

Still on the Books

Each of the following laws is still on the books in some US states. Work with a partner to decide if each of these laws is a good idea or a bad idea. What do you suggest would be a suitable punishment for breaking each law?

	Good idea!	Bad idea!	Punishment?
Blaspheming God's name (Michigan).			
Fans over 16 years old may not swear at players or officials during sporting events (Massachusetts).			
Using a false name at a hotel (New Hampshire).			
Playing dominoes, hunting, shooting, playing cards or racing on Sundays (Alabama).			
Conducting a bingo game lasting longer than five hours (North Carolina).			
Wearing slippers in public after 10:00 p.m. in New York City (New York).			
Wounding a fish with a firearm (Wyoming).			

World-Record Marriages

According to Guinness World Records, Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, a minister from California, held the record for the largest number of monogamous marriages: 29! Three were remarriages to women he had previously divorced; five ended with the death of the wife. His shortest marriage ended after just 19 days while his longest lasted 11 years. Wolfe passed away in 1997 at 88 years old, having fathered 40 children, only 1 of whom attended his funeral. None of his surviving previous wives attended. Discuss with a partner:

- Did Wolfe's marriages break the letter of the law? the spirit of the law? Why or why not?
- What does the reaction of his family after his death tell you about him as a husband and father?
- How does this story fit in with what Paul writes in Romans 7:1-3?

