



Set My People Free Intervention Working Session 8 Rule of law I Friday 23 Sep. 2016

To live under the rule of law:

Today we prepare our citizens more to drive, than to live under the rule of law. Just look at how long the process of getting a driving license can be.

Moral Vacuum:

After the Renaissance and before the separation of Church from State there was an emphasis on Love and Truth, and character formation based on the ten commandments, which are based on love, truth and mercy.

Paul said if you love your neighbour as yourself, you will fulfil the commandments.

If you love your parents, you will honour your father and mother. If you cannot love your parents you can not love anyone else. Love starts at home.

If you love, you do not commit adultery

if you love someone, you do not kill them.

if you love someone, you do not steal from them.

if you love someone, you do not become a false witness against them.

If you love someone, you do not covet.

All this gave a code of conduct in the society and community.

However, today we have a vacuum without moral standards, in our schools and education systems. Many people do not know the law or their responsibilities nor their rights. They do not know the golden rule.*

This raises a community which does what is right in their own eyes; corruption, violence, disorder, injustice, selfishness.

The Importance of Teaching;

We need to teach basic values of Human Rights, democracy and the rule of law and that no one should be above the law.

We need to teach them the values of freedom, justice, equality under the law, transparency, work ethics and the importance of truth.

This is very crucial today as we have many new citizens coming from different political systems. They need know their rights and their obligations living in a Democratic state.

We know how chaotic driving can be if drivers do not know the traffic law or if they do not follow it. The same happens if citizens do not know the democratic values and if they do not follow it.

* **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** A command based on words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount : "All things whatsoever ye would that men should **do to you**, **do ye even so to them.**" The Mosaic law contains a parallel commandment: "Whatever is hurtful to **you**, **do not do to any other person.**"