Executive Orders

We received the following information from the Texas Private School Association:

**Executive Order On Sex Discrimination:**  
One of President Biden's first acts in office was to sign an Executive Order prohibiting sex discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.  Some religious schools are concerned how this will affect them.  Right now, the directive is that all agencies "review all existing orders, regulations, guidance documents, policies, programs or other agency actions" in order to make sure that they conform to the administration's interpretation of sex discrimination.  Schools will need to watch the Justice Department, Department of Labor, and the USDE to see what comes out of this review and if religious exemptions are maintained.

We have added policies to our school’s handbook to clarify what we believe. If you wish to review the school’s position, you may do so through the following link: <http://www.planochristianschool.com/forms/ExecOrderIssues.pdf> This pdf is from pages 15-16 of the handbook.

The intent of the President’s executive order appears to be that our corporation must conform to the current administration’s view on gender identity and sexual orientation. As a Bible church, we believe that our Scriptures speak independently of cultural shifts, legislative rulings, or presidential orders. We are all struggling with sin and learning that God’s power can free us from sin. The executive order, however, requires us to recognize as proper, sexual issues that the Bible calls sin. This is not something we can do and remain pleasing to the Lord. Are we singling out sexual orientation and gender identity and ignoring other sins? No, there are many things that the culture may deem appropriate that we do not. Should someone say that it is perfectly fine to stay in one’s house and drink themselves into oblivion, and since it is legal, it is there for right and proper and good. Furthermore, this is so helpful to them that they begin to advocate their pattern of drunkenness to others in the church; after all, these are stressful times! Would we exercise church discipline and require the person to change or be put out of the church? Every church claiming the Bible as its authority would take appropriate action.

As we are learning from Daniel, Crazy Times (Dan. 1) give rise to Impossible Situations (Dan. 2). So let’s join together like Daniel and his friends, and pray to the “God of Heaven” who rules over the kings of this earth.

My love to you all,

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