

Hidden Danger: Trump and the Church

I applaud Donald Trump for his pro-Christian policies. His first Cabinet meeting was opened with prayer in the name of Jesus. He has banned biological men from participating in women's sports and using women's restrooms and locker rooms. He has instituted the White House Office of Faith "to assist faith-based entities and houses of worship in their efforts to strengthen American families and protect religious liberty."

This is a huge relief after the anti-Christian policies of the Biden administration. However, amid all this there is a hidden danger for the church which we must guard against. The danger here is that we as Christians become dependent on politics, politicians and government legislation—rather than the power of the gospel—to change society.

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The government can change laws, but only God—through the preaching of the gospel—can change hearts. If hearts are not changed, society and culture are not changed. If culture is not changed, a new and hostile government will soon come along, and we will be worse off than we were before.

A Lesson From the Past

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Winston Churchill said, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." A lesson of which America's founders

were very aware was that which happened when the Roman emperor Constantine was converted and began providing pastors and bishops with comfortable salaries, building beautiful cathedrals for them and granting all sorts of social perks.

Christian leaders were then compromised in their newfound political acceptance. Maintaining acceptance and favor with the emperor was now more important than being a bold prophetic voice to the emperor and empire. As a result, both the church and the empire went spiritually dead and morally corrupt. The famous church father, John Chrysostom (A.D. 347-407), wrote:

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