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## The Christian Citizenship Training Course Note Taking Outline on Key Concepts

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There is nothing in all of creation that  
God does not have authority to speak on

Our quest: To understand principles of  
Biblical Civics and Healthy Societies

- What is the purpose  
of civil government?

### CIVICS

- Society
- Structures
- Area  
Responsibility
- Stability
- Character
- Competency
- Freedom
- Liberty
- Nature of God
- Nature of Man
- Principles

- How can I get power ?

### POLITICS

- People
- Personalities
- Persona [crafted  
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- Parties
- Programs
- Propaganda
- Power
- Privilege
- Pandering
- Pushiness

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## Christian Citizenship

Christian Citizenship is...



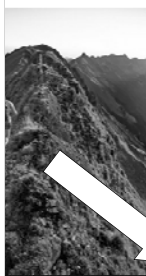
- is fulfilling our duty to bring God's
- perspective, principles and values
- to all domains in our society,  
where they can be
- heard, understood, and applied
- for the benefit of all people.

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## The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

### 1 ~ What is the nature of man?

- Evolved
- Basically good &  
getting better
- No such thing as sin
- Science and Reason  
can solve all  
problems
- No need for Creator  
in everyday life
- Happiest when  
unrestrained and  
allowed to do  
whatever they want



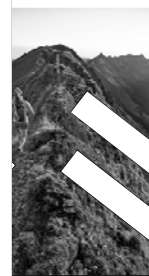
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- Redeemable
- Capable of great  
good
- Prone to Pride and  
Self Reliance
- Happiness  
dependent on  
relationship with  
God

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## The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

### 2 ~ What is the nature of God?

- Not relevant
- Truth is evolving  
and in the eyes of  
the beholder
- Special leaders  
choose the truth we  
live by
- Man is accountable  
to himself
- No Providences
- Not involved in the  
affairs of man



- Creator
- Universal truth for  
all people, at all  
times, everywhere
- Humankind can  
discover and apply  
these truths
- Holds mankind  
accountable for  
actions here on  
earth
- Providential Actions

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## The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

Can predict with over 90% accuracy a persons views



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## Christian Citizenship holds to this worldview

The Bible holds to this Worldview

The American Founding is based on this Worldview

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In United States for over 100 years, real truth has passed out of all knowledge

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"The Lord has given me a strong warning, not to think like everyone else does"  
~ Isaiah 8:11

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Let your prayer be..

"Lord, Transform me, by the renewing of MY mind."

~ Romans 12:2

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## A Commission


### Be Stewards

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule ... over all the earth, ... God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it [bring forth its glory]." ~ Genesis 1:26-28

When God created humankind, He gave us a commission to be stewards over the earth.

We are to be His stewards, His ambassadors, His agents here on earth.

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**God OWNS It**

God has **COMMISSIONED** us as His Stewards

God has **COMMANDED** us to bring forth its glory in all areas

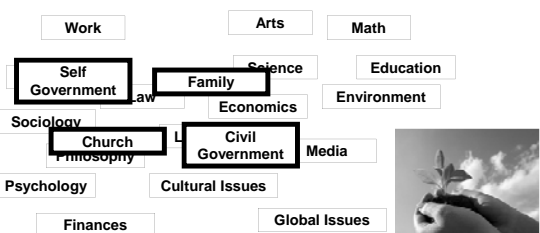
God has given us His **AUTHORITY**

God has **PLANS** we can participate in

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**A Command**

**Bring forth its glory**



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**Individual**

**Self Responsibility, Self Government**

**Self Responsibility**

- Develop skills, abilities, talents
- Steward financial and environmental resources

**Self Government**


- 10 Commandments

**Fruits of the Spirit**

- love,
- joy,
- peace,
- patience,
- kindness,
- goodness,
- faithfulness,
- gentleness,
- self-control;

