

Should pastors, churches, & Christians be involved in politics and legislation? Shouldn't we just focus on preaching the gospel & loving people like Christ?

If you say Christians, churches, or pastors should not be involved in politics, you are essentially saying that child sexual abuse should be legal. It sounds harsh, but the truth is much harsher, because if you take a stance against being **actively** involved in politics, then you are basically **also** saying that death games & forced temple prostitution should still be legal. Why?

Well, look at this partial list:

Slavery, racism, segregation, kidnapped brides, death games, gladiatorial combat, infanticide, child labor, child abandonment, child prostitution, child sexual abuse, child marriage, the superstitious killing of twins, elder abandonment, widow burning, cruelty to prisoners & cruelty to animals.

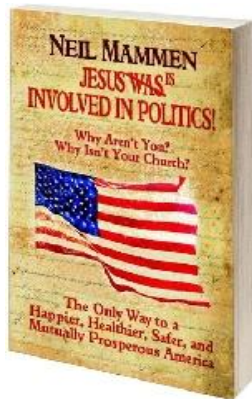
Every one of these practices and thousands of others in history were made illegal *only* because pastors and elders got their congregation involved in politics & started changing moral laws in their nation and *also* in other nations.

Do you not think our Lord was active in these battles?

Politics is about moral issues! Bad laws cause suffering!

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Often it was at the cost of their lives (e.g., the monk Telemachus), and it was almost always after enduring hate from the entire public (e.g., Wilberforce).

How heartless, cruel, & mean spirited can we be to say Christians should not be involved in politics? That's not loving!

Is this really the stance we want to take? Is this Christlike in any shape, fashion, or form?

Objection: I don't know about that. I am just called to preach the gospel!

The Gospel IS CRITICAL! And we should never not preach the gospel. *But none of these exclude preaching the gospel.* In fact, historically, they've made preaching the Gospel *easier*- to those who were rescued & to those who saw the compassion of the Church. Remember, our Lord has not called us to **just** preach the Gospel. James is very clear about this. We have to worry about those who are oppressed, women, children, and orphans, and we are to do good and seek justice **as well as** preaching the Gospel.

Is 1:17, Jm 1:27, Is 58, Ps 37:27-29, Hos 12:6, Pr 24:25

200 years of the greatest evil

And even if you claim that you are **only** to preach the gospel, you then have to deal with the fact that the gospel was preached *weekly* for 200 years in two of the *most Christian nations* in the world, the US & the UK, **yet one of the greatest evils in the history of mankind - SLAVERY, continued every single day of those 200 years.**

Politics is precisely about Moral Issues!

It wasn't until a **pastor**- John Newton, a **politician**- William Wilberforce, and a **layperson**- Thomas Clarkson decided to get involved in politics, and bring their **entire** church into a **40-year** political battle, that slavery was abolished in the UK.

Note we can't say "Jesus is coming back soon anyway!" What if John Newton had said that? Slavery would still be legal!

And then, sixty long years later, Christians and pastors in the **United States**, realized that simply preaching the Gospel was not going to abolish slavery in the US. So, they decided to form a new political party, the Republican Party, which first met in a church. It was then, and only then, that slavery began to be abolished in the United States. They were keeping the 2000-year Church tradition of stopping evil by getting involved in politics and passing Godly laws.

Can you now heartlessly say those Christians & pastors were wrong and should have just focused on preaching the gospel? You must answer this.

Note, too, if Christians do not act, we *won't* be able to preach the Gospel. Do you want to be the generation of pastors & Christians who could have ensured our nation kept the freedom to evangelize - but didn't?

Knowing all that history, can we really justify the claim that we are **only** called to preach the gospel & not to be concerned that 60M babies have been murdered by abortion, 20M of them black, a *literal* black genocide of 50% of the existing African American population; or be concerned about the millions of children in tax funded schools being encouraged to mutilate their genitals to pacify the sexual lusts of the demon possessed? And if your child was groomed by teachers to ask for transgender surgery, there are now laws banning you from interfering with your own child's surgery. All while pastors stand passively by, because 66% of us Christians don't even vote.

Preaching the Gospel does not absolve you of ignoring evil you could have stopped!

What Christian, pastor or church can stand in the face of this & deny that we are called to **be active and fight evil** and protect the rights of the innocent (*Prov 31:5,8,9; Ec 5:8; Is 1:17, Is 10:2; Lam 3:35; Job 36:6, Esther*)? Can we ignore injustice? Especially when it is in our power to reduce it? God will not be mocked!

History will count you and liken you to those pastors and Christians in the US, UK, and Germany who stood silent while slavery and Nazism killed hundreds of thousands, destroyed families, and made a mockery of the churches that did nothing in the face of evil and “just preached the gospel.”

Remember, you can choose to accept oppression for *yourself* personally, but you do not have permission from God to allow *others* to be oppressed without taking action to protect them. Especially when it is easy to preach about it, take action, & vote.

Ask your pastor this, one of these days:

“Pastor, what would you do, if tomorrow City Hall decided to reduce the parking in our church lot by 50%? Would you ask the entire church to show up at the next Council meeting? Would you go meet with the politicians?” Wait for his answer.

Then gently say, “You know, less parking doesn’t kill babies or hurt young girls and children, so why should the church not care *just as much* about the transgender mutilation of 10-year-olds, racism in the guise of Critical Race Theory (that causes depression and anxiety in teens), homosexual activists recruiting kids in grade schools with drag kid story hours, drag kid parades, and drag kid Santas? All which could be prevented if we showed up in mass at the meetings and elected lawmakers who fear God.” *Ex 18:21*

Then explain to your pastor why 200 years of **just preaching** the Gospel sadly did **not** stop slavery. Ask him if he thinks Christians and your church should be involved in politics to pass laws to protect the innocent. Then ask your pastor: When will you speak out against these evil people, and rally our church to limit the evil that God hates - **like Pastor Newton and his church did to stop slavery?**

Ask him, kindly, if the reason he is silent is that he fears that some in his **congregation** or the elder board **will despise the Biblical condemnation of evil** or the exposure of demonic activity & **leave**. That’s what the pastors said about slave owners. Is that a good reason to ignore the suffering of innocents?

Humbly ask him to explain why none of this is his responsibility as a shepherd, leader, and protector of the flock. Ask your evangelical Christian friends & family the same questions.

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor executed by the Nazis.

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