

## JUST A THOUGHT

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Let's imagine two scenarios and feel free to date them either in 2024 (during the current Democrat administration) or 2020 (during the previous Republican administration):

- ◆ **Scenario 1:** A non-Christian visitor to worship listens to your sermon and loves what they hear. They enjoy meeting you after the service and you truly believe a door is open for further study.
- ◆ **Scenario 2:** A non-Christian visitor sits by you in worship. You engage them in conversation, enjoy a nice connection, and truly believe a door is open for further study.

Because this non-Christian visitor enjoyed meeting you, the preacher, or you, the member by whom they sat, they decide to search your name on social media. What they find are political posts that are ugly in nature, memes that are demeaning or disrespectful of "those in authority," and/or statistics that are dubious at best regarding accuracy.

And the non-Christian is of the political party that is being disparaged.

At first, they wonder if you would appreciate their posting demeaning, disrespectful things that portray the leaders of your party in the worst possible light. Clearly, they assume, you would not.

And second, while they may not know much about the Bible, they know that it says that we should "honor" and pray for the chief executive of our nation (1 Peter 2:17; 1 Timothy 2:1,2).

And so, they decide that if these words, these posts, these memes reflect the spirit, the attitude that your faith has produced, they want nothing to do with it.

I wish I could tell you these are simply hypotheticals, but they are not. They are real life occurrences.

Yes, we all have political preferences, often strongly held. But here's the question: Is a political post that, let's be honest, only serves to make the one posting feel better but changes no one's mind, worth closing the door to an opportunity to bring a soul to Jesus?

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