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I Hate Politics

If you have ever thought the subject line of this email, or said it, believe me, I get it. What is happening politically in our country may only serve to reinforce our disgust with politics. While the division and incivility are not new, they seem particularly bad today. But then I remind myself about a duel between Vice President Aaron Burr and former Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton in 1804. At least we are not resorting to duels!

No matter what you think about the current situation politically, I think we would all agree that our elected officials need our prayers. Our country needs our prayers. Jeremiah 33: 3 comes to mind: “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show unto thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.”

I am also reminded of the testimony of the men of Issachar in I Chronicles 12:32, that they were men who “had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.” Can that be said of us as leaders?



I want to recommend a resource to you that I believe will help you develop a biblical understanding of our times and how we, as believers, should relate to government. It is a 50-page booklet entitled “Why Christians Should Seek To Influence Government for Good,” by Wayne Grudem, and published by our friends at Family Research Council. You can download a free PDF here: <https://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=BC13C03&f=PG13H01>. You can also contact our office for a print copy. It is a short, easy and helpful read.

Sadly, legitimate government seems hopelessly entangled with that which is political and partisan. I certainly understand the desire for pastors and churches to avoid the political. But for us to disengage from impacting government for good seems equally inappropriate. Connecting the shepherds of God’s people with the “shepherds” of government to bring a gospel witness to them is the focus of the Church Ambassador Network.

May the Lord grant you wisdom and grace as you seek to bring gospel clarity to your church family on the issues of our day.

Next week, Thanksgiving week, we will not send a Church Ambassador Network email. May the Lord grant you a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. We certainly do have much for which to be thankful to the Lord!

In Christ,

Dave Lingle
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PS: If you have an interest in criminal justice reform, or if you know someone who does, you may want to participate in this webinar: “The Biblical Case for Criminal Justice Reform.” It will happen next week on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. CST. You can use this link to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QjIdibBwQLy4bKoeTHSdgw

PPS: The short booklet I recommended in this email is essentially a distillation from Grudem’s 624-page volume, *Politics According to the Bible* (Zondervan, 2010). You may be disinclined to read a 600-page book on this subject, but I hope you will read the little booklet linked in this email.