

Avoiding Lawlessness

Law: without it, a society is lawless. That is not only true as far as not having a codified system of governing, but also true about the conduct of its subjects.

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he said, “But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully, as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine; according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust” (1 Timothy 1:8-11).

Though the “law is not for a righteous man,” what we need to understand is that “There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God” (Romans 3:10-11).

Without the laws of God to govern us, mankind will seek the lower or the baser things of life. The apostle John revealed that “all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:16). If mankind does not “Walk by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16), i.e., by the direction of the Spirit of God, then mankind will walk according to the flesh, will seek to satisfy the desires of the flesh and gravitate to the lower or baser conditions of life.

Law is good, and such is recognized in society. We like our freedoms, but abused freedoms result in the suppression of others, and thereby develop a society of lawlessness. Ross Triplett, Sr.