

Civics: A Christian Worldview. Obey or Disobey? (10-15 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Instructions

1. **Objective: Objective:** Using 15 scenarios, individual students determine whether or not to obey or disobey a law, using the biblical standard of when to do so.
2. Print copies of Page 2 for each student, and hand out.
3. Give students 5-7 minutes to choose “Obey” or “Disobey.”
4. Review together. (Ask for volunteers! Key is below.)

Answer Key

1. DISOBEY
2. OBEY
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10. DISOBEY
11. OBEY
12. DISOBEY
13. OBEY
14. DISOBEY
15. DISOBEY

Note

The standard Christians should use is whether obeying a law violates a command of God or not. It’s not enough to say, “This isn’t fair,” or “This is oppressive,” or “The government is committing legal plunder” (which a law might very well be).

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Choose **ONE**:

- **OBEY** — even if the policy is foolish, harmful, or unjust
 - **DISOBEY** — because obedience would require disobeying God
1. A government bans public prayer in all public spaces, including parks and sidewalks.
 2. A new tax law raises income taxes to 40 percent.
 3. A law requires pastors to submit sermons for approval before preaching.
 4. A public school bans students from carrying Bibles on campus.
 5. A government orders Christian doctors to participate directly in abortions.
 6. A city requires permits for large public gatherings, including worship services.
 7. A law forbids evangelizing or sharing the Christian faith.
 8. A government mandates participation in a nationwide census.
 9. A law requires churches to perform homosexual marriages.
 10. A government bans all in-person worship, but allows entertainment venues to remain open.
 11. A government requires businesses to close during certain hours or days.
 12. A law requires citizens to report neighbors who host Bible studies without state approval.
 13. A government increases property taxes, causing financial strain for many families.
 14. A law prohibits prayer—even personal private prayer, by those serving in city councils.
 15. A government orders Christian nurses to assist in euthanasia procedures.

