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— Been Thinking About Sensible Citizenship —

There's a wildly popular notion that it just isn't "Christian" to be active on the political scene...that we must just quietly smile and PRAY that God will restore righteousness to our Constitutional Republic. Many otherwise intelligent folk are convinced that actively resisting the evil of our day is NOT appropriate for them. Are their preachers teaching them that?...that they should just keep quiet and PRAY?

Does "Just smile and pray!" sound like the mindset of the One who chased people out of the 1st-Century Jewish Temple with a whip after flipping over their retail tables? Does it match the thinking of the One who said to His closest associates, "What? You don't have a sword? Sell your coat, for goodness' sake, and buy one!"?

Someone recently posted something that I've heard many times. Goes something like this..."Christians are not citizens of the world; we're just passing through on our way to a place where we are citizens." It's the kind of thing that typically yields the *warm fuzzies*. Sounds and feels religious, but is it sensible? Is it even remotely aligned with their own scriptures?

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all, to stand."
—Ephesians 6:13

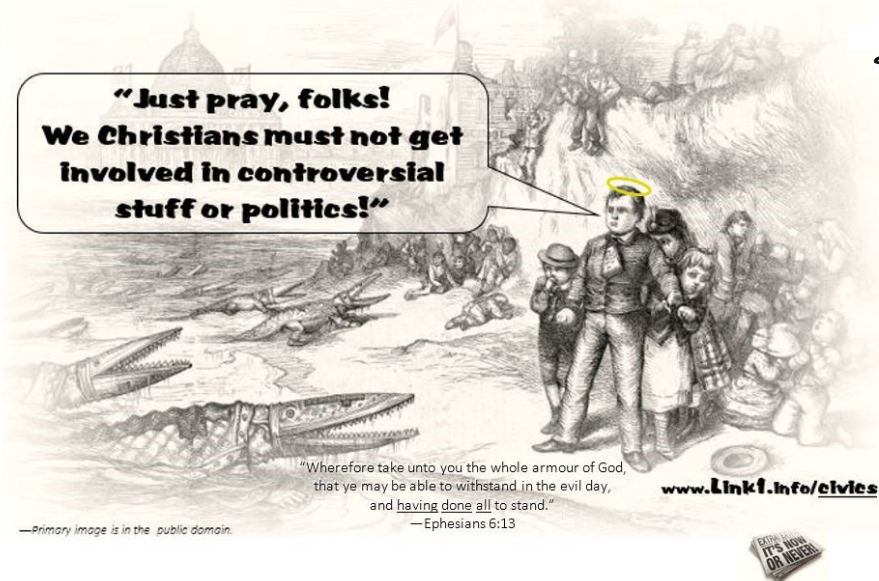
Believers who're so heavenly-minded as to presume they aren't responsible for practicing good citizenship while here will – at the very least – miss out on those rewards that come with having successfully carried the full weight of the crosses they've been respectively assigned. Doesn't it follow, then, that good citizenship necessarily includes active (as opposed to passive) engagement in the fight for what's right?

Seems to me that "the evil day" of the above Bible verse is now upon us. In your memory, has there ever been a cultural climate in which the Christian faith is seen as repulsive and the constant barrage of attacks against those who practice it is viewed as evidence of honor and heroism?

One take-home message is this: Christian people who're otherwise sensible but choose to stay home and pray when it's time to vote must bear the guilt of helping to elect fully reprobate politicians. Yes; I know that it's subliminal for most of them. On Judgment Day, though, that'll be a doozy to explain! Bring a camera! ☺

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**"Just pray, folks!
We Christians must not get
involved in controversial
stuff or politics!"**



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