

Now, there is much more we would like to say on these things, but I want to turn to my second and third point on politics and government. Everything I have been saying, thus far, relates to it. We haven't been astray from it, so I think I can touch the main things on them rather quickly.

The second was, It is always the duty of the Christian and the Christian church to give a certain amount of ~~an~~ careful consideration to ~~the~~ matters of politics and government. After saying that they should not occupy the primary place, some might say, well, why pay any attention to them. One man said to me once, why should we try to promote temperance. If people are going to hell anyway, ~~why~~ what difference does it make if they go drunk or ~~sober~~ sober. Well, that is an extreme position which I don't think is the Biblical position. It is a thousand times more important whether they come to know Christ as Saviour than whether they are drunk. A thousand times more important. But I do believe that the Bible teaches that we should do everything we can along the way to make a better world. And I do not think that Christians, as Christians, and ~~the~~ the Christian church, as a church, should take a stand as between matters simply of ordinary organization. I don't think the church should support the Republican Party or the Democratic party. I don't ~~think~~ think the church should stand for high tariffs or low tariffs. I don't think the church should say that the system of ~~having~~ having a city administrator is better or ~~worse~~ worse than having a city mayor and commissioner/ Those are matters which every citizen should deal with as a citizen. But when matters of clear right and wrong are concerned, when matters of decency are concerned, when matters of speaking the ~~truth~~ truth are concerned, when matters of enforcing the laws in relation to the ten commandments are concerned, there the Christian church has a right to speak. And where govt. does that which interferes with the opportunity of the church to ~~go~~ go forward, I think the church has a duty as well as a right to speak.

Well, that leads us on to our third point. Under certain ~~circumstances~~ circumstances it is the duty of the Christian and the Christian church