

God's Justice: Restorative, Not Retributive

Examining Four Types of Justice

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A Vision for Relationship

My immediate family



Dad Ryan me Mom

Parker
(step-sister)

Addison (half-sister)



Dad Avery
(half-sister) me Ryan Eden
(Step-mom)



Tyler me Ryan Mom
(Step-dad) (brother)

A Vision for Relationship



Ryan



Parker

Avery

Avery

Addison



Addison



Avery

Addison

A Vision for Relationship



A Vision for Relationship of All Types

- Friendships (brother's keeper, sister's keeper)
- Marriage
- Family
- Economic
- Political
- Involving historic injustice

4 Types of Justice

- Meritocratic/Retributive
- Distributive
- Libertarian
- Restorative

What is the Most Just Way to Treat People? According to...

Select one

Our merits

Meritocratic Justice

Our needs

Distributive Justice

*Our inherent
freedom & liberty*

Libertarian Justice

*A vision for healthy
relationships*

Restorative Justice

What is the Most Just Way to Treat People? According to... Republicans

Select one

#2

Our merits

Meritocratic Justice

Our needs

Distributive Justice

#1 Economic

*Our inherent
freedom & liberty*

Libertarian Justice

*A vision for healthy
relationships*

Restorative Justice

What is the Most Just Way to Treat People? According to... Democrats

Select one

#3

Our merits

Meritocratic Justice

#2

Our needs

Distributive Justice

#1

*Our inherent
freedom & liberty*

Libertarian Justice

Social

*A vision for healthy
relationships*

Restorative Justice

Why Should Your Definition of Justice Prevail?

Select one

Majority opinion

Minority opinion

Tradition

WE MAKE THE RULES

Theological foundation

Philosophical foundation

There is no "justice,"
only power

I don't care

I don't know

Other

Whose Justice? Which Order?

- Meritocratic: Reward, punish
 - Distributive: Baseline wealth
 - Libertarian: Maximize freedom
 - Restorative: Vision of relationship
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- A Foundation? Is your order grounded in something, or fundamentally arbitrary?



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1. Restorative
2. Distributive
3. Meritocratic/ Retributive
4. Libertarian

Why Restorative Before All Others?

- Jesus restores God's original creation order for how we:
 - Forgive and reconcile (Mt.5:21 – 26; 6:12 – 15; 18:1 – 35)



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- Jesus restores God's original creation order for:
 - Marriage relationships (Mt.19:3 – 12)
 - “Have you not read that He who created them **from the beginning**...Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you... but **from the beginning**...” (Mt.19:4, 8)



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- Jesus restores God's original creation order for how we:
 - Share wealth (Mt.19:13 – 30)
 - Radical generosity: “**In the regeneration...**” (Mt.19:28)
 - Share power and honor (Mt.20:1 – 28)



Why Distributive Before Meritocratic

Mosaic Israel: Land

- Leviticus 25
- Deuteronomy 15, 24
- Isaiah 58

- Proverbs 10:4, etc.



Why Distributive Before Meritocratic

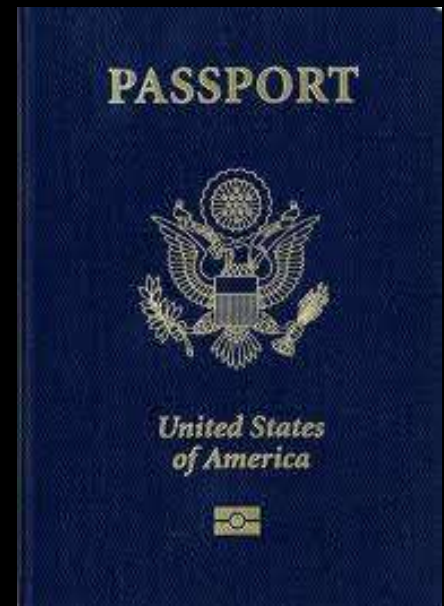


Church: Table

- Matthew 6:19 – 34; 19:13 – 30
- Luke 6, 12, 14; Acts 2, 4, 6
- 2 Corinthians 8 – 9
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 – 12

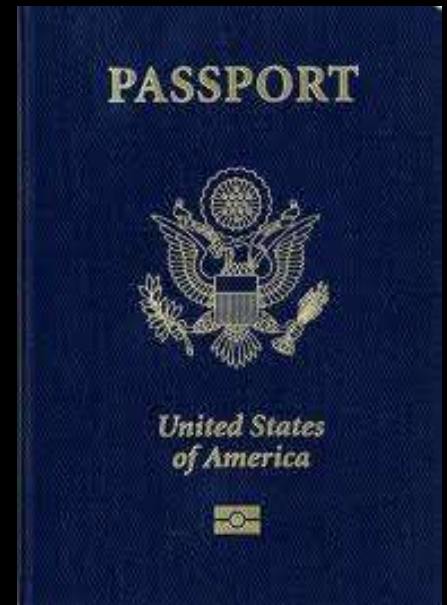
What About Libertarian Justice?

- Some legitimate concerns
 - The individual is important but in a relational context and vision
 - Freedom of religious conscience in Romans 9 – 11: not theocracy but some political pluralism



What About Libertarian Justice?

- “Individualism” is not the highest principle
 - Why not sell U.S. citizenship on the open market?
 - Are all relationships really just optional social constructs?



What is the Most Just Way to Treat People? According to... Christians

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Restorative Justice



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