Subject: When Should a Christian Break the Law
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Today I received the monthly Voice of the Martyrs newsletter, and there is a pamplet written by Tom White (the head of Voice of the Martyrs) titled, 'Is secret Christian work "illegal"? It is a defense of his/their position that it's ok to break the law to further the cause of Christ, since one of their main ministries is the smuggling of Bibles in to countries that have laws making it illegal to do so. Also there is a argument made that it's ok to lie when filling out a visa application, saying that the person entering the restricted country is entering as a tourist, rather than a missionary.

He raises the question,'When does our obedience to the government become disobedience to God?" It sure would be hard to 'spread the gospel' without being able to give out copies of it for those who've never heard it before. That's the situation in China...

Another question of conscious that just came to me, why do we Christians in America buy products from a nation, China, that serverely restricts the Bible from being available to it's citizens? And if you shop at Walmart, then the majority of what you purchase is from China, unless you've already decided to not support China's takeover as the world's most domainant financial power.

Any comments or convictions about this ethical dilemma?