



THE **ELEPHANT** IN
the church

Review

- Taboo for a reason
- Disagreement
- All tribes nations and tongues
- Value Based Budget
- God created marital relations and declared it good
- Sin broke it, the church can fix it
- Mental Illness is real and the church needs to help
- We need to communicate



The Fourth Year

- The sky is not falling
- I am not going to tell you how to vote
- Before the election, not after



3 Biblical Truths

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Romans 13:1-2

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

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 - Only good government?
- God controls our leaders



Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.



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 - Kitchen Sink
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Psalm 146:3-5

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. 4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. 5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God

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 - Humans are temporary



Why do you care?

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Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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Acts 4

So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

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1 Timothy 2 1-2

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

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Ecclesiastes 10:20

Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.



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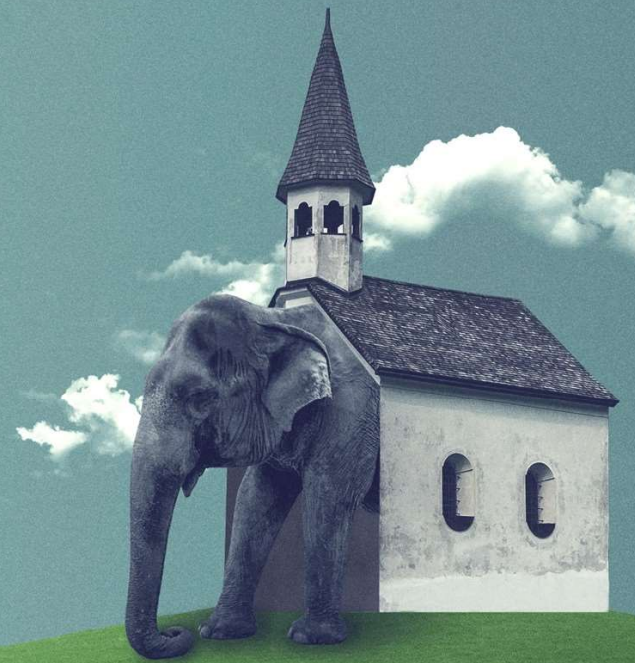


Mark 12:30-31

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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So What?

- **No matter who wins in November God chose them**
- **No matter who wins in November God is still in charge**
- **No matter who wins in November we must represent our King well**
- **Our mission on this planet started way before 1776**

TIME OF GIVING

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www.westmiddlebury.org, and on our Tithely app.

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available at both entrances.

2 Corinthians 9:7

