

*Don't allow the political to take the
place of the prophetic*

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Let's suppose God told the pastor of a church, who was clearly recognized as the church father, responsible for the vision, that the church should give ten thousand dollars to a foreign missionary's work. It is common that the pastor would share this with his primary leadership and seek their prayerful counsel and confirmation. Imagine that through the course of counsel some leaders took issue with the amount and began to pressure the pastor to reduce it to only one thousand. As things progress, those leaders and even the pastor might be tempted to broaden their own circle of confidants and begin what is nothing more than a political campaign to gather support for their individual positions. These political processes most often end with compromise or division. If the church ended up sending only five thousand then no one would have the slightest chance of having obeyed God. When we compromise the prophetic or allow the political process to alter God's instructions, no one has a chance to win. Either God said give ten thousand or he said give nothing. Prophecies can be judged but not through the political process. Politics compromise.

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, I pray for Your church. Keep politics and those processes which lead to compromise out of the church. I choose not to be drawn in or swayed by those attempting to influence me to take sides. Speak clearly to Your chosen leaders in my life and I will follow Your lead.

Scriptures for Today

Revelation 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. (NKJV)

1 Samuel 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice." (NKJV)