will not save anyone or anything. God may use him to save the country, but he will not save anyone.

Such attempts to whitewash the devil's world are a distraction to our spiritual life, a substitute for spiritual growth, and, therefore, contrary to the plan and will of God.

Many evangelical Christians today enter into activism. This arrogance manifests the fact that most Christians do not have a clue about the Christian way of life.

Let's look to Thieme's Bible Dictionary for a definition:

<u>Christian activism</u>: (a) The use of illegal or biblically unauthorized methods to impose Christian ideals, either real or alleged, upon the populace; (b) the function of self-righteous arrogance that exchanges the duty of spiritual impact for the goal of correcting societal depravity.



Let it first be clear that Christian activism does not include believers exercising the right to vote or to enter into legitimate activities related to their country's governing process. Nor does activism include service in law enforcement or the military for defense of national freedom. Activism, rather, is a function of moral degeneracy that exalts man's efforts over God's grace. Never condoned by Scripture (1 Pet. 2:13–17), activism is sponsored by Satan to preoccupy believers with temporal, human solutions so that the true, lasting solutions of God's plan are ignored.

The Christian activist is the believer who seeks to influence the world for Christ through publication, often to the point of coercion. Overzealous and ignorant of Bible doctrine, activists typically confuse the roles of church and state and crusade to enforce a Christian standard upon society (Prov. 29:18). Some employ civil disobedience, while others cross the line into vigilantism, organized revolution, and violence. Campaigns to whitewash the devil's world may involve anything from demonstrating against blasphemous movies or offensive behavior, to picketing outside an objectionable workplace, to terrorizing abortion clinics. Tragically, an end-justifies-the-means philosophy often results in destruction of privacy, freedom, prosperity, property, even life. These actions launched against evil actually alienate the unbelieving world by making a mockery of Christianity and its principles (Rom. 1:21–22).

Activists fail to understand that the power of Christianity is not political or visible but spiritual and invisible. The unseen impact of the doctrinally oriented believer is what influences the course of history, not social reform. Only by advancing in God's plan does the Christian bring true solutions to national problems. As a citizen strengthened by Christian virtue, he breaks no laws, sponsors no violence, does not intrude on privacy, but turns the world upside down through the invisible force of Bible doctrine. God honors and blesses a nation in association with such mature believers.

Today's crusaders would benefit from recognizing that despite tyranny, paganism, and wide-spread slavery in the first-century Roman Empire, evangelism and spiritual growth thrived. The most influential figure in Church history, the Apostle Paul, ministered amidst that period' institutionalized evil, yet he did not beat the drums of abolition or incite revolt against the regime.

Paul stayed on course with spreading the Gospel and teaching the spiritual life. He emphasized the doctrine whereby people in all situations, even those "under the yoke as slaves," can remain where they are and glorify God (1 Cor. 7:21–



22; 1 Tim. 6:1–2). When Nero took the throne, Paul refrained from maligning the monstrous anti-Christian dictator and taught his Roman congregation to obey authority (Rom. 13:1–9).

Truth was the issue, so the great Apostle left the evils of the Roman Empire to the Supreme Court of Heaven and remembered that Jesus Christ controls history.⁴

The spiritual life is not a political instrument, but a system which provides blessings by association, invisible heroes, and glorification of God in the fulfillment of the unique spiritual life of the Church Age. It's by-product is blessing and freedom for all.

You cannot superimpose on government the standards that belong to the individual Christian, and you cannot superimpose on unbelievers the principles of Bible Doctrine that relate to the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

Under freedom, people have the right to believe in Christ, to be evangelized, and to say "yes" or "no" to the Gospel. People's rights must be protected whether we agree with them or not.

In any client nation, there are both believers and unbelievers, as well as many other religions besides Christianity.

Some Christian leaders have the idea we can fit in the secular, humanistic, antisemitic ideas going on today and have a dialog and compromise. Wrong!!!!

The impact of Christianity is found only in evangelism, yet few believers understand salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

The standards for Christianity are found only in the protocol plan of God and in our portfolio of invisible assets.

These principles can only be executed through the filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible Doctrine, which the unbeliever does not have.

Never forget the believer has a responsibility to government. Romans 13:1-8; Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17

⁴ Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 32 and 33: Christian Activism



Mark 12:17: "And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

- 1. Our Lord Himself anticipated the Church Age when He said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." So we, as believers, have a duel responsibility, but it does not include activism.
- 2. "Render unto Caesar" refers to establishment activity.
 - a. It includes the function of the divine institutions.
 - b. It includes freedom, the right of self-determination, the sacredness of property and life.
 - c. It means freedom through military victory and, therefore, the responsibility to serve in the military.
 - d. It means free enterprise, and the inevitable existence of wealth and poverty side-by-side, the healthy sign of the proper working of free enterprise.
 - e. It means the separation of business and state, as well as church and state.
 - f. It includes civil authority to protect us from criminality.
- 3. "Render unto God" includes:
 - a. The execution of the protocol plan of God.
 - b. The manufacture of invisible heroes.
 - c. The establishment of a pivot by which the client nation is blessed by association.
 - d. Manifest destiny demands blessing by association with the mature believer.

Today, we see many Christians and denominations involved in:

- a. Civil disobedience including destroying the property of others.
- b. Socialism, DEI, Gender Identity, etc.
- c. Christians who want to stick their nose into other people's business and life, invading their privacy.

So, Christian activism accomplishes nothing against the world's system. In fact, a Christian activist is an ally of the cosmic system.



Some Christian leaders gather a coterie of confused Christians, and they're conned into doing what they're told Jesus would do.

These activists get plenty of hate without the spiritual life benefits. Satan encourages Christian activism because it's part of the cosmic system.

In fact, Satan uses such activism to discredit the Bible and promote syncretistic Christianity.

These believers become Christian losers. They fail to execute God's will, plan, and purpose for the Church Age, even though they have equal opportunity to do so.

A Christian loser is negative towards the study of Bible Doctrine. They opt for emotionalism: the feel-good approach.

The loser is the believer who fails to execute the greatest spiritual life of all human history, the spiritual life of the Church age.

If, as a believer, you fail to learn and metabolize Bible Doctrine, it will result in the failure to deploy the problem-solving devices on the defense line of the soul.

<u>PRINCIPLE</u>: The loser believer does not fulfill God's plan for his life after salvation.

The loser believer, after accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior, has no spiritual life as an extension of his spiritual birth.

The loser believer has wrong priorities and spends his life in the cosmic system.

The loser believer either never finds his right pastor or, if he does, because he is involved in the cosmic system, never gets serious about studying under them; he just visits occasionally.

If the loser believer does get serious under his right pastor, he is serious only until he gets distracted by the lure of the world or a more emotional experience at some denomination.

This loser does not lose his salvation, but fails to execute the protocol plan of God by which God is glorified in time, and escrow blessings are distributed in time and eternity.

