

CITIZENS OF CRETE

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Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,...

Citizens of the USA+++:

1. We are to be **law-abiding** citizens!

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Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **Romans 13:8** Owe no man any thing, but to love one another....

We believe:

- In law & order
- Laws come from God
- Laws as part of the social contract
- Laws applicable to all people
- Laws we are to obey & submit to!

That's **who** we are, that's **what** we do!

2. We are to be **community-building** citizens!

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Good works → Yes!

Church / witnessing, / praying / giving / supporting missions / ...!

But that's **not** the point here!

This is **connected** to where we live: our place / our country / our city / our community / our island Crete!

WE LIVE HERE & WE CONTRIBUTE HERE!

Things such as:

3. We are to be **temperature – lowering** citizens!

Titus 3:2 To speaking evil (μηδένα βλασφημεῖν) of no man, to be no brawlers (ἀμάχους), but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

As is obvious from last week: a man from California...

Our privileges & responsibilities:

- Call out ideas
- Stand for truth
- Do right
- Lower the temperature

4. We are always to be **people-affirming** citizens!

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Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things **whatsoever** ye would that men should do to you, **do ye even so** to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

1 Peter 2:17

Fear God.

Love the brotherhood.

Honour all men.

Honour the king.