

NAVIGATING CHURCH POLITICS

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Mark 4:8, *“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”*

Church Politics is defined as “the _____ and _____ kissing up to or _____ of _____ for the motivation of getting something for _____...i.e. you have a _____.”

“Politics” isn’t just in the church. We can get really cynical if we don’t realize that politics is everywhere there is humanity. We just don’t expect “politics” to exist in the church because we’re all “Christians.” However, as “human beings” are a part of a church...there will be “Church Politics.”

How do you keep from becoming _____ or _____ when dealing with church politics?

1. I look at people in the church world that have allowed cynicism and church politics to deeply wound them...and I don’t like what I see.
 - a. Often they’re critical and have lost _____
 - b. They’re living in the _____
 - c. They have no _____
 - d. They’ve lost their _____
2. I remind myself that heaven and hell are _____.
 - a. That means the stakes are much bigger than the things other people say.
 - b. Whoever breaks my _____ breaks my _____.
3. The Bible says, “_____ comes from the _____.”
 - a. If I believe that, I don’t have to play, “Who’s Who” in the church world.
 - b. I’ve never been my own PR agent.
 - c. I want to finish the race with the “wind in my face” and with the Fruit of the Spirit still on my life. Political people seem to lose a lot of that.

4. Being a woman in ministry causes you to experience politics in a different way.
- We've come light years from where it used to be when I first started in ministry. Then it wasn't okay for a woman to be in children's ministry, play music or go to the mission field. It's much easier for women now, but it is very much a "_____ " even today.
 - A woman in ministry circles has to be _____ to get the same amount of _____.
 - When a man uses a certain voice tone and is assertive in his leadership... he's called a good leader. When a woman uses the same voice tone and is assertive, a political undertow tends to call that woman a name seldom used in most Christian circles.
 - As a woman, it's important to stay a _____.
 - Its a fact that women usually get _____ than guys for doing the same role.
5. Often a person of race in the church world, has to navigate things with more _____ and _____ than a lot of other cultures. They have to think through the way they think and say things so as not to be thought about as " _____ or _____."

CONCLUSION:

- Church politics is real, but you do yourself a service if you don't let yourself get cynical or bitter. Politics is everywhere there are humans. Don't let yourself get frustrated thinking it's only the "church world."
- "Sad is the story of the man who climbed the ladder of success only to get to the top and realize that he had leaned his ladder against the wrong wall."
 - Don't lean your ladder against "pleasing _____" instead of "pleasing _____."
- "It's not what you _____ in life and ministry that will multiply the broadest. It will always be _____ you are."

Answers:

SPOKEN; UNSPOKEN; MANIPULATION; SOMEBODY IN POWER; YOURSELF;
SECRET AGENDA; cynical; disillusioned; their edge; past; close friendships; joy;
for real; focus; effectiveness; promotion; Lord; boy's club; better; acclaim; lady;
paid less; thought; intentionality; aggressive; threatening; people; Christ; DO;
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