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Text: Selected Verses
Speaker: Steve Balvanz

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3. Supporting law and order
4. Supporting the nation of Israel
5. Supporting religious liberty

• **Appeal graciously**

• **Disobey biblically**

• **Fellowship consistently**

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