

# To Our Government Officials

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God would like to have a few words with you—not so much about your policies, but about your character and your behavior, about your obligations to Him and to the people you serve. Please listen carefully.

Religion is not something you talk about to get elected; it's something you practice—all day, every day (Luke 9:23; Acts 17:11; 26:7; 2 Timothy 1:3). What I need you to do is completely submit your will to Mine, to obey Me in “all things” (2 Corinthians 2:9). Above all, My desire is that you “be saved and...come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

Be like Daniel, who was so faithful as a government official that “no error or fault” could be found in him (Daniel 6:4); like Samuel, who neither cheated nor oppressed anyone, nor received any bribes (1 Samuel 12:3-5); like the men whom Moses selected to judge the people—“able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain” (Exodus 18:21). Men like these are in short supply today, but there's no reason why you can't be one of them.

Humble yourself in My sight (James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5-6). If not for Me, you would have no authority (Romans 13:1), so don't dare walk around with a sense of entitlement. I hold your breath in My hands; it's in Me that you live and move and have your being; and it's Me that you'll have to answer to in the day of judgment (Daniel 5:23; Acts 17:28; Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10). Don't make the same mistake as men like Belshazzar and Herod, who did not give Me the glory (Daniel 5:22-23; Acts 12:20-23).

Don't ever lie to the people (Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:8), and yes, that includes making promises you can't keep. Far better to not make a promise than to make one and not keep it (Ecclesiastes 5:2-5). Your integrity is at stake, a precious asset indeed. “He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known” (Proverbs 10:9). “The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him” (Proverbs 20:7).

No, My word is not a government policy making manual, but on the issues I do address in My word, take an uncompromising stand. For example, you can't be for Me and for gambling at the same time. Gambling is driven and sustained by greed or covetousness, and that's something I hate (Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5). Abortion and homosexuality—there's really no “wobble room” on either of these issues, because they are both an abomination in My sight (Psalms 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 1:24, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Jude 1:7).

Can you be involved in politics and still “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness”? (Ephesians 5:11). Has it become such a dirty business that you can't keep yourself pure? If it has become a stumbling block to your soul, then get out right now. Far better to preserve your soul than to preserve your position (Matthew 16:26).