

# Conservatives must persevere

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As I write this article on the Thursday before the elections, I obviously don't know what the outcomes will be, but I can say that regardless of the outcomes I have come to this conclusion: our nation's churches and Christians have a huge job ahead of them.

Never before have we come so close to losing our Christian-Judeo status than we have with this election.

Even if conservatives win elections from local to presidential, the battle isn't over. Liberals will continue to attempt to push the church and God out of America, destroy Godly family values, and turn this nation into a socialist state.

Liberals are determined to bring about Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "Second Bill of Rights," They have been trying to since he announced it at his 1944 State of the Union Address. In it, he stated that each American was entitled to necessities that would allow the "pursuit of happiness."

FDR said, "... We have come to the clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence." "Necessitous men are not free men." "People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made..."

He continued that among these rights were:

"The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;"

"The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;"

"The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;"

"The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;"

"The right of every family to a decent home;"

"The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;"

"The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;"

"The right to a good education."

At the surface, these all seem to be worthy goals. However, they all require two things to implement, and that is money and control by the government, which leads to high taxation and burdensome laws.

Why is this such a threat to the church and to Christians? Very simple. They're in the way.

The Scriptures do not teach that people have a right to these "rights." In fact, the Scriptures teach that if you don't work, you don't eat, and that a man who does not provide for his family is worse than a heathen.

The Scriptures do teach that we are to help others; Jesus did say that what you have done to the least of these (people) you have done to Him. Jesus was not only interested in our compassion, but our sacrifice; but nowhere in the Scriptures did he take something from one person and give it to another.

Much of the New Testament deals with developing our character and our judgment of how to give to others. Who among us has felt our souls edified by paying taxes? Truth be known, many Christians voluntarily give far more than they pay for taxes, but they give in a way that they feel led by the Lord to give, and they give to sources who will skillfully and responsibly manage the disbursement of the money.

If the liberals ever get full control of the government, taxes will skyrocket in an even larger maze of giveaway programs, corruption and mismanagement. High taxes will then drain away funds away from Christians and the church at large, reducing the amount of ministry that churches can do, and ultimately create a greater dependence on government for subsistence.

Most Christians in this country, at least until recent years, have taken their right to worship for granted, and have not been vocal in opposition to liberal policies. This is especially true for Christians who have taken the position that their faith is a private matter and should not be imposed on others.

Now it is time for Christians and other conservatives to join the few who have already been bold in their faith and fighting the wrongs in this country. We need more Christians and conservatives in government. We need more Christians and conservatives to vote and to morally and financially support others who run for office. We need more Christians and conservatives dedicating their lives and their livelihoods to protecting our churches and defending Christians and Christianity.

Otherwise, the church and Christianity will sink into the same obscurity as they have in other socialistic countries. It will be no different for us. We won't be that special then. And I just happen to believe that we live in a very special place.

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