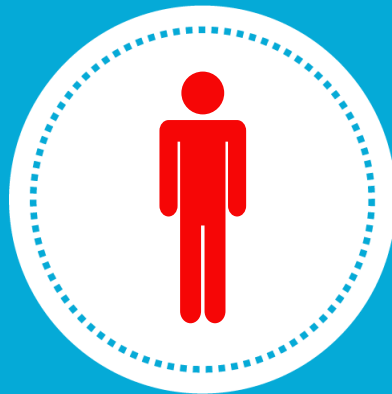




# The Social Order

A Christian worldview affects everything in the social order. Whether one is concerned about the individual, the household, the firm or politics, the Bible has something to say about it. Christian ethics explains how the followers of Jesus Christ should act in each of these arenas. To the degree that a society's laws reflect God's justice and righteousness, the better off it will be. The best public policies are ones that informed by a Christian worldview. The Gospel of Jesus Christ changes an individual, a family and eventually, a society. Proverbs 14: 34 says that "righteousness exalts a nation." To that end, we should strive to be salt and light to a dying world (Matthew 5: 13-16). The Gospel affects people, both now and in eternity.



## Ethics

Ethics is concerned with the character and behavior of the individual.

Human beings are social creatures. It is not good for people to be alone. Ethics is concerned with how an individual interacts with God and with other people. Morality is tied to God's created order.

The individual should strive to live in accordance with justice and righteousness.



## Economics

Economics is concerned with the administration of the household. The household is the building block of society

Households provide capital and labor that are used to create firms. These firms provide wages to workers while giving profits to investors. Free markets produce more wealth than any other alternative.

Both households and firms should act in accordance with justice and righteousness.



## Politics

Politics is concerned with the city or the state. The state represents the whole of society.

Politics is concerned with the state and its laws. It is also concerned with the type of government, statesmen, and citizens.

States, politicians, bureaucrats, and citizens should strive to live in accordance with justice and righteousness.