

## How to Treat Immigrants

### I. The Bible's instructions about the foreigner or stranger.

<sup>49</sup> "The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you." Exodus 12:49

<sup>22</sup> ~'There shall be one standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the Lord your God.'" Leviticus 24:22 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> ~'These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there. Numbers 35:15 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup> "When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> "When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. <sup>21</sup> "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. Deuteronomy 24:19-21 (NASB)

<sup>28</sup> "At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit *it* in your town. <sup>29</sup> "The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do. Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (NASB)

<sup>22</sup> "You shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the aliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup> "And in the tribe with which the alien stays, there you shall give *him* his inheritance," declares the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 47:22-23

<sup>33</sup> 'When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. <sup>34</sup> ~'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 19:33-34 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> "For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe. <sup>18</sup> "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> "So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:17-19 (NASB)

Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 25:31-46

## II. Illegal immigrants

**<sup>1</sup>Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. Romans 13:1-2**

## III. Public policy on immigration

**<sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; <sup>4</sup>for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Romans 13:3-4 (NASB)**