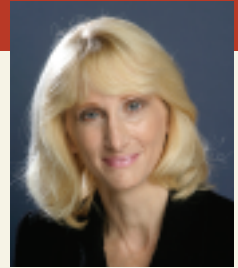


Diligent Faith



A young couple I knew with a disabled baby who required constant care was asked how they made it through each day. The dad said, “If it was easy, we wouldn’t need faith.” He is so right. Learning about the new leaders in Congress can be disheartening. The most hardcore liberals will control the agenda for Congress and our country. With jihadists threatening America from without and immorality corrupting from within, will Congress make matters worse?

The new leaders gained power because Democratic strategists ran candidates who campaigned as conservatives. We’ll see what influence they’ll have, but the immediate effect is that it puts the most radicalized people in charge.

Since the game plan worked, we’ll see more of it, especially one pernicious aspect.

Liberal political operatives noticed that Evangelicals are a significant voting block. Some responded by mocking and vilifying us. Others, however, shrewdly sought to appeal to compassionate Evangelicals to act in ways that end up empowering people who despise Biblical standards.

A favored technique is expensive media campaigns to tap into concern for the poor and oppressed or for being good stewards. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on documentaries and misleading ads in the *New York Times*, on TV and Christian radio. They present an issue as a Biblical mandate for Christians to be involved.

The problem comes with their solutions. The campaigns are actually Trojan horses that promote harmful policies and empower leftist leaders. Who bankrolls the campaigns? Foundations dedicated to opposing godliness.

The Bible tells us to study to show ourselves approved. It takes work to see beyond the slogans to the policies and whether they will advance justice and righteousness. Thank goodness our hope is not in who wins elections. Our hope – in Jesus – gives us vision to see what’s truly important and a reason to be diligent.

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