

Christopublicrats - Politics Second

1 Samuel 8:1-22; Psalm 146:1-10; John 18:33-37

They say that “nature abhors a _____.” (e.g., Princess Leia, Iraq, and more...)

That’s why there’s no such thing as an _____. We all _____ someone or something. We all give ourselves _____ in service of someone or something.

That’s why it’s so important to keep _____ first.

But it’s not quite that _____. The devil, our flesh and the world are constantly trying to _____ our Lord.

One of the most common temptations to _____ today and throughout history is _____.

Idolatry is not just the worship of bad things. It takes a good thing and makes it into an _____ thing. To channel St. Augustine (from last week’s message) it’s loving things out of _____.

What happens when you love things more than is healthy? It makes a mess of everything and even _____ the thing you love the most. (Kids...career...country...)

Prioritizing politics over Jesus:

- Builds on human ideas and strength instead of _____ wisdom and strength
- Prioritizes temporary solutions over the _____ (Psalm 90:12, James 4:14, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- Steals time from spiritual disciplines that _____ us for things that drain us (John 4:13-14; 7:38-39)
- Divides the _____ of Christ (1 Corinthians 1)
- Distracts us from our true _____ (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- Damages our personal and corporate _____ (Philippians 1:27; 1 Peter 2:11-12)
- Will eventually _____ us under an unbearable burden (Matt 11:28-30; Isaiah 46:1-4)

Putting politics SECOND helps us:

- Cling to a sure and certain _____
- Experience _____ that passes all human understanding (Phil 4:6-7)
- Live with a _____ that endures - the victory is already won! (Phil 4:4-5)
- Tap into _____ beyond our abilities (2 Corinth 12:9-10)
- Find _____ when we fail (1 John 1:8-9)
- Witness to someone _____ of worship (John 20:21)

How have politics tried to dethrone Christ in your life?

What negative consequences are you seeing as a result?

How is Christ calling you back to love him above all else?

What are you going to DO about it?