

**FOLLOWING JESUS IN AN ELECTION YEAR
WEEK 2: CARRYING OUT OUR ROLE AS AMBASSADOR
OF JESUS' UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM**

The acts of the flesh are obvious ... hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy... Galatians 5.19-21

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5.22-23

Do you have a Galatians 5.19-21 politics or a Galatians 5.22-23 politics?

How can we foster a kingdom-like, fruits-of-the-Spirit attitude in our politics?

1. See **WEEK 1**. **Hint:** more Jesus and more Bible.

2. **DETOX** from **MEDIA**

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4.8

3. Celebrate the **UNITY** of the **BODY** of **CHRIST**.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, (nor Republican/Democrat) for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 5.28

(see also 1 Corinthians 12 and Revelation 7.9)

4. Where there are differences exhibit **HEALTHY DISAGREEMENT**.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry... James 1.19

5. Use restraint, intentionality, and care in your **PUBLIC SPEECH**.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. James 3:9-10

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4.6

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body ... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4.25, 29

Some things to remember when talking about following Jesus in this election year.

1. This is **HARD**

2. There are issues working against us.

3. We're not in this alone. We have the **HOLY SPIRIT** and the **CHURCH** to help us.

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?