The Biblical-Principle Approach Homeschool Experience™

Module 5

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Counter

Principles of LIberty

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The Big Picture

(Module 5 Overview)

First Things First...

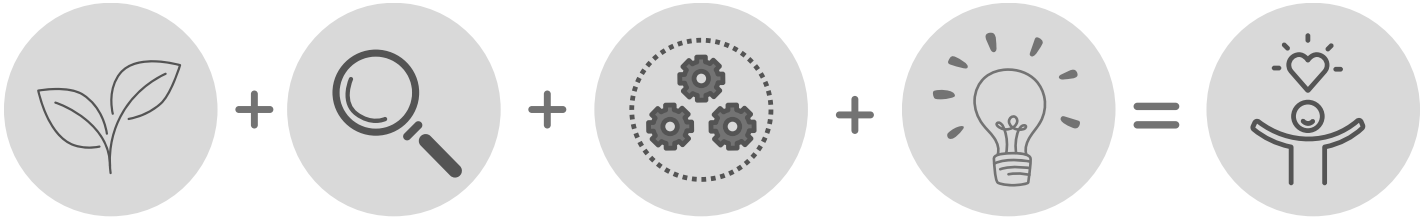
Understand the Counter Principles of Liberty.

Understand the difference between *collective* and *collectivism*.

Internalize how the Counter Principles of Liberty rebel against or dishonor God. Internalize His wisdom of the Principles of Liberty.

Going Deeper...

Seeing how the Counter Principles of Liberty are and internal and external.



Understand how the counter principles also begin internally.

Define and understand the difference between collective and collectivism.

Understand what social engineering is in order to help you think through which principle it's counter to (in the sphere of civil gov't.)

Understand how the counter principles (internally) have an outwork in the civil sphere.

Seeing and valuing God's Principles of Liberty for the individual and nations even more. Begin to understand how to spot the Counter Principles of Liberty.

The Counter Principles of Liberty

Review

For review from Module 4:

1.. What is Natural Law? _____

2.. What is Revealed Law?_____

3.. Why are these two laws the foundation for all of the Principles of Liberty? _____

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The Counter Principles of Liberty

To begin with, Master Teacher Ben Gilmore taught me about the counter principles to God's Principles of Liberty for individuals and nations. He taught them using a T-Chart.

We'll be working with a T-Chart because it helps us to organize our thoughts and helps us to remember to "see" what we've learned.

Below are the counter principles to God's Principles of Liberty:

- collectivism
- manipulation
- degradation of character
- socialism
- globalism
- centralization
- social engineering

Assignment 1: Prepare your T-Chart on page 7 for Module 5, Lesson 3 by labeling the left side "internal" and the right side "external" (we will discuss this in the meeting).

Let us know in the community about your "ah-ha" moments, what inspires you, what gives you clarity in this lesson, or how you see this layer adding to how you'll develop lesson plans.

Defining The Counter Principle: Collectivism

At the root of an issue there is at least one principle. But sometimes, it can be difficult to discern if something is honoring God's Principle of Liberty. Therefore, the Counter Principles are helpful to learn because about we can "reverse engineer" an issue with them.

There are two counter principles that are ***economic*** in nature. At first, I didn't understand that and I had a challenging time trying to comprehend one of them. But, I asked my mentor Bill Burtness about it and he helped me to comprehend its purpose and application.

The counter principle that I wrestled with was *collectivism.*

Collectivism is the counter principle to God's Principle of Individuality. But, I asked: "How can this be when God deals with individuals ***and*** with nations? After all, nations are made up of a collective of individuals..."

Feel free to also define words within these definitions.

So, let's begin by defining ***collective****,* using Webster's 1828 Dictionary:

COLLECTIVE, adjective
"1. Formed by gathering; gathered into a mass, sum, or body; congregated, or aggregated.
2. Deducing consequences; reasoning; inferring.
3. In grammar, expressing a number or multitude united; as a collective noun or name, which, though in the singular number itself, denotes more than one; as, company, army, troop, assembly."

