

STRATEGY FOR CHANGE

I. Individual

- A. Continue to educate yourself. (Your education has just begun.)
 - 1. Repeat this class—many people do. Bring friends.
 - 2. Read the books in the bibliography (in the study guide), and read what you have purchased in this class.
 - Try this formula: read three books, then re-read one of the three; read three more, then re-read one of the six; read three more, and then re-read one of the nine, etc. Try to read at least four good worldview books each year.
 - 3. Magazines
 - Remember that most “conservative” publications are still promoters of mild socialism. Most use relativist and ends-based decision making, and most don’t understand the source of authority and rights.
 - 4. Principle Perspective
 - “Principle Perspective” is our periodical publication that is designed to provide booster shots of information and worldview to those who have benefited from IPS teaching. Make sure that you receive and read it.
- B. Pray and seek the Lord.
- C. Free yourself from government subsidies (or other forms of dependence).
- D. Free yourself from debt.
- E. Free yourself from government education.
- F. Educate others.
 - Friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc.
 - 1. Vehicles for this educational effort:
 - Conversation
 - Book study/discussion group
 - Teach a class (Sunday school, etc.)
 - Bring people to classes/lectures
 - Help sponsor a conference
 - Write letters to the editor
 - 2. Techniques:
 - Ask questions
 - Engage people in conversation
 - Be humble
 - Don’t argue—seek truth together
 - Be gradual—don’t dump the whole truck load at once
 - Have fun
- G. Consider the 5% challenge
 - All believers should be following the Biblical model to give 10% directly to God’s work in the local church. After this, consider committing an additional 5% to organizations that teach and promote effective, long-term strategies for changing hearts and minds. Especially those who promote sound principles of worldview, government and economics.
- H. Exercise consumerism and consumer power.
 - Spend considerably more supporting good media than you do supporting the bad.
 - How much do you spend on newspapers, magazines, cable TV, etc.?
- I. Don’t be a lone ranger.
 - Most of us need motivation, encouragement, and accountability.
- J. Reinforcement, repetition, reinforcement, repetition
 - Without reinforcement, even truth will be replaced by the most frequently repeated messages.

II. Help IPS spread this message and this material to thousands of additional people.

In the study and application of sound biblical principles to the fields of government and economics, there is a virtual mine-field of errors and deceptions that can take us captive. Government and economics involve the most sought-after things for the unbeliever: power and money. It should come as no surprise that powerful people and groups will marshal every ounce of intellect, creativity, psychology, deception, and technology to accomplish their quest for these two commodities.

The mission of IPS is to help the church think in a principled and biblical manner and to be as wise as a serpent to ascertain the strategies of our adversaries. To do this effectively, we need your ongoing support. Here are just a few things that you can do to strengthen IPS.

A. Give your personal and family financial support

We need people who will commit a portion of the “kingdom” resources that they manage to the work of IPS. One-time gifts certainly help, but we cannot fulfill our mission without those who become regular givers.

B. Tell others about IPS

C. Distribute IPS materials

D. Help us connect with potential donors

Do you know of Christian business people or organizations that may be willing to support our work?

E. Consider holding a fundraising event for IPS through your church, your place of work, your Bible study, or your friends

III. Family

A. Reduce debt

Every dollar of interest that you give to a bank or credit card company is a dollar that is not building the kingdom.

B. Increase Kingdom giving

1. Meet the needs of the church

2. Give with a strategy

Give for the building of solid foundations (principles)

Give for long-term victory, not short-term

Give for the preservation of liberty

If we lose our freedom of religion, we may not be able to give to the church.

If we lose our freedom of education, we may not have Christian schools to contribute to.

3. Don't give to groups that take government (taxpayer) funds

Many private charities have become “wards of the state” because they receive more money from government than they do from voluntary donations. Encourage, reward, and support those charities that refuse to take government funds.

C. Train your children and grandchildren

1. Family devotion time

Alternate the material in this devotion time between bible study and works of a solid, biblical worldview in the areas of creation, government, economics, history, etc.

2. Discuss issues as a family—at the dinner table, etc.
3. Develop a quality family library
4. For teenage children, help them to develop a personal library

Government and economic training should receive as much time and attention as music or sports!

IV. Church

A. Teach broad biblical principles in your church

1. Find venues within the church where these biblical principles can be taught
2. Pastors should include biblical teaching on government, economics, and history
These biblical teachings and principles should not be neglected.
(Principles on theft, source of rights, etc.)

B. Take back education

Step 1: Teach the congregation the biblical reasons to exit government schools

Step 2: Aid members in educating privately

Private schooling

Start a private school, expand your private school, or assist another nearby private school.

Create funds to help families with limited means to school privately.

Home schooling

Start a support group to encourage homeschooling.

C. Take back charity

Step 1: Work to get church members off of government support

Step 2: Work outside the church to do the same

Form partnerships with other churches to replace government charity programs (start small and God will bless it).

D. Get the church out of debt

1. The church should be an example of biblical finance to its members
2. People will give more toward something that has not been purchased (built) than they will for something that they already have.

E. Get members out of debt.

F. Be wary of trendy programs

Many are stealth programs designed to weaken the gospel.

F. Grow your church, but never at the expense of biblical truth

Church growth is a goal (end), but what “means” do we take to achieve this end?

The “ends” do not justify any “means” that would cause us to limit the hard truths of Scripture. Christ will build His church—we need only have faith and obey His entire Word.

V. Government.

A. Reduce debt.

Don’t vote for bond issues.

B. Reduce the size and scope of government whenever possible.

C. Have a long memory.

If an elected official votes the wrong way on important issues, don't let the next election go unnoticed.

D. Have faith. Vote as if your vote is the deciding vote.

The lesser of two evils is still evil.

E. Don't contribute to political parties, PACs, or other groups unless all of their people support principled positions with which you agree.

F. It is okay to give to candidates and other political causes, but give ten times more to education in principles that will impact elections in the long run.

G. Oppose all centralization of power.

H. Oppose all movement toward socialism.

I. Cut off opponents' monetary supply line.

Abortion funding, government funded media, etc

J. Don't think along party lines.

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