DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Letter on the Clergy in Politics

1. Why is Witherspoon writing this letter?
2. Why is Witherspoon concerned about the Georgia constitution’s position on clergy in the legislature?
3. Does Witherspoon think that there are valid reasons for excluding the clergy from the legislature?
4. What does Witherspoon mean by the phrase “a punishment by loss of privilege”?
5. What possible definitions does Witherspoon give for the word “clergyman”?
6. What possible problems does Witherspoon foresee about excluding members of the clergy?
7. What specific changes does Witherspoon recommend for the Georgia Constitution?
8. Does Witherspoon want his suggestions taken seriously?