

WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT

Many Christians are reluctant to be politically involved. Some have been duped by the so-called “Separation of Church and State” mantra foisted upon the people by Progressive judges, politicians, and media. Others may feel that the Bible does not encourage, or even permit such “worldly” involvement. As a conservative Evangelical Bible believer, and a thirty-plus year pastor, I encourage you to consider the following points.

First, let me say, as Christians, our hope and security must rest absolutely in the eternal God, not in any earthly government. If the whole world dissolves tomorrow, much greater blessings await us. If our reason for being involved in politics is simply to preserve our *own* earthly blessings or security, than we need to seek a deeper conviction of purpose.

But as Christians, we also are called to be *salt and light in the world* (Matt 5:13-16); *to occupy until Christ comes* (Luke 19:13); *to shine as light in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation* (Philip 2:15)), and to *seek to be a blessing to others* by showing the love of God in *mercy and truth* (Gal 6:10; Prov. 16:6). While the Gospel must be at the center of each of these, *truth* embraces *all* aspects of life. America, as founded, has brought unparalleled blessings to countless millions precisely because it was founded upon the acknowledgement of God and principles deeply rooted in the Bible. It has also provided an environment which protects and promotes the *free market exchange of ideas*, a fact greatly propitious to the Gospel. The question is, should we sit on our hands and bury our heads while we allow countless others, and possibly future generations, to be robbed of these blessings.

Furthermore, as *American* Christians we are bound to live according to the *law of the land*, which uniquely in America, is not a king, dictator or oligarchy. The Law in America rests upon the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution*, under the watchful care of the People. The truth is, *every* American not involved in protecting and defending the Constitution is in dereliction of duty to God and Country, and is squandering his/her birthright.

I am not at all suggesting a *Christian Theocracy*— far from it. The principles of Liberty, based upon the Judeo-Christian scriptures and embedded in the Ten Commandments, afford maximum *sustainable* Liberty for *all* people. Briefly identified, they are (1) the freedom of (not from) religion, speech and assembly, (2) the universal right to life for every human being; (3) the sanctity of marriage and primacy of the family unit; (4) the right to hold and protect private property; and (5) the right to *truth*. Within this framework of liberty, every individual has a right to exist, and is free to make his or her own life choices according to the dictates of his own conscience, all briefly comprehended in “*life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*”. The only restriction to that liberty is that no one is free to violate any of another’s *indefeasible rights*, even if they personally do not agree

with, or respect these rights. These inalienable rights are fundamental to American Liberty, and to allow them to be destroyed on some pretense of “*civil liberty*” or “*freedom from religion*” is, simply put, to commit national suicide.

However, as to our Christian *moral convictions* regarding *lifestyle*, they must be propagated on the wings of the Gospel of Grace, which alone can change hearts, and not by the sword of government. Again, each individual must be free to make his/her life choices and to respond to God, or not, according to the liberty of his/her own conscience.

And so, the Christian’s responsibility is two-fold:

(1) to seek in graciousness and love to bring others into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, utilizing their Constitutional First Amendment right.

and, the church being the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim 3:15),

(2) we must be purveyors of truth to the nation, protecting and defending the God-given liberty bequeathed to us by our founding forefathers and by the blood of countless men and women who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

~ May God bless you, and may He bless the restoration of the United States of America. ~