

SOMETIMES THE POLITICAL INVOLVES THE SPIRITUAL (2 Chronicles 11:13-16)

1.Abortion.

- a.This very recently became an issue between the two main candidates.
- b.I know we spent a sermon on this not too long ago and I won't belabor this point but we do need to stress it.
- c.I never foresee a time when the court decision made in Roe Vs. Wade will be reversed.
 - i.However, I do see a time when it can be expanded.
 - ii.If those who are for abortion gain control of the White House and are able to appoint Supreme Court Justices who share their murderous ideology, such will be the case.
- d.God still hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17).
- e.This topic must influence our political decision about the one for whom we cast our ballot.
- f.All life is precious, even the life that is in the womb.
- g.It is created in the image of God and cannot protect itself, so we must do all that we can to protect it.

2.Homosexuality.

- a.We've already had our highest court take on a role that is outside its parameters.
 - i.Hearing a case involving the right of homosexuals and lesbians to marry people of the same sex brought this about.
 - ii.What the court did was not rule on the basis of law, but redefined marriage, which it has no authority to do.
- b.Homosexuality is sin and I don't believe anyone in this room believes that it isn't.
 - i.Romans 1:26 refers to it as a vile affection.
 - ii.Romans 1:27 calls it unseemly and an error.
 - iii.1 Corinthians 6:9-11 tells us that those who engage in such will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- c.The LGBT movement has gained support in the liberal segment of politics.
 - i.It is being thrust upon us in the media.
 - ii.In certain states, there is education curriculum that promotes the homosexual lifestyle to children as young as 1st or 2nd grade.
- d.This lifestyle choice is one that is sinful and abhorrent and needs to be marginalized not mainstreamed.
- e.Only those candidates who support conservative Supreme Court Justices will make the choice to do that.

3.Gender identity issues.

- a.Over the last year, there has been much talk about males who identify as females or females who identify as males.
- b.Bathrooms have been opened up to members of the opposite sex and this has opened up dangers for our children and for female adults as well.
- c.I do not doubt there are a few who struggle emotionally or psychologically with gender identity.

- i. However, just because someone struggles with a mental or emotional issue does not make them something they are not.
 - ii. Genesis 1:27.
 - iii. God makes us male or female.
- d. Biologically speaking, if you are born with an x and y chromosome, you are male and if you are born with two x chromosomes, you are female.
 - i. There is no debating this.
 - ii. You are what you are.
- e. While some may struggle with this emotional issue, there is no doubt scientifically as to what they are.
 - i. An organization called The New Atlantis did a three year study on this issue and here is the result of that study in a brief nutshell.
 - ii. "There is no scientific evidence that individuals who identify as genders that do not correspond to their biological sex have the brain of the opposite sex. It remains unclear why some individuals come to identify as the opposite sex, but scientific evidence does not support the notion that there are boys born with girl bodies or girls born with boy bodies."
- f. The Supreme Court is about to hear a case involving whether or not gender identity should be a factor in laws protecting against sex discrimination.
 - i. In other words, if you apply for a job and are denied the job based on your sex that is sex discrimination and wrong.
 - ii. There are those who want it to be that if you are denied a job based on the fact that you self-identify as the opposite sex and are denied a job then that is sex discrimination.
 - iii. It also involves which bathroom is to be used by a person that self-identifies as the opposite sex.
- g. Those that support such moves do not in any way help those who struggle with real self-identification problems.
 - i. Suicide rates are vastly higher for people with these identity issues.
 - ii. Helping them further identify as the opposite sex does nothing but make it more difficult for them.
 - iii. It does nothing to help them at all.
 - iv. What it really does is help sexual predators.