

Passion, Politics and the Pulpit - 1

**[PASSION]**

1. To please God regardless of who may be displeased
2. Grace and truth (John 1:14)  
“Neither condemn or defend”

Matthew 5:6 (ref) ...hunger and thirst for righteousness...

Proverbs 14:34 (ref) ...righteousness exalts a nation...

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...

Genesis 17:4 ...you shall be a father of many nations.

-To please men at the cost of displeasing God is an unbearable sin.

-My passion is for **truth** on every level.

**[POLITICS]**

Mark 8:15 (NKJV)

Pharisees? Luke 12:1 (Hypocrisy)

Herod? Politics (Bread ?)

Politics has corrupted our **faith**

Politics of personal destruction / Identity politics

Leavened the media / weaponized agencies (IRS)

**[PULPIT]**

1. God’s Word speaks to every area of our lives
2. God’s kingdom proclaimed and explained

**\*\*MLK - slide (silence)\*\***

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.”

– Dr Martin Luther King

**\*\*Bonhoeffer - slide (discipleship)\*\***

“Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**\*\*Bonhoeffer - slide (silence)\*\***

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

[Government will either be a resistance to or a refuge for evil.]

Rom 13:1-5 (TPT)

Government is for punishment of evil doers.

When evil doers are empowered they use government to punish good works.

1 Peter 2:14-15 (TPT)

Evil has always perverted government to suppress righteousness

- Daniel (Daniel 6:7)
- Esther (Haman - Esther 3:9)

Hosea 8:1-4 (NKJV)

*\*\*Martin Niemöller – slide\*\**

“First they came for the socialists and I did not speak out – because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.” - Martin Niemöller

### **[TAKE AWAY]**

1. Politics will corrupt God’s character in a people.
2. The pulpit is to shape God’s character in a people.
3. Passion for God is the key to restoration.