

TAKE GOD OUT OF GOVERNMENT?

Only recently has the notion that God has no place in government taken hold. Following the court-imposed removal of prayer and the Bible from schools, World Book Encyclopedia (1963) noted, "this is the first time there has been a separation of church and state in education." Not coincidentally, reverence for God has also diminished in the family and the church. A dramatic increase in divorce and juvenile crime, coupled with a decline in membership among mainline denominations, demonstrates the folly of removing God from any sphere of influence.

CHURCH IN POLITICS

The late Francis Schaeffer warned, "God ordained the State as a delegated authority; it is not autonomous. So, when government violates what God clearly commands, it exceeds its authority." When the great evangelist Charles Finney became president of Oberlin College in Ohio, he used that platform to become one of the first national voices to speak out consistently against slavery. He vigorously supported the North in the Civil War and later championed the women's right-to-vote. Dr. Adrian Rogers adds, "...The church is the conscience of the state. We need to speak up and say what God's Word says...Satan's strategy is to keep good people silent in evil times..."

Religion [is] the basis and Foundation of Government.
--President James Madison

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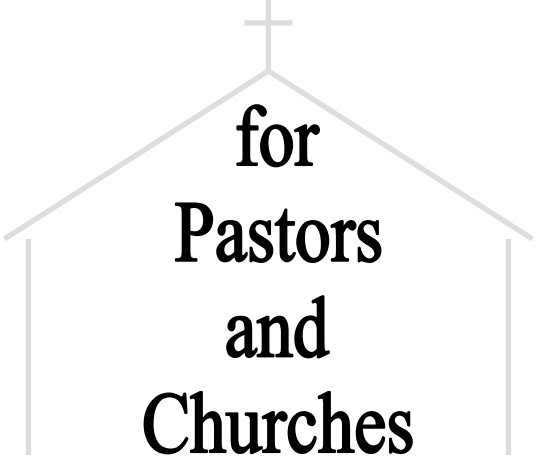
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