



## **Moses' Parents: A Life that Submits to God First**

It used to be illegal to translate the Bible into English. The Catholic Church feared people getting the Bible in their own language, but men like Wycliffe and Tyndale translated it anyway. Both men were executed for doing so. A priest once challenged Tyndale's efforts, to which he responded, "If God spare my life, before very long I shall cause a plough boy to know the scriptures better than you do!" How do we find the strength to take such a stand for our faith, and how do we know when to take a stand and when to fall in line?

### **Moses' Parents**

**The Action - They \_\_\_\_\_ Moses for Three Months (Ex 2:1-10)**

**The 1st Reason - They Saw That He was a \_\_\_\_\_ Child**

**The 2nd Reason - They \_\_\_\_\_ Afraid of Pharaoh's Command**

A madman with an army at his disposal and no one to hold him in check is a fearful thing, but the Creator God who made you and owns you and determines your eternal destiny is more fearful. As Christ himself once said, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

## God and the Government

### The Basic Bible Command – \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture is abundantly clear that normal, general pattern is for His children to submit to any and every legitimate authority over them, including. . .

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:22)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23:1-3)
- And, of course, political \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 13)

God's reason for requiring our submission to these authorities is because he personally puts these authorities in place over us (Romans 13:1). Therefore, if we rebel against the government (and by extension any authority), we are rebelling against God Himself (Romans 13:2).

### The Only \_\_\_\_\_

But there is one exception, and it is an important one. God never expects His children to disobey His Word so that they can obey an authority that He has placed over them. For example. . .

- Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ /Moses' parents (Exodus 1-2)
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (Daniel 3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:27-29)

We don't know for sure, but dark days may be ahead for our nation. But we must never forget that no matter how scary taking a stand for God is, having to face our Creator after not taking a stand for Him is even scarier.