

“RIGHTS” vs Responsibilities...

The Eternal struggle of me vs you vs us!

As believers... As American citizens -

Rights are legal, social, or ethical principles of freedom or **entitlement**; that is, **rights** are the fundamental normative rules about what is allowed of people or owed to people according to some legal system, social convention, or ethical theory.

Bill of rights – the first 10 amendments to the constitution.

30 HUMAN rights under - United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

“RIGHTS” of the Nation of Israel –

preserve, protect, defend, honor the sacred (law, property / land, people)

Exod 21:23 But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Self preservation = I’m gonna get whats mine!

Gen 4: Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Gen 27:41 - Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”...Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you.

Matt 7:6 - ⁶“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Luke 22:36 He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

Mark 12:31 - ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

RESPONSIBILITIES...

Parents – when I was a child (I was a consumer)

Boss at work (not motivated by what you want, but what your people need)

Government Leaders

Responsibilities - **responsibilities** are duties or things that we should do In order to be good productive cooperative citizens, or members of a community. The focus is on contributing to others welfare.

Boundaries are the line of when to say yes and when to say NO. what this policy does for me or what it does for YOU.

Gal 6:2 -² Bear ye one another's **burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

⁵ For every man shall bear his own **burden**.

BURDEN = LOAD - capacity, capable “the burden of a sea going vessel, a beast of burden.”

Personally - - - - -

Luke 6:27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

2 Timothy 3:1-2 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self,

Galatians 2:20 Gal 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Luke 9:23 “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.

Corporately – The church how it meets MY NEEDS! What I want

Take care of widows and orphans... when you see your brother in need, hungry, naked, sick or in jail...

Phil 2:4 - not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Phil 2:8 - Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!* Having become human,. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.