

5. Christians are instructed to obey the laws of the land (ROMANS 13:1).  
How should a Christian deal with a law that is Biblically immoral?  
Defend your answer.

6. Explain how submitting to restrictive moral standards  
is consistent with personal freedom.

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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

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1. What can you do to promote God's standards of morality  
in your family?
2. What can you do to promote God's standards of morality  
in your culture/community?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith  
or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



Introduction: JAMES 1:21-25

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a matter of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, but of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 PETER 1:14-17

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ that leads  
to \_\_\_\_\_. JAMES 1:25; JOHN 8:31-36

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary due  
to \_\_\_\_\_. PROVERBS 22:15; JEREMIAH 17:9

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is  
an \_\_\_\_\_ inherent in \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_. EPHESIANS 6:1-4; PROVERBS 22:6

C. \_\_\_\_\_ is essential  
for \_\_\_\_\_. TITUS 2:1-3:8

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
in any \_\_\_\_\_. PSALM 125:3

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of an \_\_\_\_\_ society. JUDGES 17:6; PROVERBS 29:18

C. To be effective, \_\_\_\_\_ must  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
PSALM 25:8; ISAIAH 5:20–21,24

D. \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ leads to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
PROVERBS 14:34; PSALMS 110:4–6; ROMANS 13:3–4

Conclusion: Legislating morality is a \_\_\_\_\_ step of  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word, which brings  
\_\_\_\_\_ on our nation.  
PROVERBS 24:23–25

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## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Many Christians have bought into the “*live and let live*” approach to ethics—that is, *as long as it doesn’t directly involve me, I should not be concerned about the moral choices of others*.  
What Bible passages might address this issue?

2. Some say it is wrong to impose Biblical standards on unbelievers.  
How would you respond to such a statement?

3. How might EZEKIEL 3:18–21 be applied to the issue of legislating morality?

4. Is the human conscience evidence that there are moral absolutes?  
Explain your answer.