



Politics Is Not a Four-Letter Word

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Much of this course deals with politics. So it is important that we deal with the tendency of many Christians to view politics as inherently evil. Admittedly, there is plenty of evil in politics, but the political world is no more or no less evil than education, business, or entertainment. Each of these fields has tremendous power and influence. This influence may be used to promote good or it may be used to promote evil.

If we look specifically at the God-ordained institutions of family, church and state, we must recognize that each of these institutions was intended by God to produce good fruit. Certainly our Creator did not ordain these institutions for an evil purpose. Yet each of these institutions has, on occasion, been the instruments of evil. Where, therefore does the evil come from?

The answer is simple: evil is sin and sin is disobedience to God. Evil is promulgated by the sinful nature of mankind attempting to derive pleasure, wealth or power on our own without God. As if the sinful tendencies of mankind weren't bad enough, we are also faced with the corrupting influence of Satan. Satan is not a creator but a corruptor. His objective is to take everything that is good and corrupt it. Politics certainly bears the evidence of his corrupting influence—so does our media, our schools, and many other institutions.

The good news, however, is that each of the institutions mentioned here can be used to positively impact our society if Christians will stop being spectators and become participants in these institutions.