

For Your Own Good

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Last week I was reading my Bible and a phrase jumped out at me that I had never noticed before. *“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today [for your good?](#)”*

Deuteronomy 10: 12-15.

We live in America, the land of Liberty and Freedom. Many people have given their lives to establish and preserve this freedom we enjoy. But this freedom has spoiled us to the point that we sometimes resent being told what to do or having regulations placed upon us. We must realize that in many cases regulations are placed upon us **for our own good.**

I personally don't like the seat belt laws. I know that seat belts can save my life and that I should wear them, and for the most part I do. Why? **For my own good.** But I don't like the government telling me that I have to wear them. And many people feel the same way. But many of these laws are passed in the name of **“our own good.”**

My parents gave me rules and regulations **for my own good.** For a long time my parents wouldn't let me ride my bike on the street. Was it because they didn't want me having fun? No, it was **for my own good.** We lived on a dangerous curve and I had no business being down there on my bike. They loved me enough to keep me out of danger's way. (I will never understand why a seven-year-old girl was allowed to fly a plane! Wasn't her safety, not to mention the safety of her father and her flight instructor, more important than her getting to do what she wanted to do??)

We understand this about regulations that our government and parents place upon us. Why can't we understand it about God's law? God prohibits us from doing things, not because He enjoys depriving us of fun, but **for our own good.** God doesn't want us involved in things like immodest dress and mixed swimming because there is a danger involved. How many homes have been shattered by drugs and

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