

“Having a 1st Century Faith in a 21st Century World”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 Chronicles 12:32; Luke 12:54-56

I. How Today’s Christian Deals with “Culture and Politics”

A. Understanding the Times (The sons of Issachar understood the times – do we?)

1. If we are going to succeed as God desires, we need to know what “time” it is.
 - a. It is time for God’s people to major in the majors and to minor in the minors

Mark 12:30-31

Matthew 28:19-20

- b. It is time for God’s people to return to His word as our only source of spiritual authority

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Timothy 4:3-4

- c. It is time for us to come together as the Lord’s church

Acts 2:45

B. We Won’t Impact Our Culture by being “Nice,” but we will by being “Loving”

1. Love = Doing what is in the best interest of others without worrying about the cost to us.”
 - a. Tolerating sin is *not* nice!

Luke 13:3

2 Corinthians 7:10

2. Some Christians today believe we should seek “the middle ground/neutral” as our position.
 - a. Is seeking the middle ground such a good idea?!

- b. Seeking the constantly moving middle means . . .

Ephesians 2:2

Ephesians 4:14

- c. Thus, “Neutrality” or seeking “the middle-ground” is not the answer for the Lord’s people!

John 18:38

John 14:6

John 17:17

3. Jesus’ goal was not to be “nice” so as not to hurt feelings, nor was it to seek the “middle ground”!
 - a. “Truth inevitably leads to confrontation.”

Revelation 3:15-16

John 15:19

John 6:60, 66-68

Ephesians 4:15

CONCLUSIONS:

Matthew 28:19-20

Revelation 2:10