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GUN CONTROL

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Luke 13:1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

1. ______ show us the importance of being ready to face God.

Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

2. All ______ has value because we are made in God's image.

Nehemiah 4:1-23

3. Biblical speaking, self-defense and protection of others is ______.

Exodus 22:2 If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, 3 but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. He shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4. The Bible commands us to be ______ in our self-defense.

Luke 22:35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." 36 He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one... 38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

Acts 23:12-33

5. The Bible highly values human life and gives the individual the ______ to protect themselves and others.

Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have

your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." ... 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

6. Jesus calls his followers to a radical _____ posture.

John 18:36

7. Jesus and the early Christians taught and lived ______

Matthew 26:47-56 & Romans 12:14-21

8. Christians can choose to ______ their right to self-defense.

Romans 14:1-23 & 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

9. Don't let your convictions on this topic _____ your brother or sister in Christ.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

10. _____ to God.

Hebrews 2:14b That through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

11. Don't fear _____.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. ... 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

12. God's ______ and _____ are coming.

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