



Touching Lives  
with James Merritt

# POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

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## ***Series Summary***

As we dive into this series I'm calling "Political Correctness," put aside what party you belong to, what philosophy you hold to, or what preference you may have in the political world. Don't think about who the president is, who may be elected president, who political leaders are today, and who they may be tomorrow. Instead, let's look to Scripture and see how God calls us to live and how He calls us to respond to our political leaders.

**God And The Governor**

*Political Correctness | Week 1 | 1 Timothy 2:1-3*

**INTRODUCTION**

**NOTES**

We find in 1 Timothy chapter 2 what every Christian should do politically for every political leader. Simply put, every day we should always pray for the political leaders who lead the way. So what is the politically correct thing to do when it comes to any political leader? That's what we're going to discuss in this message.

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**KEY POINTS**

**1. We Are Generally Expected To Pray**

We're not called to make the political personal. We are called to make the political prayerful. We are obligated to put first things first and when it comes to politics, policies, positions, and partisanship, the first order of business for the church is prayer - not criticism, not complaining, not condemning, but prayer. Jesus did not say, "My house will be called a house of politics." He said, "My house will be called a house of prayer." This is the expectation we should be diligently trying to meet as followers of Jesus.

**2. We Are Specifically Exhorted To Pray**

When Paul wrote today's key passage, there was not one Christian ruler in the world anywhere. Believers had no political prominence, position, or power whatsoever. Not one nation has had as its national motto "In God We Trust." Practically every king and every person in authority were pagans, unbelievers, and in many cases, hostile to Christianity.

That is why I want you to understand that our leaders may not always call for our praise, but they always deserve our prayers. So whether you like the person or the party, or the personality or the policies is irrelevant. We are still called to pray for them.



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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How often do you pray for our political leaders? Are there any changes you want to make to the frequency of these prayers?
2. What keeps you from praying for political leaders?
3. How were you encouraged by Paul's words from today's key passage?

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**God And The Government**

*Political Correctness | Week 2 | Romans 13:1-7*

**INTRODUCTION**

**NOTES**

In today’s key passage, Paul reminds Christians then and now of an important truth to remember. The God that gives us grace also gives us government. So with that in mind, how are we to relate to the government? That’s exactly what we’re going to discuss in this message. Let’s dive in.

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**KEY POINTS**

**1. We Must Acknowledge The God-Given Authority Of Government**

Paul confirms that the authority of all governments and governmental leaders everywhere comes from God. That's true of every government everywhere. It is true of democracies and dictatorships. It is true of capitalistic governments and communist governments. It is true in governments where the bells of freedom ring loud and clear and where the bells of freedom are muffled in silence.

In fact, when you read through Scripture, you'll find something interesting and a little bit perplexing. Oftentimes, God puts good people in power to be a blessing. And sometimes, God allows evil people to be put into power to be a curse. The claim that all governments and all governmental rulers have in common is this: their authority is given by God and God alone.

**2. We Must Appreciate The God-Given Responsibility Of Government**

With authority comes responsibility, and the Apostle Paul outlines the primary responsibility of all government in today’s key passage. You can pretty much summarize everything Paul wrote in this one single sentence that I wish every government leader would remember. The primary responsibility of government is to do right for those who live right. Jesus makes it clear that not only does the government have authority from God, but it has the responsibility to use that authority for the goodness of its people and the glory of God.



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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What did you learn about God's relation to government from Paul's writings in Romans 13?
2. How can you find peace knowing that all government authority is given by God?
3. What practical steps can you take to participate in the government as a follower of Jesus?

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