*against such things there is no law.*

~ Galatians 5:22-23



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**Family**

**Love, Care, Provision, Children, Education, Legacy**

**Husband and Wife**

- Practice unconditional love
- Grow, mature, persevere
- Work together to provide, food, warmth, shelter
- Provide for emotional, physical and sexual needs
- Care for others
- Care for needs of poor, prisoner, elderly
- If children**
- Have and nurture children
- Train and educate children
- Pass on legacy of freedom and liberty
- Basic societal building block for creating additional self governing individuals

Surveys show that 90% of never married adults want to marry one person in their lifetime and stay married

The overall goal is healthy marriages

The most proven statistic in sociology is that the healthiest children are raised in a two parent home with a husband and a wife

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**The Biblical Purpose of Government**

**Restrain Evil**

**Encourage Good**

*Peter – 1 Peter 2:14*

*Paul – Romans 13:3-4*



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**Church**

**Outreach Discipleship Accountability**

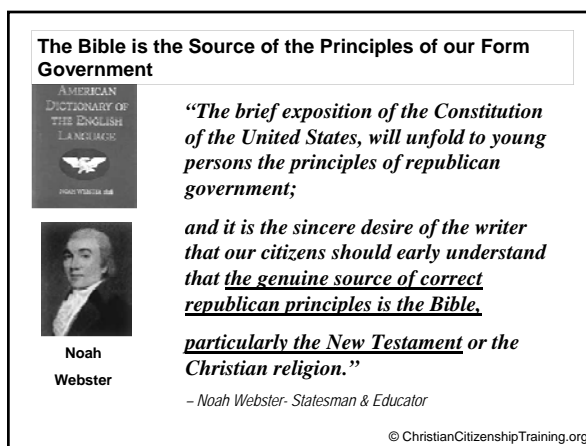
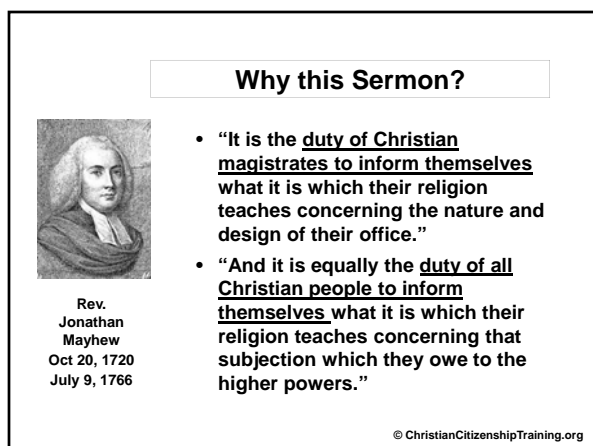
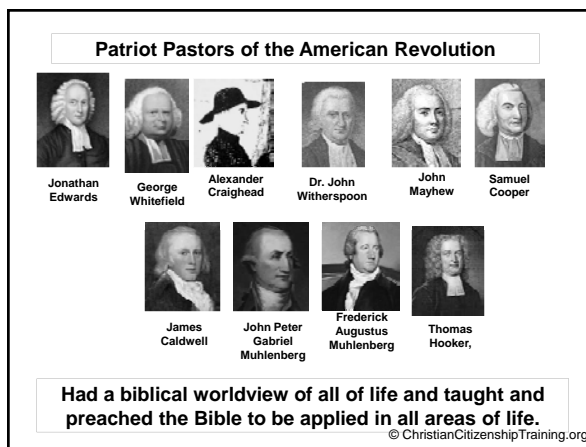
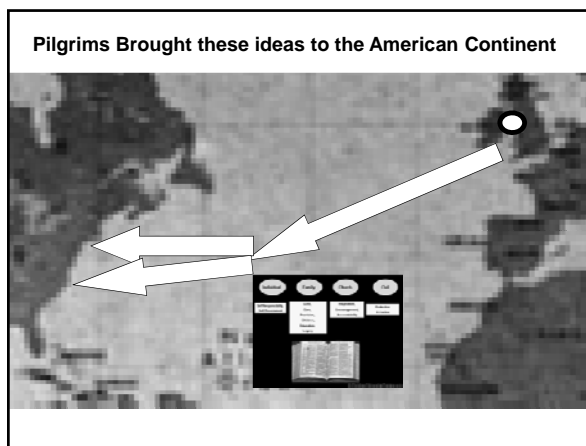
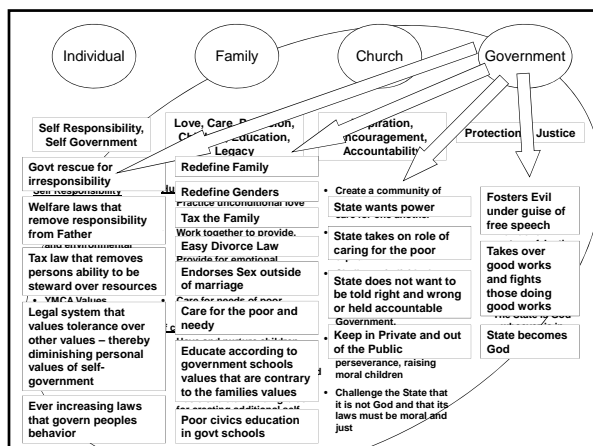
- Create a community of families that love and care for one another
- Care for the poor, the prisoner, the widow, the orphan
- Challenge individuals to Self Responsibility – eternity, accountability, true success, Self Government,
- Challenge families to love, respect, perseverance, raising moral children
- Challenge the State that it is not God and that its laws must be moral and just

