



# When Moral Law Is No Longer the Authority

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“What’s it going to take?”

That’s the question I pose to pastors who remain silent on issues like abortion, transgenderism, and other “hot-button” topics.

Is it going to take 4,000 abortions a day for you to speak up? Is it going to take Drag Queen Story Hour for three-year-olds? Is it going to take the church being totally shut down for you to speak up? Where’s the line that must be crossed before more pastors stand up courageously in our culture to speak the truth of God’s Word against the wrongs in our society?

I’ve found that pastors and other Christians in America who don’t speak out for biblical truth tend to fall into one of two categories. Some remain silent because they’ve been taught that the church should stay out of politics. This group has fallen for the lie that Christians should keep their faith private.

Then there’s another faction that’s actually complicit with the liberal left. They believe in a kind of Christian Marxist worldview that conflates the biblical teachings about love with a tolerance of sin in a very dangerous way.

For example, some pastors say it’s not their position to take a stance on life or abortion. I ask them, if you won’t take a stance on protecting a baby, then what, if anything, would you take a stance on?

As a pastor, you are the moral center of a community, and if you can’t stand for when human life begins, why should you be trusted with anything else from that point forward?

As believers, we must correct the view that Christians should stay out of politics. Both Scripture and the Constitution presuppose that biblical, Christian principles anchor and guide the moral fabric of politics and public life. We must dispel the myth that separation of church and state is meant to keep the church out of the state, and not the other way around. Our founders built our nation, and its laws on biblical principles. It is our right and duty as American Christians to engage in politics.

The second step is much more complicated because for many, leftism is like a religion of its own. Take for example issues like the welfare state and abortion funding.

The left takes these issues as seriously as a devout Jew will take Yom Kippur – the holiest day on their calendar. So if you dare take away abortion funding, the left will protest, marching in the streets as if you are going to take away the right to celebrate Yom Kippur from a religious Jew.

They view their agenda religiously, and we must be aware of this element, because this leftist religion is a sinister force that will slowly but surely deconstruct a culture or a state.

I firmly believe the Church is the sleeping giant in this country that must be awakened to fight these ideologies and heal our nation.

Unfortunately, far too many churches are still sleeping. I’m amazed at how some pastors will boldly preach wonderful sermons on salvation and eternal damnation, unafraid if they’re offending anyone about



their eternity. And yet, when it comes to men who think they are women participating in high school sports, they back off. For some reason that's a step too far.

I've seen this firsthand, growing up in the suburbs of Chicago. Palatine High School was the poster child for the entire transgender debate in a case where a man who thought he was a woman won an access to the female locker room. Over the course of three years of lawsuits over this case the local churches stayed silent.

Local churches did not participate in school board races, in the mayoral election, or the state representative races. Eventually, through lawsuits and the capitulation of the school board, this man who thought he was a woman was now allowed to go into the female locker room. Whether they intended to or not, through their silence the churches were complicit in this outcome.

Why did believers remain silent? Do we not know where God stands on this issue?

Of course we do; you don't have to read very far in the Bible to find out. The first few chapters in Genesis make clear that there are only two genders: scientifically, biologically, realistically, spiritually, and theologically.

If you believe there are more than two genders, it's because you've been taught that – it's not self-evident.

So, what is the left's endgame in all of this? Simply put, it's chaos. Everything the left does seeks to create more chaos.

Open borders, by definition, create chaos. Manufacturing racial tension creates chaos. Having people confused about their gender from a young age creates chaos.

All of this is antithetical to the heart of God. He is a God of order. 1 Corinthians 14:33 says...

*For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.*

And because He's a God of order and peace, He's given us His Word to reveal that order. We have answers to today's issues because God's Holy Word is the same today as it has always been and will always be.

Scripture reveals...

How many genders there are. Spoiler alert, it's just two.  
What marriage is and its purpose.  
How we should interact with government and each other.  
God's view on immigration, borders, rule of law, sovereignty... and so much more!

For Christians, the Bible must be our reference point. There should be no confusion. Yet if you ask a leftist for their reference point, you're going to get hundreds of different answers. Some might say it's The Communist Manifesto. Others might say CNN, or NPR. They might say it's the *LA Times*, media outlet, or whatever book is *en vogue* at the moment.

