



THE
CHRISTIAN
IN TODAY'S
SOCIETY

SALT AND LIGHT IN AMERICA
ECONOMIC JUSTICE

A city street scene at dusk, featuring a salt shaker and a lightbulb overlaid on the image. The salt shaker is on the left and the lightbulb is on the right. The background shows a multi-story building with a grid of windows, palm trees, and a street with traffic lights. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

not just policy but people
Being people of salt and light

Not avoiding issues, nor belittling people,
but engaging in the conversations of society as people of salt and light,
with values of salt and light

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When it comes to
economic justice in the US,
what does salt and light look like?

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What are a few Biblical principles about economic mercy and justice?

How do I, as a Christian, engage with American political parties

What can I personally do about this?

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IN
RACE
RELATIONS

A photograph of a city street intersection at dusk, with a blue color overlay. The scene includes a multi-story building with a grid of windows, palm trees, a traffic light, and a blurred red bus in motion. On the left, there are signs for 'FOOD COURT', 'Flame Broiler', and 'Carl's Jr.'. The text 'What are a few Biblical principles about Economic Justice and Mercy?' is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

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and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

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What sort of offering
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Justice without mercy is harsh; mercy without justice is gooey. The world needs them together

This is not only personal (with one person) but social (how I act in society)

It is also corporate (something we do together)

If you make money, you have a part to play with foreigners, orphans and widows.

Leviticus 23:22

When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God."

Deuteronomy 24.19

When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don't go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all.

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Amos 8

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping on the measure, boosting the price

and cheating with dishonest scales,
⁶ buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

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1 Timothy 5

⁸ Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹ No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, ¹⁰ and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

Proverbs 12.24 NLT - Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave.

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A city street scene at dusk, featuring a large white text overlay. The background shows a busy intersection with palm trees, traffic lights, and buildings. A prominent sign for 'Flame Broiler' is visible on the left. The text is centered and reads: 'How do I, as a Christian, engage with American Political Parties?'

How do I, as a Christian,
engage with
American Political Parties?

LAWS & REGULATION

limit human or corporate greed, risk-taking and exploitation and corruption
protect citizens' health or the environment
redistribute wealth and create a corporate safety net

TAXES AND TAX POLICY

redistributes wealth
creates a safety net for the poor, unfortunate, disabled, old or unhealthy
generates funds for defense and foreign policy

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A wide-angle photograph of a city street intersection during sunset. The sky is a mix of orange and blue. In the foreground, a white car is partially visible on the left. A large, multi-story building with a grid of windows is the central focus. To the left, there are signs for 'Flame Broiler' and 'Carls Jr.'. A bus is blurred in motion in the middle ground. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk. The overall scene is a busy urban environment.

What can I personally do about this?



Time, Treasure
& Talent

Personally

in your family

Where God's
embedded you

Together as a
church

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