**Government**

**Protection Justice**

- Protect citizens nationally & domestically
- Provides a fair system of Justice
- Encourage good works, but does not do good works
- Recognize that liberty and freedom come from God and not from the state

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A University of Houston Study of the writings of the founding fathers boiled down thousands of writings into the 1054 most influential.

They then analyzed those writings and found that 34% of the quotes were directly from the Bible, and 60% of the quotes were of other men who were quoting the Bible.

Therefore, 94% of the most important statements by the founding fathers had their roots in scripture.

David Barton

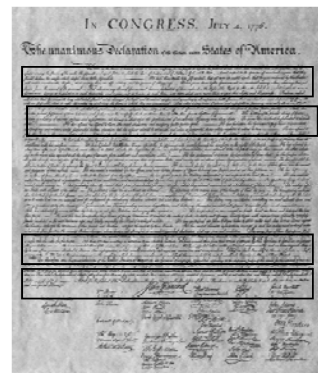
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The Laws of Nature  
and the Laws of  
Natures God

The Creator

Supreme Judge of the  
World

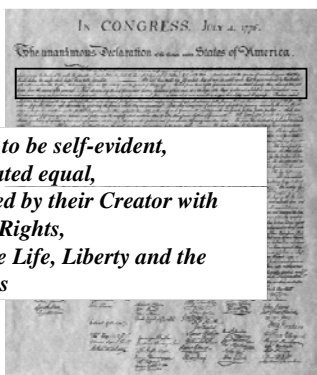
Divine Providence



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*WE hold these Truths to be self-evident,*

- *that all men are created equal,*
- *that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,*
- *that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*

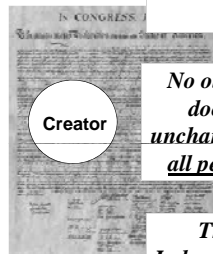


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*The Declaration of Independence is  
unique in all of the world*

*No other country in the world has a  
document that is a statement of  
unchanging principles that are true for  
all people, in all places, at all times.*

*This is why the Declaration of  
Independence has been held up around  
the world whenever Tyranny is resisted.*



Creator

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## What is Liberty's Calling



Her message is that the bold principles of the Declaration That are true for all people, at all times, everywhere, Need to be taken throughout the world And all countries can put them into practice.



