In response to your mercies, O Lord, I present myself to you as a living sacrifice; may my whole life be an expression of worship pleasing to you. Renew my mind, Holy Spirit; free me from the distorted ways of thinking common in the culture around me; reshape my perspectives and guide my decisions so that my life increasingly conforms to your will. Amen.

Inhabiting The Story - Generosity -





You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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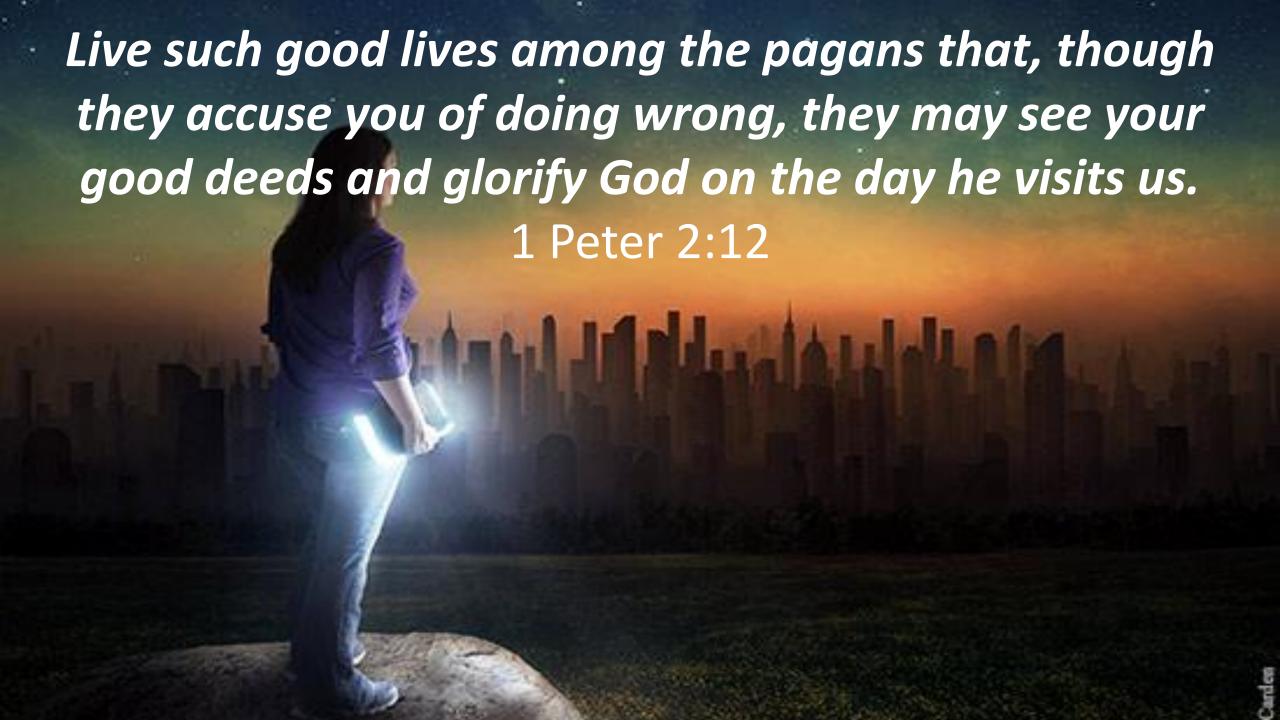
the tree of ingratitude and pride

the tree of thankfulness

death and destruction

contentment and blessing





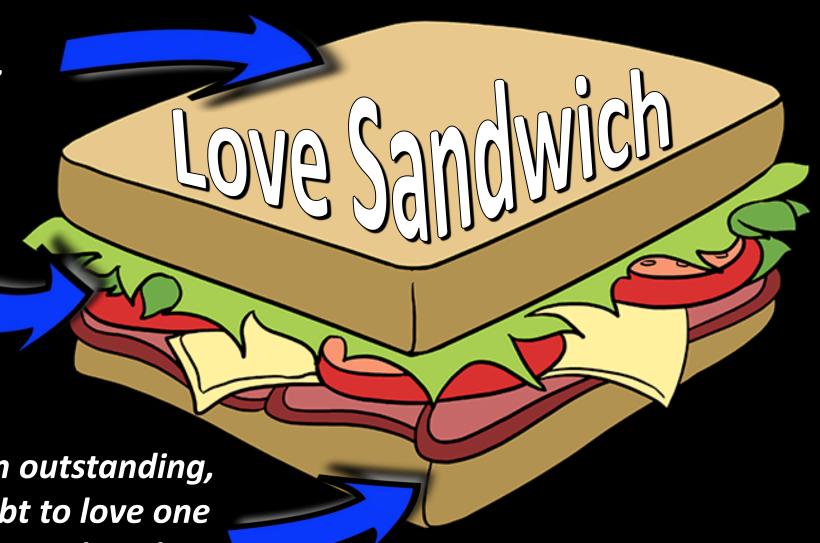
The authority given the State: "has the ultimate purpose of preserving the fabric of the human community as the context within which the churches work can be carried on...The function of the state in maintaining an ordered society is thereby a

part of the divine plan for the evangelization of the world."

