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## **Don't Pervert Justice**

On Wednesday, November 20, our friends at The Family Leader in Iowa hosted a webinar titled "The Biblical Case for Criminal Justice Reform."

I encourage you to listen in on the recording of this one-hour webinar for several reasons.

- I believe God is interested in justice. I'm not an SJW ("social justice warrior"). But all citizens, and I think Christians in particular, should have a concern about appropriate justice—biblical justice. Deuteronomy 16:19 reveals timeless truth relative to God's attitude: "You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality."
- The statistics of how many people in our country are impacted by the criminal justice system are staggering. The point is, individuals in your church or family members of people in your church most likely have been impacted by the criminal justice system in some way. This webinar will heighten your awareness and understanding of this impact.
- The webinar will make you aware of some resources. **I am not suggesting you try to add something to your already full plate of ministry.** But there may be those in your church who would have a burden for prison ministry, and you might be able to help equip them for this work.
- Listening to the webinar will sensitize you to God's concern for those who are in prison. Jesus spoke of them. The Apostle Paul was one of them! God is doing some amazing things through prison ministry, and it is good for us to be aware of this and to consider what role God might have us play in reaching this mission field. What is YOUR attitude to those who are in prison? Think about your answer to that question; then listen to the webinar and see how the Lord uses it in your heart and mind.
- You will rejoice at God's grace evidenced in the lives of the two pastors—formerly prisoners!--who participate in the webinar and share their testimonies.



Here is the link to the recorded webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWfLaGdgnHE&feature=youtu.be>

I know those in jail or prison are rarely innocent. I am also keenly aware that I once stood guilty and condemned before a holy God. I am no better than anyone who is incarcerated. I am only free, physically and spiritually, because of the grace of God in my life. May God grant that many in prison come to know His bondage-breaking grace!

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: Our first community event in the new year is on Thursday, January 16th, at Schwefel's Restaurant in Oconomowoc. The theme is "2020 Vision: Contending for the Faith, Challenging the Culture." If you can join us, we would love to have you. You can register by calling us at 888-378-7395 or by visiting our website: <https://wifamilycouncil.org/events-2/2020-vision/>.