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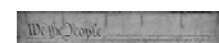
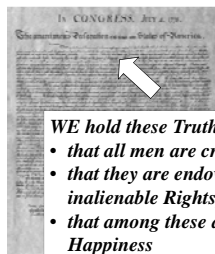
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Declaration of Independence

U.S. Constitution

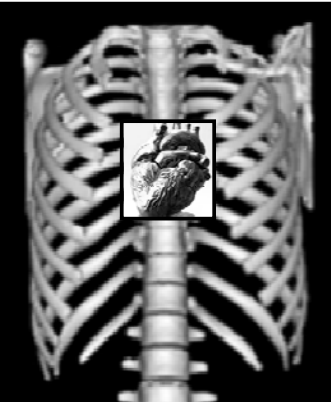
Charter – Purpose Document

Bylaws – Organizational Document



The Constitution "serves" the principles in the Declaration

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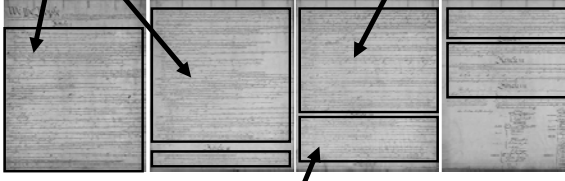
**The Declaration Is the Life**

**Gives Life**

**The Constitution Serves the Declaration**

**Protects Life**

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**1. Legislative – Congress**  
- The House of Representatives  
- The Senate

**2. Executive – The President**


**3. Judicial – The Supreme Court**

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The first 52 words of the Constitution are the most important part



- They state the 6 Core Purposes for which the constitution was written
- These 6 Core Purposes serve to define and limit the remaining 4450 words of the Constitution.



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**We the People** of the United States in order

1. To form a more perfect union {Joshua 18}
2. To establish justice {Exodus 18}
3. To ensure domestic tranquility {1 Peter 2}
4. To provide for common defense {Romans 13}
5. To promote the general welfare and {1 Peter 2}
6. To secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity. {Proverbs 13:22}

**Do ordain & establish this Constitution....**

**What are those chains?**



- 1) Limited Powers
- 2) Enumerated Powers
- 3) Separation of Powers
- 4) Checks & Balances on Power and Process
- 5) Written, permanent Constitution – fixes it in place with amendments allowed
- 6) Citizens guarding these provisions

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**Legislative – Congress**




1. To borrow and coin money
2. To regulate commerce
3. To regulate immigration
4. To set up post office & roads
5. To create an environment for good commerce
6. To maintain army, navy, militias
7. To declare war
8. To conduct impeachments
9. To oversee the District of Columbia
10. To make laws limited to the six purposes of the Constitution and these areas

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*We the People*

**Executive The President**




1. To be Commander in Chief
2. To appoint ambassadors, judges and officers
3. To enforce the laws of the United States
4. To sign treaties & receive ambassadors
5. To grant pardons
6. To give the State of the Union to Congress

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*We the People*

**Judicial Supreme Court**



1. To take appeals from citizens, courts & States
2. To make principled judgments
3. To ensure jury trials
4. To uphold the Constitution

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*We the People*

Congress



President



Supreme Court




**All 3 Branches are to uphold and interpret the Constitution**

~ Not just the Supreme Court ~

Even at the founding there was great concern over the Supreme Court and Judicial Overreach or Judicial Tyranny because Judges were appointed for life

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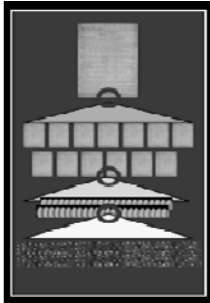
*We the People*



**“For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.”**

Alexander Hamilton  
Alexander Hamilton, Federalist Paper

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**The US Constitutional System**

