



FCPO Chapter Bible Study

Can a Cop be a Christian?

I'm sure you have heard this question asked (or asked it yourself) at some time or other. Some may believe that since policing sometimes requires the use of force, even deadly force, the profession is inconsistent with the Christian principles of "loving your neighbor" and "turning the other cheek". Others may have decided that the police "culture" (hard drinking, macho, womanizing brutes) would make it impossible for one to be a committed Christian and an effective law enforcer. Let's take a look in "The Book" and draw some scriptural conclusions:

Read: Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and Deuteronomy 17:6-11

Criminal Justice system established.

Describe the criminal justice system that God gave Moses to hand down to Israel.

What was the penalty for serious offenses?

Read: Romans 13:1-7

Human Government & the New Testament

Who established human government?

Is it conceivable that God would establish a system that a committed Christian could not participate in?

Read: Acts 10: 1-7

A New Testament Law Enforcement Officer who loved and served God.

Do you think Cornelius' behavior was influenced by the "police culture" of his time?

Do you think that his love for God prevented him from doing his job?

What qualities can a Christian bring to law enforcement?