



Introduction to the Doctrine of Vocation

**CPC Adult Sunday School
Week 11 - Vocation in Citizenship**

April 27, 2025

Vocation is Part of God's Providence

⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, ⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Psalm 9:7-8

²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:28

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Psalm 146:3

***Genesis 15:13-14**

***Joseph (Genesis 37-50)**

***Obadiah (1 Kings 18)**

***Naaman (2 Kings 5)**



***Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3)**

***Peter and John (Acts 4)**

Vocation (Witness and Service) Through Submission

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:13-17

*Romans 13:1-7

*WCF 23 *Duties according to WCF 23.4:



- Pray - Pay tribute or other dues - Obey lawful commands
- Honor their persons - Be subject to their authority
- Infidelity/Difference in religion does not void

Vocation (Witness and Service) Through Cultural Engagement

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1Corinthians 11:1



1 Corinthians 9-10:

- Paul's rights (9:1-12)
- The cost of Paul's vocation (9:13-27) → compare to Acts 22, 25
- Maintaining integrity (10:1-22): idolatry, sexual immorality, and grumbling.
- Cultural Application (10:23-33)



Digging Deeper



13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16

1. How does your vocation as a citizen apply to your thoughts, words, and deeds (politics, job, service, evangelism, etc.)?
2. How can you cultivate prayer and respect for civic leaders and your community? How do the world, the flesh and the devil work against this?
3. How does your vocation as a citizen provide opportunities for evangelism?