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The Christian and the Perfecting of Society

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This morning I have an interesting and important subject that I would like to discuss with you a bit. This is a subject which is probably discussed a great deal in every liberal seminary in the country, though perhaps not from the viewpoint that I would take. But it is a subject that is constantly before our people in most of our colleges and universities today, at least in their humanistic sections. And consequently it is something with which we ~~should~~ should be quite familiar, and we should know what is the Christian attitude toward it. I have entitled it The Christian and the Perfecting of Society.

Is it our place to try to establish a perfect society on earth? And if we are to do so how are we to go about it? Recently there was a candidate for presidency of the U.S. whose father I understand -- at least one of the magazines said, that his father was a "hell-fire, and come to Jesus preacher." I gather from that that his father was an earnest evangelical preacher of the Word of God. The son desired to serve the Lord and went to a seminary at which 40 yrs. ago he would have received solid instruction in God's truth. Now that might not agree with us in certain points of theology. That seminary 40 yrs. ago --- but at that time it definitely stood for God's Word. It definitely stood for the importance of winning souls to the Lord. But during the years that seminary like dozens of others in this country, has adopted an entirely different attitude. And today their students go out with fiery determination that our whole system needs to be changed. In fact many of them take a revolutionary attitude of making a complete overturning and destruction of that which we have known in America.

Now I think a ~~good~~ good vs. to start our consideration of this is James 2:15-17. -- (Read text.) ..