

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Use the Right or Let It Go? (20 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Prep

- **Objective:** Students see examples of how Christians may use legal rights when mistreated unjustly, but should not make earthly rights their focus.
- Print this page and a copy of Page 2 for each student, and hand them out.

Instructions

1. Put students in pairs, and tell them to read together the 15 scenarios on the following page.
2. Write “A” (use the right calmly) or “B” (don’t focus on this; let it go and trust God) for each scenario.
3. After pairs finish the scenarios, discuss as a class. Take turns calling on different pairs, and on different team members in those pairs!

Answer Key

1. Police ask to search your car without a warrant. **(A)**
2. Government raises taxes again. **(B)**
3. You are jailed without being told your crime. **(A)** (*Acts 16*)
4. A city bans public prayer in parks. **(B)**
5. A rude official insults your faith publicly. **(B)**
6. You’re asked to show ID when pulled over. **(B)**
7. You are beaten or jailed illegally without trial. **(A)** (*Acts 16, 22*)
8. A law makes it harder to run a small business. **(B)**
9. You’re falsely accused of a crime. **(A)** (*Acts 25*)
10. The government wastes tax money on foolish projects. **(B)**
11. A neighbor mocks you for not protesting government policies. **(B)**
12. An officer asks you where you’re going and what you’re doing. **(A)** (*5th Amendment used calmly*)
13. A law requires something inconvenient but not sinful. **(B)**
14. A politician passes laws you strongly disagree with. **(B)**
15. A police officer demands to search your phone without a warrant. **(A)**

Wrap-Up Questions

- Which ones clearly match Paul’s example? (“A” answers)
- Which ones tempt Christians to obsess over rights? (“B” answers)
- What did you think about the example of Paul using his rights? (AWV.)
- What “right” should Christians focus on most? (**the right to the tree of life – Revelation 22:14**)
- What did you write for your lesson summary sentence? (AWV.)

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Write a sentence below that sums up the lesson/main concept of this activity: