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Capitol Commission
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Dear Friend,

Why would anyone *want* to minister to politicians?

Three years have passed since graduating from seminary, and I have come to know many of our leaders. Some are wise and well-educated, industrious, filled with conviction and even saved by grace; others not so much. It is a sobering reality to me, but a great many of our lawmakers are simply people representing thousands of other people who are as lost in life as they.

The political arena is rather dark and uninviting. Yet, out of love for this world and passion for the glory of God, how can we *not* want to minister here? The soil is generally hard, but new faces are attending our legislative and staff Bible studies. While distributing the weekly study notes to each office, the trust and respect that has developed is also encouraging to see.

Conversations with unbelievers continue to grow deeper, and one of the more profligate staff members comes to mind. Often he shares details about his life and listens when I explain the gospel and his need for a Savior. Pray for me during moments such as these. The beliefs and lifestyles of those in the political arena are radically diverse. At times, I will wonder if my approach was correct, whether I was clear and uncompromising or gracious in my speech.

It is a privilege to minister in our Statehouse, and this ministry would not exist without so many alongside us. Looking forward to many fruitful years, may your heart for our leaders grow as we work together in reaching them with the gospel.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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