

## Scripture Mandate

As believers, we know the bible and God's truth are relevant and applicable to all areas of our lives—not just certain areas. All areas include the cultural and legislative ones that impact our children and our families.

The Bible tells us to render under Caesar that which is Caesar's and render unto God what is HIS. We live in a representative democracy and it is our right and responsibility to be involved in our government. This is the 21st Century, American application of rendering under Caesar that which is Caesar's. We will strive to do it with love and in prayer.

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Why  
Christians  
Should be  
Involved in  
Public Policy  
Issues

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# What the Bible Says

God's word has much to say about all areas of life, including a wide range of cultural and public policy issues. These areas include the sanctity of life, marriage and family as well as social justice issues impacting the poor, widows, orphans and the disenfranchised. It also has much to say about God's methods for our involvement in culture and government: our action should be permeated in love and prayer. See just a few scriptures below.

- Ephesians 4:15 tells us to **SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE**. (Not just when we want to, but in all things—including legislative and cultural things!)
- Matthew 5:11-16 tells us we are **SALT AND LIGHT** in our culture. It also says that we are blessed when we are persecuted for the sake of the Lord. (Our dark and decaying culture of death and sin certainly need some Salt and Light!)

- Romans 12:21 tells us **NOT TO OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT INSTEAD WE MUST OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD**. (The overcoming means taking action for the sake of what is good!)
- Proverbs 31:8 tells us to **SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES**. (Again, active involvement from us is required!)
- 1 Timothy 2:2 says we are to **PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US**. (This means all those in authority—not just the ones who agree with us!)
- Micah 6:8 says that we should **SEEK JUSTICE** and to **LOVE MERCY** and to **WALK HUMBLY** with our God.

## Doing **What is Right** and Just with Love and Faithfulness

We, at Hawaii Family Forum, believe it is a great privilege to stand for life, marriage, family and social justice. We want to practice Jesus' admonition to 'love our neighbor as ourselves' in the area of public policy. Won't you join us?

## How You Can Help

1. Pray for us! If you are interested, you can become part of our Prayer Network.
2. Become more involved in your community by joining HFF's "Community Action Network (CAN)." Forms are available in PDF format online at [www.hawaiifamilyforum.org](http://www.hawaiifamilyforum.org).
3. Become a donor! HFF exists only because of the contributions of people in the community like YOU! Consider giving a monthly gift to our organization.
4. Encourage your pastor to become a monthly donor. Have your pastor contact us for more information.

Call us for more information on any of the above suggestions.

Together, we CAN make a difference!

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