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Introduction to PIE

We have an obligation as Christians to be involved with what goes on in our country—our government, cities, states, schools, courts etc. If we do not, the wicked will rule and pass laws and policies that prohibit our freedom to worship God *and* our freedom to live our lives according to our Christian faith.

When the righteous increase, the people rejoice,
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
Proverbs 29:2

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting.
¹¹ By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.
Proverbs 11:10-11

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
1 Timothy 2:1-2

America was founded for the purpose of religious freedom. These freedoms are under attack. If we do not fight to keep them, no one else will. Yet we are obligated before God to live out our lives in obedience to Him regardless of the laws!

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.
Acts 5:29

We must fight to maintain our freedom to assemble, preach and live our faith!

Jesus prayed for God not to take us out of the world, but to keep us from the evil. He said we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world—not to be hidden.

I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.
John 17:15

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:13-16

We need to put action to our prayers!

For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. James 2:26

You are a Politician!

Every citizen of the United States of America is a politician. America is a republic. This means that it is governed by the people. The highest authority in the land is not the President or Congress, it's the people. Unfortunately, the American people have grossly neglected their office. We have come to the point of crisis and are in danger of losing our republic if we do not take office and steer our country back in place. Many people have thought that Christians should not be involved in politics, that they are under God's authority and don't need to tangle with worldly things. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the opposite is true.

Peter wrote that the people of God are to "submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him..." (1 Peter 2:14). The government of the United States is a human institution. Our republic is a human institution that we, as believers are told by the Lord we need to submit to. In our republic, you are a ruling authority. It's time to submit to this institution, rise up and take the responsibility of your office!

Michael Farris in *Constitutional Literacy* says, "The Constitution is not a document whereby an all-powerful government grants certain rights and privileges to its citizens. No, it's the other way around. The Constitution is a document whereby the citizens of the United States grant certain authorities and power to their government."

Paul wrote that "every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God." The authority of the American republic is from God Himself. The authority you have in governing this country is from God Himself. "Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves." (Romans 13:1-2). Christians have resisted the authority God has given us as a ruling voice, and it has brought condemnation upon us. Our freedom to speak and to live as Christians is under serious attack.

What is your political job description as an American citizen? To vote representatives into office that will uphold the constitution and to hold them accountable while in office. You may also consider running for office yourself. It's not too late. You can still take your rightful place in the office of a citizen. But you need to do it now!

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What about Separation of Church and State?

The term was commonly used at the founding of our country. The intent was that the government would not interfere with or inhibit religious practices or expressions—public or private. (This is seen in the 1802 letter by President Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists).

In 1947 the Supreme Court contradicted the founding father's intent and allowed the government to interfere with and prohibit religious practices and expressions, especially in public. (Everson Vs. Board of Education).

The original intent is that the government does not interfere with the church, but protects the rights of all citizens to worship (or not worship) as they so choose. We need to vote people into office that will uphold the original meaning of separation of church and state. We need to elect a president who will appoint supreme court justices who do the same thing.

What can we do?

Take your place in the American PIE!

Pray: Seek the Lord above all else. Communicate with Him daily.

Pray for all those in authority--American citizens, those in elected office, Christians, and all who are in positions of authority.

Inform yourself: Study the Bible, the ultimate authority that will judge all things in the end.

Study the constitution--the law of the land that you, as a politician, are to protect and defend.

Study current events, laws that are being introduced and voted on, the trends of society. Be informed by experts, not just political opinions. We want truth! Ask the Lord for it and to keep you from deception.

Express:

Speak and proclaim the Word. Let your conversation support the Gospel as you speak to your friends, family and those in your sphere of influence. Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vote.

Write your legislatures, judges, school boards, the media, and whoever else the Lord leads, to make your voice and views heard.

Check out the blog at www.oaklandmipie.blogspot.com

Pray about issues the Lord leads you to.

A strategy of the enemy is to spread us too thin—to become weary and confused. He will cloud what is important, and try to keep attacks coming on many fronts so we remain on the defensive and not on the offensive.

When a person wakes up to the condition around them, they are often overwhelmed and confused. However, we must ask the Lord to show us our place and position in His army to build His kingdom.

Spend time with the Lord in worship, prayer, meditating on His love and protection.

Psalm 91

¹⁵ Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-17

God wins!!

2016 Presidential Election

This year could be one of the most important presidential elections ever. The next president will appoint several supreme court justices which will have a huge impact on the direction of our country. We have threats rising against our first and second amendment rights, specifically our religious freedom, freedom of speech, and the right to bear arms. There are many other issues as well, such as the protection and defense of our country, the socialist indoctrination of our children in the public schools, the Islamic agenda etc.

If you are not registered to vote, please do so and then inform yourself on the issues according to God's biblical standard of righteousness.

The Presidential Primary in Michigan will be Tuesday, March 8th 2016. This is where we vote for who we want to run against our opposing party candidate in November—Republican or Democrat.

The Presidential election is on Tuesday, November 8th 2016.

Resources:

The Oak Initiative: www.theoakinitiative.org
Jihad Watch: www.jihadwatch.org
Center for Security Policy: www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org
Family Research Council: www.frc.org

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