12:9 – Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

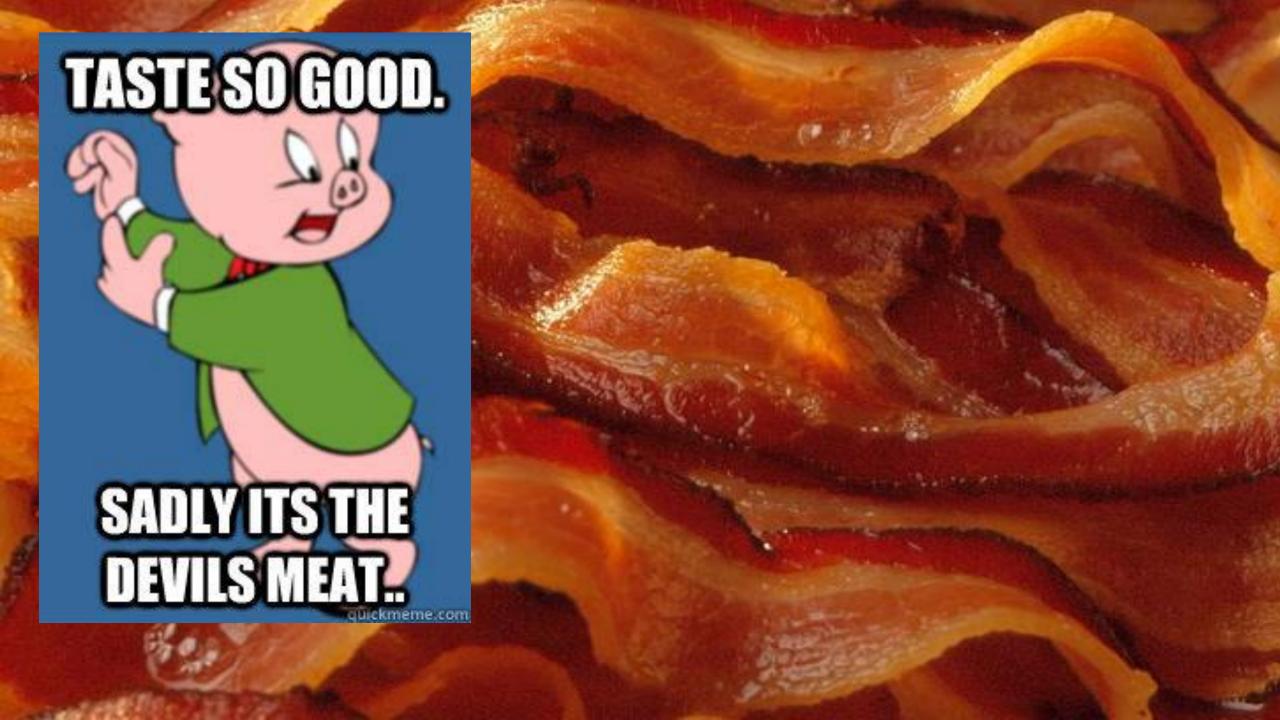
Romans 13:1-7
Instructions

13:8 – Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.





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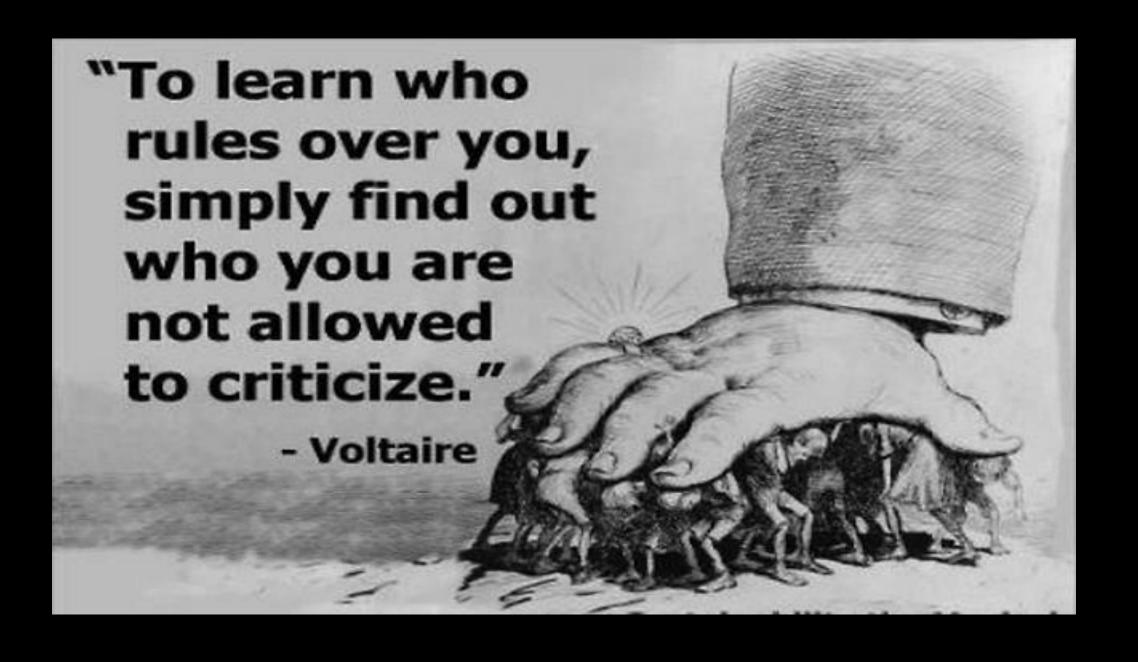




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"A Christian man [woman] is a most free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian man [woman] is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

Luther



In light of your great generosity toward me, O Lord, give me the grace to be generous myself, this week and always. Amen.