



## The Christian Citizenship Course – Answer Key Long Format

**“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. ~  
*Romans 12:2***

Q1 – Christian Civics focuses on the biblical ideas of civil government.

Q2 – Politics today seems to focus on the acquisition of power.

Q3 – Christians have a dual citizenship: Citizens of earth and citizens of heaven.

Q4 - Christian Citizenship 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.

Q5 – The two watershed questions of life are: – What is the nature of God and what is the nature of man. These two questions seem to answer with over 90% accuracy what a person’s view will be on dozens of cultural issues.

Q6 – Founding Father, Noah Webster, indicated that the history of the United States begins in Genesis with the creation of man.

Q7 – A key question for our nation is “Are we for the Creator ? or at war with the Creator?”

Q8 – God gave humankind the assignment to bring for the earths glory in all areas of life culture.

Q9 – God owns the title deed of earth.

Q10 - God dispenses His authority here on earth through 4 institutions – individuals, families, the church, and civil government.

Q11 – **Individuals** - God has made people in His image and He made them to be self governing according to the Ten Commandments. And to walk in harmony with Him exhibiting the fruits of the spirit.

Q12 – **Families** – Are God’s building block of society. It is God’s instrument for producing additional self governing individuals. Families also take care of each other and care for the poor.

Q13 – **Civil Government** – God’s purpose for civil government is to restrain evil and encourage good. Government encourages good works, but it not designed to do good works.

Q14 – **The church** is the conscience of society. It challenges individuals to a right relationship with God, families to healthy marriage and civil government to its duty to restrain evil and allow good to flourish.

Q15 – Society becomes broken when civil government overflows its boundaries.

Q16 – The Pilgrims brought these ideas to the new world

Q17 – Pilgrim Pastor, John Robinson, gave the ingredients of a health society. He said that a person who is easily offended could never be a healthy member of society.



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Q18 – The Mayflower Compact formed the basis of civil government for the Pilgrims and then influenced the designs of State Constitutions and the Federal Constitution.

Q19 – The Mayflower Compact states that the Pilgrims undertook their endeavor for three purposes: *“Having undertaken this voyage for The Glory of God, The advancement of the Christian Faith, The honor of King and Country”*

Q20 – John Winthrop another Pilgrim Pastor said that the new colonies in Massachusetts were to be – *“be as a city upon a hill.”* Meaning that America was to be a light to the world.

Q21 – For 100 years before the Declaration of Independence, Pastors taught their people and society at large that people’s rights came from God.

Q22 – Founding Father, John Adams new it was critical important for pastors to teach on the cultural issues of the day.

Q23 – Pastor Jonathan Mayhew preached a sermon in 1760 where he said it was imminently important that Christian magistrates (politicians) and Christian people should know and understand the purpose and limits of civil government.

Q24 – Pastor Jonathan Mayhew said this – *““Civil tyranny is usually small in its beginning, like ‘a drop in the bucket’ till at length, like a mighty torrent, or the raging waves of the sea, it bears down on all before it, and deluges whole countries and empires.”*

Q25 - Pastor Jonathan Mayhew said this – *“This is true of tyranny in every shape. There can be nothing great and good where its influence reaches. For which reason it [is required that] every friend to truth and human kind, every lover of God and the Christian religion, to bear a part in opposing this hateful monster.”*

Q26 – The first Act of the Continental Congress of 1774 was to pray.

Q27 – A University of Houston Study showed - That, 94% of the most important statements by the founding fathers had their roots in scripture

Q28 – Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people“ This means that the people of a nation need to be moral and self-governing.

Q29 – **The Declaration of Independence** – mentions God four times.

Q30 – **The Declaration of Independence** – names of God are these: Natures God, The Creator, The Supreme Judge of the world, Divine Providence

Q31– **The Declaration of Independence** states- *“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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Q32 – **The Declaration of Independence** states - The Purpose of government is simple – “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men”

Q33 – **The Declaration of Independence** states that governments derive their powers from “the consent of the governed”. Meaning that the government serves the people and is responsible to the people, not the opposite where people are required to serve the needs of their rulers.

Q34 – **The Declaration of Independence** states – “That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to institute new Government”. Meaning that the government must protect the people’s God given rights. When it ceases to do that, the people can change their government or abolish it.