In the Bible, do we see God dealing with the people of Israel collectively? Yes, for example, we can see this in Exodus chapters 19 and 24 when God makes a covenant on Mt. Sinai with Israel as a **collective** body.

Now, let's define ***collectivism*** and compare and contrast the two. The definitions below are from the Oxford Languages online dictionary because *collectivism* isn't in Webster's 1828 (note their example for the first definition):

"1. the practice or principle of giving a group priority over each individual in it.
"the Church has criticized the great emphasis placed on individualism rather than collectivism"

"The theory and practice of the ownership of land and the means of production by the people or the state.

"2. the Russian Revolution decided to alter the course of modernity towards collectivism"

Individualism: the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant.
Different meaning than *individuality*.

Defining The Counter Principle: Collectivism

Definition of ***collectivism*** from Miriam-Webster's online dictionary:

"1. a political or economic theory advocating collective control especially over production and distribution also : a system marked by such control
"2. emphasis on collective rather than individual action or identity"

Assignment 1: Practice organizing information on the terms: *collective* and *collectivism.*

Compare and Contrast

Collective	Collectivism
Formed by gathering; gathered into a mass, sum, or body; congregated or aggregated.	The practice or principle of giving a group priority over each individual in it.

The Biblical worldview doesn't say anything about prioritizing a group over the individual.

"The greater good" idea.

Defining The Counter Principle: Collectivism

Assignment 2: Find one example in the Bible of God working with the collective body of believers. Summarize the account below.

Assignment 3: Explain in your own words how God handling a nation or body of believers as a *collective* is different than implementing *collectivism*.

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Matching the Principles of Liberty and Their Counter Principles

The following tips are to help you with your research of *social engineering*. Researching and utilizing the following tips will help you with your following assignment as you think through how to pair up the Principles of Liberty with their individual Counter Principle of Liberty.

Tips:

For example, when wanting to define social engineering, remember that we are discussing Principles of Liberty pertaining to government (because government is the context).

Doing a search for something like "government social engineering" may help to find a fitting definition.

Think on a large scale—the purpose with its cause-to-effect. What is the end result they are aiming for as their target?

Ask: "What are they trying to create when they are applying social engineering to society?" Maybe a search under "utopian social engineering" will help in your research.

For example, socialism is an economic/government term. In this light, what does socialism attack? Will the same principle apply internally and externally? Why or why not?

Jot down notes below from your research for reference.

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Matching the Principles of Liberty and Their Counter Principles

Each principle of liberty has its own counter principle.

Assignment 1: Think through the Principles of Liberty. Use the T-Chart below to categorize the Principles of Liberty on the left hand side. And, categorize the Counter Principles of Liberty on the right hand side.

Example: Individuality has to do with honoring the individual. Collectivism has to do with an "emphasis on collective rather than individual action or identity."

Principles of Liberty	Counter Principles of Liberty
Principle of Individuality	Principle of Collectivism
Private Property	

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Module 5 Review

In this module, you learned or reinforced the importance of:

- Natural Law referring to Creation
- Revealed Law referring to Scripture
- Mankind had Natural Law first
- Mankind was given Revealed Law later
- God's Principles of Liberty
- Different wording for God's Principles of Liberty

