

# **“Wrestling with Today’s Tough Issues: Politics”**

Daniel Chapters 1-6

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Every Christian can respond with truth and grace to political concerns by applying five key biblical principles:

**Key Biblical Principle #1—God is Sovereign (Daniel 1:8)**

Above all, your allegiance is to God.

**Key Biblical Principle #2—Seek Wisdom (Daniel 6:11)**

God is all knowing—seek His counsel above all others.

**Key Biblical Principle #3—Get Involved (Daniel 1:18-21)**

God created us for a purpose—don’t hesitate to use your time, treasure, and talents for His Glory.

**Key Biblical Principle #4—Remain Obedient (Daniel 6:3)**

We are to obey those in authority over us...to a point.

**Key Biblical Principle #5—Be Gracious (Daniel 2:14)**

God is Gracious—we must reflect His character.

**Selected Bible verses related to political concerns:**

**Obeying and praying for Government Authorities:**

Matthew 22:21      Romans 13:1-7  
1 Peter 2:13-17      Titus 3:1  
Acts 5:27-29      1 Timothy 2:1-3  
Colossians 4:2      1 Thessalonians 5:17  
1 Timothy 2:1-4

**We have a spiritual enemy who is the “ruler” of earthly kingdoms:**

Luke 4:5-7      John 8:44; 12:31; 14:30; 16:11  
2 Corinthians 4:4      Ephesians 2:2; 6:10-20  
1 John 5:19  
Revelation 9:11; 11:15; 13:14; 18:23; 20:3, 8

**God’s Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom:**

John 17      Luke 6:27-28; 22:25-27, 50-51  
John 18:33-36      Philippians 2:3-4; 10-11  
Galatians 6:2      Colossians 3:1-2  
1 Peter 2:11      2 Peter chapter 3  
1 John 2:15

**Governments suffer when they don’t follow God’s Word:**

Proverbs 11:11, 14; 14:34, 20:28; 25:5; 28:12; 29:2  
1 Samuel 2:30      2 Chronicles 16:9

**Key references to Jesus in the book of Daniel:**

Daniel 2:35, 45; 7:13, 14, 27; 9:26