

I. POLITICS: LIFE IN THE CITY (polij polithj politeia (polis, politaes, politaeya) = city, citizen, citizenship)

A. POLITICS AS USUAL (Mt.5:43; see 38-44; Lk.6:27-30,35)

B. POLITICS AS UNUSUAL (Mt.5:43-48; Lk.6:27-36; see Rom.12:14,17-21)

II. THE LAW & THE PROPHETS (Lk.6:31 = Mt.7:12; see Mt.22:40,37f)

A. NEIGHBORS: CONCENTRIC CIRCLES (see Lk.10:25f; see Mt.10:36)

B. THE LOVE OF TAX COLLECTORS & SINNERS (Mt.5:46,47; Lk.6:32-34 /Ps.109:5; 1Tm.5:4; 1C.5:1)

C. REASON: HONOR YOUR FATHER (Mt.5:45,48; Lk.6:35,36)

D. BLESSING: REWARD, BALANCE (Mt.5:46,47; Lk.6:32-35; see Eph.6:2f; 1Pt.2:19,20; 3:9; Prov.25:21,22)

E. POWER: RECEIVE TO GIVE (Mt.5:45; Lk.6:35; see Eph.2:1f,5f; Rom.5:8-10; 1Jn.4:19)

F. LOVE, DO GOOD: TELL THE TRUTH (Lk.6:27f,35; Rom.12:20(Prov.25:21,22); see Eph.4:15; Jn.18:23; Prov.27:6; 1Pt.3:15,13f)

G. IMPRECATION: VENTING HATRED (Ps.69:22f,1f; 109:1-5; 6f; 139:19f,21,22; see Rom.12:14f,19-21; 1Pt.2:23; 3:9; 4:19; see 1Sam.26:9,10)

H. CIVIL GOVERNMENT: GOD'S ANSWER TO IMPRECATION (Rom.12:19,20 with 13:4b,1f; see 1Pt.2:23; 3:9 with 2:14)

III. FINAL DIRECTIONS FOR POLITICS AS UNUSUAL

A. FAITHFULLY DO GOOD TO YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES (Mt.5:38f; Lk.6:27f; Rom.12:14f)

B. HUMBLY SPEAK TRUTH TO YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES (Lk.6:27f,35; Rom.12:20(Prov.25:21,22); see Eph.4:15; Jn.18:23; Prov.27:6; 1Pt.3:15,13f)

C. VENT ALL YOUR RIGHTEOUS ANGER AGAINST YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES TO GOD SO THAT YOU MAY THEN LOVE YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES (Ps.69:22f,1f; 109:1-5; 6f; 139:19f,21,22; see Rom.12:14f,19-21; 1Pt.2:23; 3:9; 4:19; see 1Sam.26:9,10)

D. GIVE YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES NOTHING TO FEAR FROM YOU EXCEPT THE TRUTH (1Pt.2:12; 3:9,15f; see Rom.1:18f; 2:14f; 12:20,21)

E. PREACH THE GOSPEL BY LOVING YOUR POLITICAL ENEMIES JUST AS GOD LOVED YOU WHEN YOU WERE AN ENEMY OF HIS KINGDOM (Mt.5:45,48; Lk.6:35,36; see Rom.5:8-10)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)