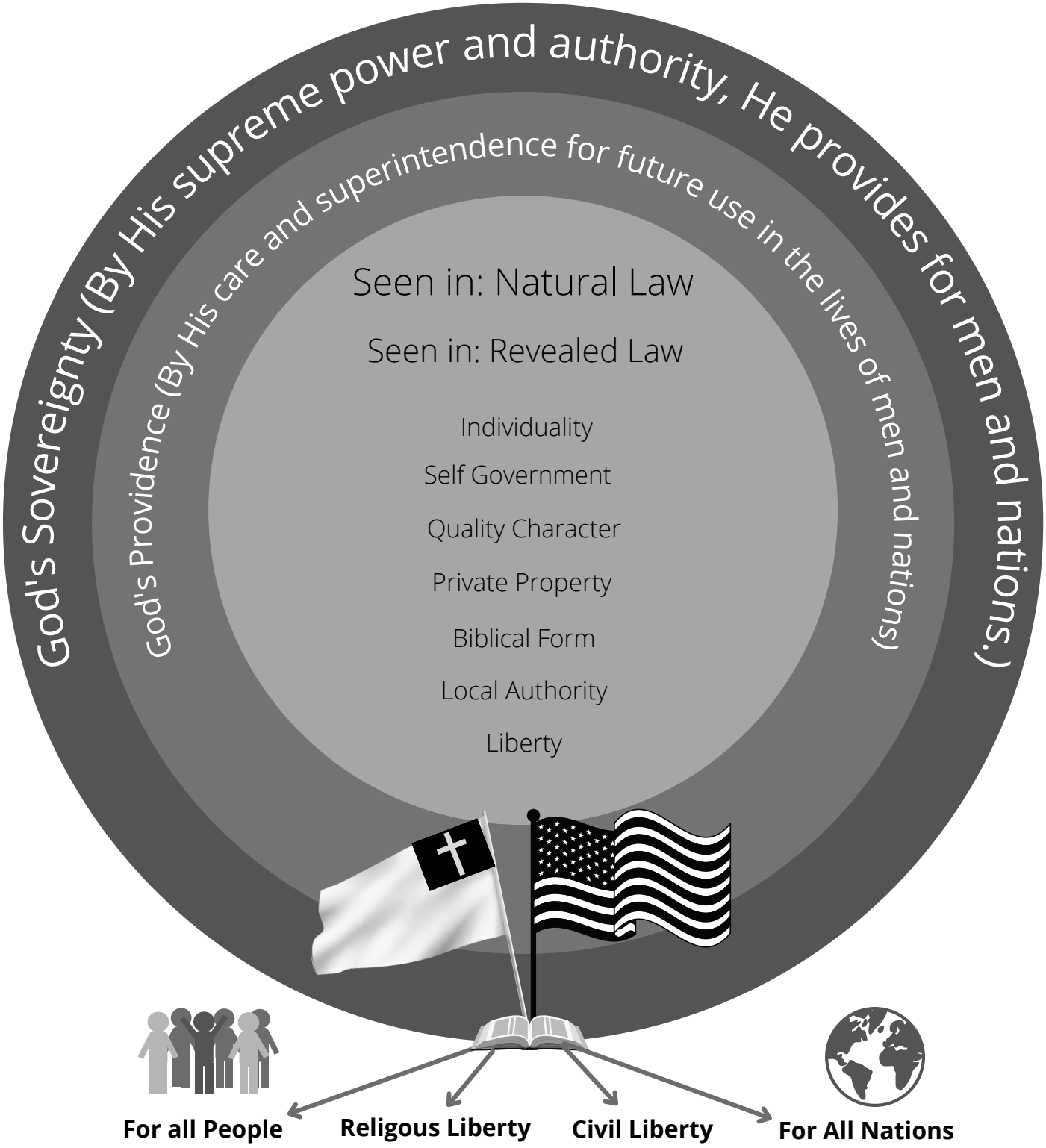
In this module, you reflect on:

