

CHAIN IN CREATING POLITICAL AWARENESS

- Aim – To create political awareness among Christian men
- Vision – To raise up and establish godly Christian men in politics
- Strategy – Seminar
- Date – 31st October 2009
- Venue – Kasuwan Magani, Chikun local government area, Kaduna state, North - Western Nigeria
- Attendance – Over 1000 Men/Women

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Text: Gen 1:28

Topic: The place of Christian men in Nigerian politics

Preamble

I want to begin this discussion with this great quote “The punishment for the wise men that refuse to join government, are to be governed by fools”.

This quotation is not only true but poses a great challenge to Christian men most especially at this time of our leadership challenge. If you interview a cross section of Nigerians today to know the country’s most challenging problem, if not all, over 80% will say to you, our problem is that of leadership at all levels. Good leadership is what is needed today for the transformation of this country. For any godly man to seek for any elective office in Nigeria under this democratic dispensation, our constitution only allows such a person to seek it through electoral processes. The major criteria for giving political appointment are first, party loyalty then few opportunities for technocrats.

The Bible records that God’s original plan is for man to have dominion over all that God has created. Apostle Peter also said that believers are a chosen generation, an holy nation, a royal priesthood and His own special people, 1Peter 2:9. Jesus in His teachings said, it is God’s good pleasure to give us His kingdom, Luke 12:32. Since God considers us worthy of the above and many more, can He not also give us the opportunity to lead our people and manage our resources well?

Then why are there very few Christians in active politics of Nigeria and how can Christian men have their place in Nigerian politics?

1. Christian men should join others to form a political party or parties.
2. Christian men should do politics within the provision of the law.
3. Christian men should support those in power.
4. Christian men should seek for political offices.
5. Christian men should invest in politics.
6. Christian men should mentor others in politics.
7. Christian men should be knowledgeable about the politics of their land.
8. Christian men should take godliness into Nigerian politics.

Conclusion

- Political activities could be dirty but politics itself is never dirty.
- Nigerians need godly men and women that will bring about true changes in Nigerian politics today.
- God is asking us as he did with Isaiah, "who will go for us and who will I send?"
- May God hear you say, here I am Lord, send me, send me.
- Please make yourself available so that another group of fools will not come and claim to be our messiahs.

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