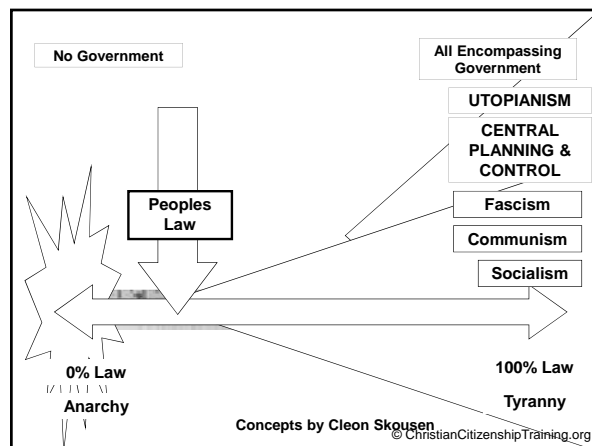
A Republic

Of State Republics

Of County Republics

Of Self Governing Individuals

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Washington

***“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence...***

***It is force!***

***Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”***

~ George Washington,

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### The Bill of Rights



The Bill of Rights is actually a list of prohibitions and restraints on the federal government

To further “bind down” the power of the federal government

The greatest threat against the liberty of the people was the usurpation of power by the federal government over the states

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### Features That “Bind Down” the Federal Government

#### The First Amendment

#### Huge Implications !

- If Congress is prohibited from making law,
- This takes out the whole federal government's power to have any say in these areas
- If no law, there is no enforcement power by President
- And no power for the Supreme Court to rule on

#### Congress shall make no law

1. *respecting an establishment of religion,*
2. *or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;*
3. *or abridging the freedom of speech,*
4. *or of the press;*
5. *or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,*
6. *and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances*

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### The Bill of Rights – Freedom From Government Power

#### Freedoms/Rights

- 1 – Practice Religion, Speech, Press, Assemble, Complain
- 2 – Own Gun, protect yourselves from others & government
- 3 – Being forced to pay for government agents
- 4 – Being spied upon or being forced to give up personal info
- 5 – Fair Justice System – due process
- 6 – Fair & Timely Trial – Innocent until proven guilty
- 7 – Fair Trial – Trial by jury
- 8 – Humane Treatment – No excessive bail, cruel punishment
- 9 – Restrain Govt – The people retain all unnamed rights
- 10 – Restrain Govt – The people/States retain all unnamed rights

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George Washington  
Farewell Address

***“There are certain people....***

- *with the real design to direct, control, counteract, or awe .... the constituted authorities, ....*
- *They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force;*
- *to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation,*
- *the will of a party...”*

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George Washington  
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- *“often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community; ....*
- *by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men*
- *will be enabled to subvert the power of the people,*
- *and to usurp for themselves the reins of government.”*

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## Salt

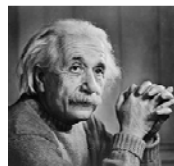


"You are the salt of the earth.

But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."  
~ Matt 5:13

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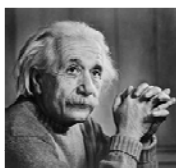
Albert Einstein

Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth.

I never had any special interest in the Church before,

but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it

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Albert Einstein

because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand

for intellectual and moral freedom.

I am forced to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly.

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## What are We to Do ?



What are we called to as Christian Citizens?

- Pray and Follow God
- Love People
- Make Right Judgments
- Be Salt and Light
- Fight for our wives, sons, daughters, homes

Doing these 5 Things Impacts People Evangelistically !

## What are We to Do ?



What are we called to as Christian Citizens?

- Share this training with others
- Run a Christian Citizenship Training at your Church, Sunday school, small group
- Be a Steward of Your Vote
- Call others to vote
- Voter Registration at Church
- Develop Community Impact Team
- Speak out on issues in your city
- Speak out at your School Board
- Support / volunteer with candidate
- Get involved in a political party
- Run for office yourself
- Be involved in acts of love and compassion



When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;  
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan  
~ Proverbs 29:2 ~

### Prescriptive

- it predicts what will happen if people of good character and competence are elected

### Results

- Social ills can be stemmed
  - Millions of hours can be saved – because we are not trying to fix problems "after the fact"
  - Billions of dollars can be saved
- All because People of Faith take a small amount of time to be informed and actually vote.

THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



Martin Luther

- If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God
- except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking,
- I am not confessing Christ however boldly I may be professing Christ.

THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



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- Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the soldier is proved;
- and to be steady on all the battlefields besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

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