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## How Can We Stop Lawlessness?

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Lawlessness can be stopped, and peace and good order restored, in any community or nation. However, this will not occur until: (1) the people – at least God’s people – personally and publicly repent for the multitude of sins [theirs and others]; (2) the clergy and Church repent and take up their mantle of prophetic leadership and speak truth while preserving compassion; (3) the men humble themselves, repent for silence, immorality, abandonment and abdication, and take up their leadership responsibilities; (4) respect for authority is restored in every area; (5) civil government ensures lawful order, justice, and protection of human life and property; and (6) the shedding of innocent blood is repented of and ended, including abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and other murder.

1. Read 2 Chronicles 7:12-14; Nehemiah 1; Daniel 9:1-23.
2. The clergy and members of the Church (especially if men rise up in support of righteous and courageous clergy) have the greatest potential for restoring the Church, community and nation. They will accomplish this first on their knees, and then by lifting up the LORD’s standards of truth, righteousness and grace, and being light and salt in each area.
3. When God creates, builds, or restores a family, community or nation, His way is to begin with the men, and if they will listen, obey, speak His Words, and do His will, then it is possible to bring proper and peaceful order. “In the beginning . . . God created man in His own image,” first creating the man and then the woman. He gave the man certain commands, but when his wife was tempted and they both disobeyed and fell into sin, God went first to the man (Genesis 1:1, 27; 2:7, 15-17; 3:1-8). Today, if men take up their leadership responsibilities, their profound actions will restore marriages, families, and churches, respect for righteous authority, and appropriate resistance to lawlessness.
4. Respect for authority includes wives respecting their husbands, children respecting parents, students respecting their teachers, employees respecting their supervisors and employers, and all respecting clergy (Ephesians 5:22; 6:1-9; 1 Timothy 5:17). This will lead to proper respect for just law and good civil government. Disrespect or rebellion against God-appointed righteous authority is rebellion against God, and fractures relationships, marriages, churches, and society (Exodus 16:3, 7-8; 1 Samuel 15:23). Sometimes God calls us to oppose unrighteousness and accept the consequences (Daniel 3; 6; Acts 4).
5. Civil authorities are to do only righteousness and justice, including legislators, officials, judges, police and military (Deuteronomy 1:13-17; 16:18-20; 24:17).
6. Stop innocent bloodshed and end abortion.

If we do these things with God’s help, grace and empowerment, then we can have confidence that He will help us stop lawlessness, end abortion, and restore peace in our land.

**Pray** that the Holy Spirit will do His vital and gracious work, first in the Church and among the men, to “convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). Pray for God’s will to be done in each of these areas.

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