

POLITICAL MUDSLINGING AND THE CHRISTIAN

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I am increasingly dismayed at the personal attacks on people of whom God has placed in positions of governmental authority. The mudslinging occurring in Washington, in the news, on facebook and among the general populous is absolutely sickening! Rather than focusing on the positive aspects of a man/woman, 'dirt diggers' rummage through their lives from the moment of his/her conception and dredge any dirt that may lurk in their past and sling it with malice and contempt.

Listen to me, folks (especially Christians) that is not what I Timothy 1-3 teaches, *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"*

Regardless of whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or someone without any political ties whatsoever, we are exhorted (even commanded) to pray for those in authority over us. While it may grate against our carnal nature and be monumentally challenging to submit ourselves to the powers that be (especially when we disagree with them); it remains our God-given duty to lift them up in prayer, rather than degrade and demoralize them.

Yes, we may disagree with some of their views and values; nevertheless, we should lift them up before the Lord and intercede on their behalf. If we, as Christians, would only follow God's Word, the Lord would be able to work unhindered by our meaningless attempts at running the universe! It was God who placed these individuals in their respective places and believe it or not, God is working out His plan according to His will through them!

So my fellow Christians; don't get caught up in slinging mud, you'll only get dirty yourself! Pray! Intercede! Let God run the show! He sets in authority who He wants, and at the same time, takes down who He wants! God is in complete control, aware of the situation and working all things leading up to the return of His Son, in which Jesus will reign sovereign over all creation! Hallelujah!

Dear Lord, wash our hands free of the dirt left behind from our mudslinging and help us, as Christians, to spend that time in prayer for those in authority. We may not like what some of our leaders do, or say, but you have all things in control and accomplishing your Divine will.

For those who are reading this and lack a personal relationship with your Son, may they turn to Him, confess their sins and receive Him into their hearts (John 3:16).

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.