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William Penn was a complex man with many varying interests. He was an entrepreneur, philosopher, Quaker and the founder of the British colony of Pennsylvania in 1682. The only reason he even got the land for Pennsylvania in the first place was because his wealthy father was owed a debt by King Charles II. In order to settle it he just gave Penn the land and told him to deal with it.

Penn once said, "Justice is the insurance which we have on our lives and property. Obedience is the premium which we pay for it." I take that to mean that in order to have our things and ourselves be protected by the law, we have to obey the law. Because, without law and justice what separates us from animals? However, in Penn’s lifetime there really were not a lot of limitations that were placed on kings and other political figures’ powers. For example, Penn was thrown in jail and tortured, at the king’s order, for his religious beliefs.

In my life I demonstrate this by not stealing other people’s things because the law says they cannot steal my things. I am obedient to the law because I expect the law to pay it back to me by being enforced fairly and correctly. You have to pay your obedience to the law in order for it to be upheld and insured to protect your property and your life.

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