

The following page contains a response to many conversations with folks who ask me about or engage me in conversation about my understanding regarding the Bible, unalienable rights, and the government mandate for receiving the C19 vaccination. While I am under no pressure to receive the vaccination (thanks to my kind of work), I certainly understand those who stand on a firm foundation against submitting.

There are many passages in God's word that might be brought to light in support of a Christ Follower's desire to skip the shot, but what follows, in the form of a letter, is what I have offered before and continue to do so.

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PASSION 4 GOD, HIS WORD, HIS CHURCH, HIS WORLD

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am a follower of Jesus. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is my life and purpose. Everything I think, do, and say, I do so with sincere hopes of pleasing him. This is my faith. He is both my origin and my destiny. He is my Savior and my Lord. What I want more than anything is to honor him.

As you undoubtedly know, this does not mean perfection...sincerely held belief cannot possibly always equate to congruent thought or behavior. It does, however, equate to a very real drive to maximize one's faith and to experience sorrow and regret when one slips in feeling or deed.

A follower of Jesus believes what he says. It's simple to understand. It's profound with implications.

Therefore, I can lend testimony to many brothers and sisters, who have chosen to reject the vaccination for SARS-CoV-2. Theirs is not a position arrived at by whim. Instead, passages in the Bible regarding wisdom mandate that we ask questions and determine our course of action on the answers. In fact, while the Bible teaches this in many places, we can take the example of the Book of Proverbs to make the point...

Do I have have enough information?

Proverbs 18:13 "If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame."

Proverbs 18:17 "The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him."

Proverbs 20:25 "It is a snare to say rashly, 'It is holy,' and to reflect only after making vows."

Point: Truth like this makes a case. One cannot be too careful. The Lord is telling us that to do otherwise is folly and rash.

Has everyone involved, including oneself, taken enough time to make a sound decision?

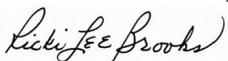
Proverbs 19:2 "Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way."

Proverbs 21:5 "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty."

Point: Truth like this makes another case. One cannot jump to conclusions. Even if others do so, I must not.

In conclusion, I offer this as a biblical qualification, for sincere believers, who, at the very least, are living in integrity, faith, and the first, ninth, and tenth amendments of the Constitution of our Republic when all they wish to do is live within their unalienable rights on behalf of this immense process and decision. Based on what they know about this decision, their choice to forego the vaccination is intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually wise and necessary.

In the Lord's service,



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