

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 12/16/11**

- 1. For what blessing that God provides to His people through our government are you especially grateful today?**
- 2. Although not wrong in themselves, what kinds of behaviors and actions are best for believers to avoid (Romans 14:19-21)?**
- 3. Describe the picture of the church on earth Paul asks God to provide His people in Romans 16:5-13.**
- 4. Read I Corinthians 1:18. Explain the two different ways by which the Gospel is perceived by those who are exposed to it? What accounts for the difference?**
- 5. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (I Corinthians 3:6-7. Explain Paul's words. Who has "planted and watered" in your life?**
- 6. Those who belong to God by faith in Christ Jesus have the freedom of the Gospel. "Everything is permissible for me," Paul writes. But he adds, "not everything is beneficial" (I Corinthians 6:12). Later Paul writes, "Flee sexual immorality." What forms of entertainment, actions, or events might not be beneficial to those attempting to flee sexual immorality, even though they may be permissible?**
- 7. "Bloom where you are planted" is one way to summarize Paul's words in I Corinthians 7:17-19 about what changes are appropriate to make upon becoming a believer. How might Paul's words regarding marriage to an unbelieving spouse apply also to other relationships believers have with those outside the faith?**