

TEN POLITICAL COMMANDMENTS

THE KING OF KINGS COMMITMENT

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WORSHIP

I commit my allegiance to King Jesus over all idols and ideologies.

(Exodus 20:2-3; Psalm 115:1-8; Philippians 2:9-11)

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

I commit to participating in civic life as a means of loving and serving my neighbor rather than just serving my own interests.

(Matthew 22:34-40; Philippians 2:1-11)

IMAGE OF GOD

I commit to honoring the image of God in all people by treating them with respect and abstaining from dehumanizing caricatures.

(Genesis 1:26; James 3:9)



BIBLICAL WISDOM

I commit to having my views challenged by the biblical story rather than using the Bible to proof-text my predetermined positions.

(Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:16)

BIBLICAL JUSTICE

I commit to understanding and pursuing justice as I engage in civic life, not minimizing Scripture's repeated call to seek justice, and allowing Scripture to critique popular conceptions of justice in our culture.

(Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8, Matthew 23:23)

“We jokingly referred to these as the Ten Political Commandments. Tongue in cheek because we didn't want them to be confused with the actual Ten Commandments. Yet we do believe that God commands these things in Scripture. They are not optional add-ons for God's people but direct orders from Christ our King.”

Joshua Ryan Butler,
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FRUITFUL SPEECH

I commit to engaging in political discourse with speech that is marked by the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control.

(Galatians 5:22-23; James 3)

PEACEMAKING

I commit to face-to-face conflict resolution rather than vitriolic arguments on social media or talking behind someone's back.

(Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 12:17-21)



REMOVING THE LOG

I commit to giving more attention to examining the potential flaws in my own political leanings, conduct, and sin than I give to scrutinizing others.

(Matthew 7:1-5)

HUMBLE LEARNING

I commit to being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger as I seek to learn from the varied perspectives within the body of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-26; James 1:19)

LOVING ENEMIES

I commit to loving and praying for my so-called political enemies, especially those I have the hardest time loving and praying for. This includes a commitment to praying for our government leaders regardless of who wins the election.

(Matthew 5:43-44; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)



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