

## FRONTLINE SERVICES

**Request:** “Could you explain how serving in the military is a biblical concept?”

You had probably seen our military display in our fellowship. The only thing it lacks is our member’s who serve as policemen, firemen, and paramedics that we will add.

Our church, DSBC holds these services to be frontline services to our personal and national freedoms.

(1 Tim.2:1-2) “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for (huper+abl) [on behalf of] kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil (eremos) and quiet life (hesuchios) in all godliness and dignity.”

**This lesson will study six aspects of Christians serving in Frontline Services of freedom as a biblical concept.**

### **1. God designed five divine institutions for the orderly function of the human race as a society.**

We will identify them in the order given by the Book of Genesis.

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| • DI #1 | Freedom    | Authority – volition (free will) | Gen.1:26-27; 2:17       |
| • DI #2 | Employment | Authority – management           | Gen. 2:15; 3:17-19      |
| • DI #3 | Marriage   | Authority – husband              | Gen.1:27; 2:18-25; 3:16 |
| • DI #4 | Family     | Authority – parents              | Gen.1:28; 3:16; 4:1     |
| • DI #5 | Nation     | Authority – government           | Gen.10:32; 11:8-9       |

Each DI has its own laws of divine establishment for its protection and survival and orderly function of a people as a society.

When these five DI function harmoniously by these prescribed laws of divine establishment, the result is a stable society (1 Tim.2:1-2; 1 Cor.14:33).

### **2. The church strives in this type of client nation with much thankful to God.**

(1 Tim.2:1) “First of all, then, I urge (parakaleo/ p.a.ind.1ps) that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made (poieo/ p.m.infin) on behalf of (huper+abl.) all men.”

DI Harmony creates the climate of freedom for the church to exercise their responsibility as custodians of God’s word and evangelism - “This (tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity) is good (kalos) and acceptable (apodeketos) in the sight of God (theos) our Savior (tou soter), who desires (thelo / p.a.ind.3ps) all men to be saved (sozo/ a.p.infin) and to come (erchomai/ a.m.infin) to the knowledge (eis+a of extent / epignosis) of the truth (althea).” (1 Tim.2:3-4; 2 Pet.3:9)

- Note that thelo (desire) has two objects identified by the infinitive. These infinitives show the two primary desires that God our Savior has within the client nation.

Paul wrote this to Christians who were under Roman emperor form of government.

**3. The client nation that God uses in His redemptive plan for the world is the one who embraces the freedom produced by application of the laws of divine establishment within the five DIs.**

America is one of those client nations that have had an unbelievable impact upon the world for God (Matt.5:13-16; Phil.2:15-16).

Every client nation must understand that there are enemies to these five DIs as well as to the grace oriented Christian church from within and from without.

Therefore the nation needs statesmen that are oriented to divine laws of establishment of DIs and churchmen that are oriented to grace salvation evangelism and categorical church age doctrines.

For example, the Jewish Sanhedrin opposed the civil and judicial law as well as divine laws of establishment (John 11:47-53; 18:12-14; Matt.26:3-5, 14-16; 27:1-10). The Pharisees opposed the divine truth of the word of God and grace salvation evangelism (Matt.15:7-9; 23:13).

**4. Because there will wars and rumors of war until the return of Jesus Christ and the Millennium, the client nation must be prepared to defend its client status and its divine institutions freedom (Matt.24:6-8; Mark 13:7-8; Luke 21:7-9).**

There will never be a better world apart from Christ (Isa.2:4; Micah 4:3; Eccl.3:8).

**5. A client nation and the church in it must beware of the propaganda of peace (Micah 3:5; 1 Thess.5:1-3).**

Both must be aware of the enemy talking disarmament peace while building their military forces (Ps.55:20-21; 120:6-7; Eph.6:15).

Both must understand that a strong military is not the true source of freedom (Neh.4:8-9; Num.21:14; Judges 7:7).

Both must understand the true source of war and how to establish true peace (James 4:1-3; Gal.5:22-23; Eph.2:14; 1Thess.5:23).

**6. In the formation of the priest-nation of Israel, God instructed the Israelites regarding military preparation (Judges 3:1-2; Josh.11:23) (Ps.18:34; 144:1; Job 5:20).**

Three exceptions received a one-year excuse from draft (Deut.20:5-8; 24:5).

In conclusion, the real war for true freedom is fought for the human soul (Rom.6:17-18; Gal.5:1, 13; 2 Cor.3:17; John 8:36).

The greatest frontline service for believers is being an Ambassador for Christ is (2 Cor.5:18-21; Eph.6:15)

“Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God was entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”