Q35 **The Declaration of Independence** -The Signers of the Declaration submitted their lives and plans to God’s will with this profound statement – “With a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor”

Q36 **George Washington** said this about God’s hand in Americas founding in his Inaugural Address – “Every step, by which [we] have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential Agency.”

Q37 **The Declaration of Independence** - 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

Q38 **The Declaration of Independence** - has been held up around the world whenever Tyranny is resisted.

Q39 **The Core Question for our Nation is** – “Are we as a Nation: For the Creator?” or “At War with the Creator?”

Q40 **The Core Question for us personally is** – “Are we For the Creator?” or “At War with the Creator?”

Q41 **The Statue of Liberty** – “Is standing on and holding the Declaration of Independence”

Q42 **The Statue of Liberty**’s symbolism is that she is moving out into the world, taking the ideas of liberty to the world.

Q43 – **Constitution and Declaration** – they can only be understood properly by realizing they work together. The Constitution “serves” the principles in the Declaration

Q44 – **Constitution and Declaration** – the Declaration declares the purpose for why our country exists and the Constitution serves as the framework for how our government is organized.”

Q45 – **Constitution and Declaration** – the Declaration is like a heart – it gives life. The Constitution is like the rib cage, it protects the heart, protects the life.

Q46 – **Constitution** – Frederick Douglass, a great African American leader of the late 1800s, was initially a critic of the Constitution being “pro-slavery”, but being open minded he studied it deeply and studied



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the founders and did a complete 180 degree change proclaiming – “Interpreted as it ought to be interpreted, the Constitution is a glorious liberty document.”

Q47 – Historian and Speaker Dr. Marlene has said – “People are simply shocked to find out that our Constitution is the only one in the world written to restrain civil government. The rest of world live under Constitutions where Constitutions are written by government to give rights to the people.

Q48 **Constitution** – The first 52 words of the Constitution are the most important words of the Constitution as they define the purpose of the rest of the 4,000 words

Q49 **Constitution** - The first fifty two words of the Constitution state this:

*We the People of the United States in order*

1. *To form a more perfect union*
2. *To establish justice*
3. *To ensure domestic tranquility*
4. *To provide for common defense*
5. *To promote the general welfare and (meaning laws that restrain evil and allow good to flourish, and protect the God given rights of the Declaration)*
6. *To secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.*

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

Q50 – James Madison, chief writer of the Constitution, said this – “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.”

Q51– Thomas Jefferson said this – “In the question of power, then, let no more be said of confidence in man, But bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.”

Q52 – Romans 3;23 says this about human nature - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Q53 \_ Jeremiah 17:9 says this about human nature - “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

Q54 – What are the chains of the Constitution?

- 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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Q55 - **Constitution** – The 3 branches of our national government are listed in this order in the Constitution: Legislature/Congress, Executive/President, Judicial/Supreme Court

Q56 **Constitution** – What branch was considered by the founders to be slightly MORE powerful than the others because it was closest to the people: Legislative/Congress

Q57 – **Constitution** - What branch was considered by the founders to be the LEAST branch of the federal government: Judicial/Supreme Court

Q58 – **Constitution** - Thomas Jefferson had this grave concern about the Supreme Court – “*The constitution is a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary, which they may twist and shape into any form they please.*” Meaning they could make it say anything they wanted it to.

Q59 – **Constitution** - Ultimately it’s up to us /“We the People” To defend the Constitution. It is our responsibility.

Q60 –Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton felt like God had lead the founders in the design of the Constitution – he said “*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.*”

Q61 – **Constitution** – The greatness of the American system of government is not that we have a national Constitution and Declaration on their own, but we have an entire Constitutional System of 50 State Republics, and County, and City Republics. Its this entire system that makes America great.

Q62 One of the examples that the founders looked at for our system of government was the Old Testament example of the Hebrew Republic which Moses led.

Q63 – All racess can find themselves in the American Experiment. Our best example of this is Jethro (descendent of Ham) giving Moses (descendent of Shem) advice and then the Founding Fathers (descendents of Japeth) trying to put the ideas in action.

