

"EMPATHY OR TRUTH IN LOVE? - Part IV"

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INTRO: Empathy is sympathizing with another person's situation, and should be submitted to truth in love (Eph. 4:15; John 17:17; 8:32). I'm not speaking on political issues, but on moral issues that have become political! Also, I and Jubilee have a calling to be an apostolic and prophetic voice to our community and region (Acts 9:15).

LIE #3: "If you're against open borders, you're a fascist and a racist."

Today's Prevailing Biblical Principle: Stewardship – being faithful with what you've been entrusted (1Cor. 14:1-2)

- 1. America is called to be a faithful steward to protect its citizens and faithfully steward its resources.
- 2. Do open borders reflect faithful stewardship?
- 3. Israel's call to love & welcome the stranger (Lev. 19:33-34) required the stranger to obey Israel's laws and serve Israel's God (Ex. 12:48-49; Lev. 18:29; 17:10)!
- 4. God commanded Israel to build walls (Ps. 51:18; Neh. 2:17; Isa. 60:18).
- 5. America should have a more fair, efficient and effective legal immigration process.

A Microcosm Parabolic Immigration Strategy – each family taking in immigrants short term. What would faithful stewardship require?

Examples of Illegals Committing Crimes Against Americans

- •Is America adequately taking care of its own citizens who lack the capacity to be self-sustaining and have additional resources available to take on more immigrants without jeopardizing its other fiscal responsibilities?
- •What guidelines would enable America to take in immigrants while protecting U.S. citizens and faithfully stewarding its resources?

CONCLUSION: We should have empathy towards illegal immigrants and U.S. citizens affected and submit our empathy to truth in love.