

WELL VERSED | CHAPTER 3

What is Needed Now

1. In your opinion, why do we have larger churches than ever, bigger Christian universities than ever, more successful Christian publishing than ever, larger radio and TV networks than ever, and yet, America is in rapid spiritual decline? (21-22)

2. Discuss the four P's - principles, policies, politics (Republican or Democrat), and person. (23) Why is it important to keep them in that order?

Note: it might be possible to make it into not merely 4 P's but 6 P's:

- Principles (biblical)
- Policies (which are based on biblical principles)
- Platforms (the comprehensive list of policy statements)
- Politics (the sheer reality that the majority votes win, thus need to be educated)
- Parties (the political parties which stand for various issues)
- Persons (candidates that run for office, and go on to serve in office)

What can you do to stay "principle-based?" How can you educate yourself to know the policies that emerge from the biblical principles? Have you ever read the respective Democrat and Republican Party platforms? If not, why not? Do you understand the importance of Jesus followers carrying about "politics?" Do you fully understand the difference between the major parties and the lesser know "third parties?" Do you know the positions of the persons who are running for election that you will vote for in the next election? If not, why not?

39 million evangelicals did not vote in the 2012 presidential election

- 13 million were not registered
- 26 million were registered but did not vote

Are you one of the persons who is not registered? If so, why? Are you one of the persons who is registered, but did not vote?

Who is your state senator? State representative or assemblyman? Your Senators? Your US Representative? If you cannot name them, why not?

3. How have pastors been increasingly silent with the passage of time based upon pages 24-25? How is that possible? What made that happen?

4. On page 25, Dr. Garlow says, "I'm not calling for political activism. I'm calling for biblical applicationalism." What does he mean by this?

5. How can we open the conversation with people who disagree with us, and might even be most hostile to our values? This is a key issue. How can we form friendships and relationships with those who do not share biblical values? (26-27)

6. Why do you think there are so few Dietrich Bonhoeffers? (27-28)