Q64 – In studying government it is not a question of political parties but of political power.

Q65 – The terms left and right can mean different things in different countries... it is always a question of how much power you give a government and then how to control those people you put into office.

Q66 – George Washington said this about power – “*Government is not reason, it is not eloquence...It is force!*”

Q67 – The Bill of Rights was an additional provision for the founders to limit the power of the federal government.

Q67 – The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights says this: -

*Congress shall make no law*

1. *respecting an establishment of religion,*



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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*

Q68 – If Congress is prohibited from making laws about religion, speech, the press, peaceful assembly, or petitioning of the government, it should mean that the federal government has no authority to make laws or direct states or citizens in any of these areas, that it should all be decided at the state level.

Q69– The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments remind the federal government that the only power it has is the list of duties in the US Constitution. All the other rights remain with the individual States or the people.

Q70 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment guarantees you the right to own a gun and protect yourself and your family from others and from the government.

Q71 – Amendments 3 through 8 – protect people from unwarranted searches so they can keep private information private and set up a fair justice system so they are treated fairly.

Q72 – The Bill of Rights names freedom of religion as the very first item. This means that you should have the right to share and live out your faith at any place and at any time – at home, at work, in college, in public schools, in government sanctioned events.....anywhere.

Q73 - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and others warned future generations that there would be cunning, unprincipled people who would seek to undermine the Constitution and subvert it and these people need to be watched for and stood up to.

Q74 – Salt of the Earth – Matthew 5:13 - "*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.*" Jesus commands us to speak up and speak out.. to be salt.

Q75 – Light of the World – Matthew 5:14 –"*You are the light of the world--like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden*". You are called to let your light shine.

Q76 – St. Augustine on the nature of Truth said: "*The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend itself.*" We are called to speak up for the truth.

Q77 – Philosopher and Theologian Abraham Kuyper said this : "*There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!*"

Q78 – We need to not put Jesus in a box... just like love is a multifaceted diamond, so Jesus is more than just a compassionate savior. He spoke things about good and bad civil leaders and civil government.



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Q79 – Nehemiah told the followers of God in his day to: *“Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, And fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” ~ Nehemiah 4:14.* This means we need to defend and contend for God's truth in the city/community in which you live.

Q80 – Action Items - **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

Q81 – Voting is a prescription for national health. *“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan”~ Proverbs 29:2.* People of faith need to do their best to elect people of good character, courage, and competence to office. We “love our neighbor” when we “steward our vote” and elect good people to office.

Q82 – A special word to pastors from Rev Charles Finney, “

- If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the world loses its interest in Christianity, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it.”



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## Summary of Basic Facts and Dates

- Q84 – Jamestown, VA was established in 1607  
Q85 - The Pilgrims came to the new world in 1620  
Q86 - The Mayflower Compact was signed on November 20, 1620  
Q87 – The Revolutionary War started with the “shot heard round the world” on April 19, 1775  
Q88 – The Declaration of Independence was approved by congress on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776  
Q89 – The Declaration of Independence’s primary author was Thomas Jefferson  
Q90 – The Declaration of Independence was debated and signed in this city: Philadelphia  
Q91 – The last large battle of the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Yorktown, VA in 1781.  
Q92 – The Peace Treaty for the Revolutionary War was signed in 1783  
Q93 – The first “Constitution” of the United States was the Articles of Confederation  
Q94 - The draft of the US Constitution was finished on September 17, 1787  
Q95 - Nine of the Thirteen colonies need to ratify the Constitution before it could be put into operation.  
Q96 – The Chief Architect of the Constitution was James Madison  
Q97 - George Washington was sworn into office on April 30, 1789  
Q98 – After George Washington was sworn in and gave His inaugural address, Congress, the President and the Supreme Court justices they went to a prayer and commencement service.  
Q98 – The first capital of the US government was New York City.  
Q100 – What does being an American mean to you:

## Answer Key – A [100-90], B [89-80], C [79-70], Below 70 – Retake Course

## YOUR COMMISSION

You have been given something as a result of this training. You now know more than 95% of the citizens about Biblical Civics and Christian Citizenship. You can be a difference maker. What will you do?

As a result of this training I will \_\_\_\_\_

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