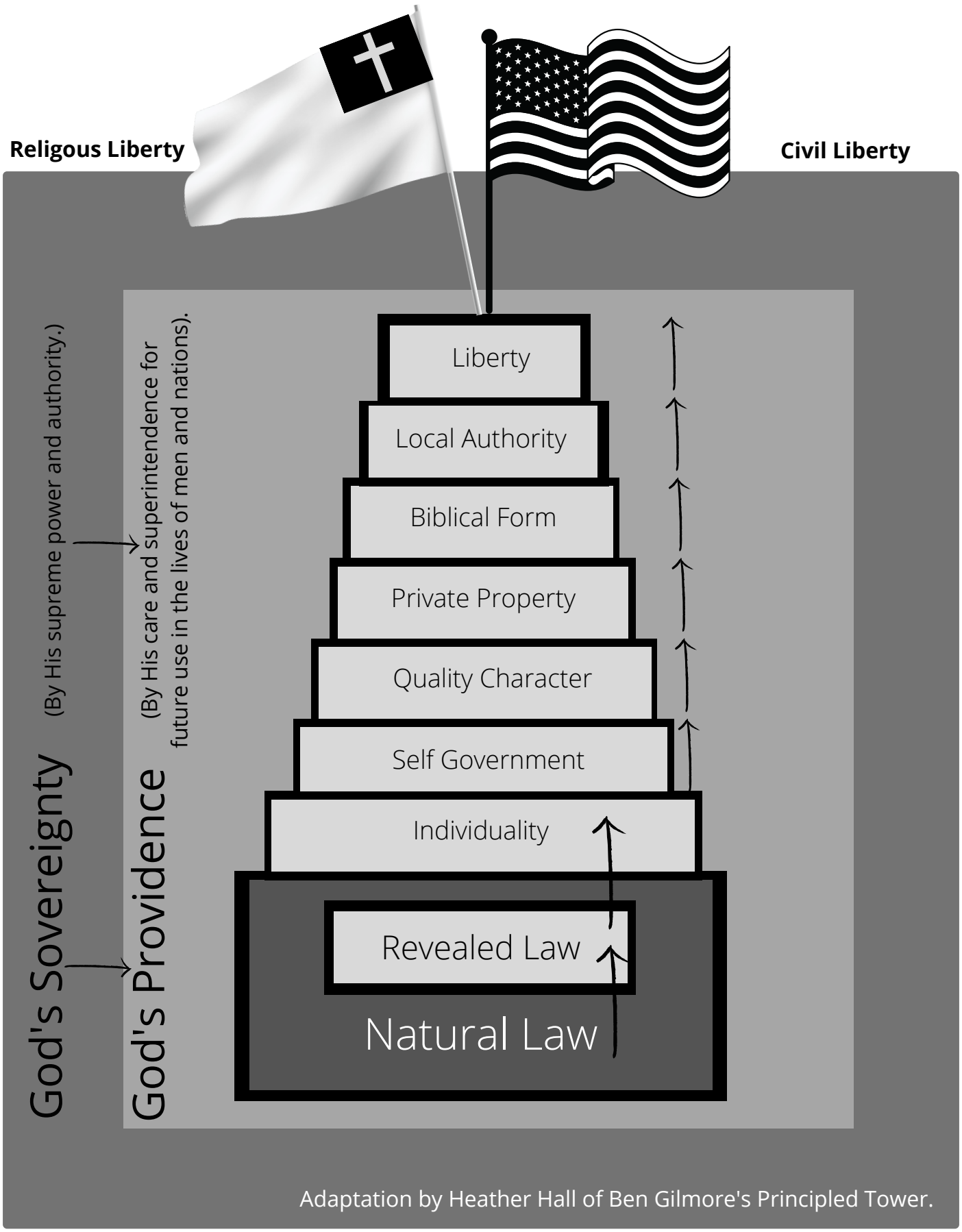
- examples of Natural Law revealing Creator God to His creation
- examples of Revealed Law revealing Truths to mankind
- why certain principles are principles of liberty

In this module, you learned how to graphically organize and show your students:

- Natural Law/External Evidence (page 4)
- Revealed Law/Internal Evidence (page 7)

God is the primary cause and source of Natural Law (Creation), Revealed Law (found only in the Holy Scriptures), and Principles of Liberty. His Principles of Liberty give us Religious Liberty and Civil Liberty in America. His principles are for all people and all nations. The counter principles enslave individuals and nations under tyranny (ultimately the tyranny of sin).




Religous Liberty
Civil Liberty
God's Sovereignty
(By His supreme power and authority.)
God's Providence
(By His care and superintendence for future use in the lives of men and nations).
Liberty
Local Authority
Biblical Form
Private Property
Quality Character
Self Government
Individuality
Revealed Law
Natural Law
Adaptation by Heather Hall of Ben Gilmore's Principled Tower.