The point is this: The left does not have a central reference point like God's Word, that's why they're so confused.



As a result, we're witnessing a world crumbling under the sin of pornography, addiction to drugs, and the dissolution of the family.

People are hungry for the order that the Bible can give them. Christians can offer more than eternal life to individuals who are suffering and confused; we can bring order to the chaos people are experiencing right now, and help them find stability, assurance, and direction in God's Word and His unchanging moral law.

Yes, when Christians speak up about God's truth, we will experience fierce opposition. Remember, Christianity is a threat to the religion of the left – so there will be opposition. When I speak on certain college campuses that have been hijacked by liberal ideology, the thing that elicits the most mockery and repulsion is when I say, "Our rights come from God, not from government."

John Locke recognized this reality, as did our Founding Fathers. Our entire system of government functions on this assumption. But the left hates this truth because it holds them accountable to something beyond the government they seek to control.

That's the truth they can't stand to hear. Why? Because if that is really true, they might not be able to continue to live the way they think they should live. They might have to drop the lifestyle that they've been following and behave differently. It's an affront to their pride.

That is really what all of this comes down to. The fight for life, the fight for basic biological standards, the fight for school choice, the fight for taxes, the fight for sovereignty, the fight for borders. It's a battle to get people to recognize God's power and authority in their lives.

That's why we must acknowledge that this is a spiritual war, first and foremost. Those who are opposed to our beliefs are fighting for the abolition of a belief in the divine.

Because if you can get someone to admit that there is a God – an omnipresent, omniscient God that has power over them and has granted them their rights, then they have to admit that government isn't the highest authority in the universe.

If you believe there's no God, then right and wrong is just a matter of opinion. If you admit there's a God, then right and wrong are objective truths to which you are accountable.

Make no mistake, you are going to face opposition and antagonism, but if you'll be patient and stand firm in the face of the name calling, the protesting, and the screaming, then finally people will begin to crack. Eventually, they'll even begin to think about the issues. And that's when the truth of God can reach them.

God gave us a heart and emotions, but He also gave us a mind to think analytically and rationally. If you rationally look at leftism, you will come to the conclusion that it is a force of cultural chaos that will destroy everything that it touches.

Young people today believe freedom means they can do whatever they want, be whoever they feel like being, treat their bodies however they want. But that's not freedom. In fact, at the end of that road is bondage.

You will not be a productive, happy, or fulfilled person if you live that way. You'll be in bondage to addiction and sin.



Jesus taught clearly that freedom from sin is what will bring you actual liberation from bondage. That's the message that young people are hungry to hear... because it's real, and it offers real hope.

That is why we must engage in the battle for the hearts and minds of our young people.

Some don't want to fight this battle because they incorrectly understand the separation of church and state, as I've already mentioned. But we must also understand that right now, religion does operate in our schools. It's called leftism. This religion has its core of beliefs and values. The absence of the Bible, not teaching the Bible at all, even as a historical document, allows the religion of leftism to propagate unchecked in our educational institutions.

We don't need to necessarily teach the Bible as the Word of God. People will naturally come to that conclusion by being exposed to the Bible. They will understand the stories and the history and the wisdom within the text.

Through our silence and inaction, Christians have allowed schools to stop teaching the Bible and get rid of prayer – and look where that has gotten us.

It's time for the church to rise up in revival and be unapologetic in talking about God's Word and the moral law that is the foundation of our great nation.

We need to boldly tell people that we believe in a system of government where all lives matter and their life matters. That we believe in individual liberty and dignity and in American sovereignty and excellence. You'd be amazed at how those on the other side of these issues can change when Christians and conservatives look them in the eyes, love them, and share truth with them as fellow human beings made in the image of God.

They're waiting for us to do that.

### **Take Your Study Further**

*For verses about the Bible as a rule for living, see: Psalm 19:7–11, Proverbs 6:23, Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12*

*For encouragement to share the truth with others, see: Zechariah 8:16, Romans 12:9, Ephesians 4:15, James 5:20*

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