

Checks and Balances in Action

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Understanding Government Structure

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about checks and balances in government.

1. What is the purpose of checks and balances in government?

- A. To allow one branch to have all the power
- B. To limit the power of each branch
- C. To make laws without review

2. Why is it important to prevent one person or group from having too much power?

3. The three branches of government are the ____, the ____, and the ____.

4. Checks and balances allow one branch to overpower the others.

- True False

5. According to Romans 13:1, who ordains the authorities?

- A. The people
- B. The government
- C. God

6. How do checks and balances reflect God's wisdom in governance?

7. When the righteous increase, the people ____; but when a wicked man bears rule, the people ____ (Proverbs 29:2).

8. Understanding checks and balances can help us be better citizens.

- True False

9. What is one goal of the checks and balances system?

- A. To protect citizens' freedoms
- B. To create laws without limits
- C. To make government more complex

10. What did you learn about how government branches work together?

Answer Key

1. To limit the power of each branch 2. It is important because too much power can lead to unfairness and abuse, which can harm citizens. Checks and balances ensure that power is shared and that everyone's rights are protected. 3. Legislative, Executive, Judicial 4. False 5. God 6. Checks and balances show God's wisdom by ensuring fairness and accountability in leadership. They help prevent corruption and protect the rights of citizens, which aligns with God's design for authority. 7. rejoice, sigh 8. True 9. To protect citizens' freedoms 10. I learned that each branch has specific powers and can limit the actions of the others. This cooperation helps maintain a balance and ensures that no one branch becomes too powerful.