



Political Disciple: Posturing with Winsomeness

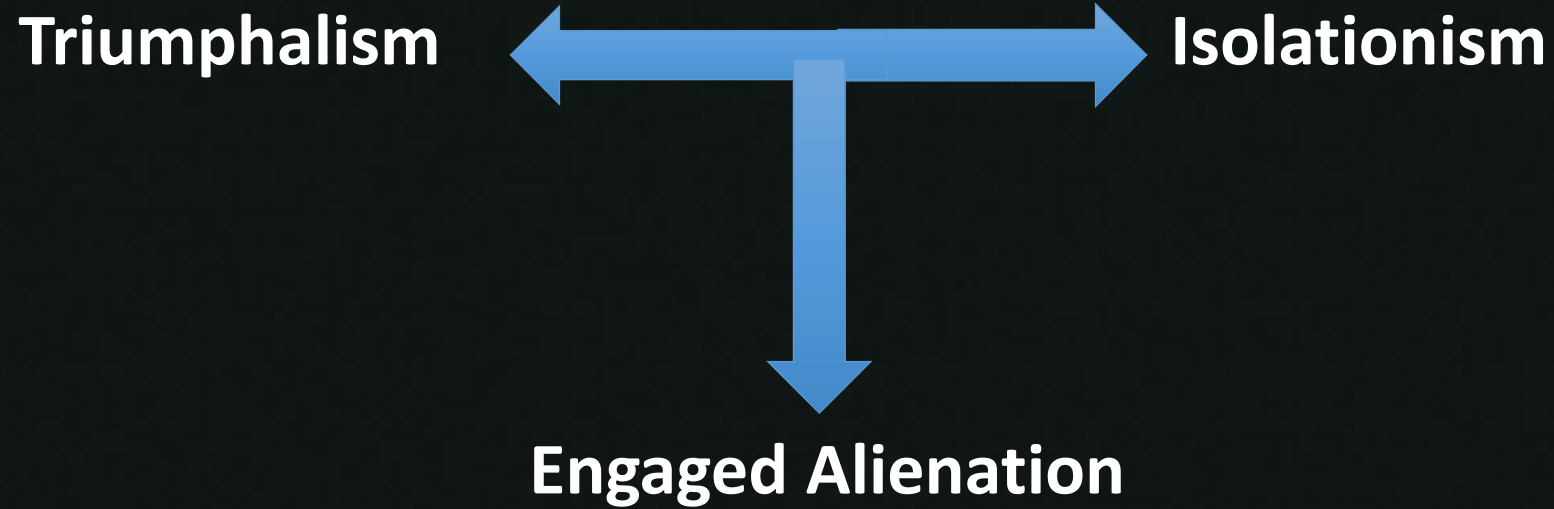
Christendom No More

“When it comes to biblical ethics, it’s not enough to teach the *what*. We also have to show the beauty of the *why*.”

~ Phil Ryken (president of Wheaton College)

We live in the age where progressive secularism is assumed – that secularism will prevail

Public Posturing



A Prophetic Voice

A Prophet – one who bears witness to power about the truth that the conscience knows, even if it is subliminal (Rom. 1:32)

A Prophetic Voice

Its source of authority: In Christ

Its tone: gentleness & respect

Its goal: reconciliation

Its strategy: honest engagement

A Prophetic Voice

Prophetic voice ≠ having divine insight (Jer. 23:21)

Prophetic voice ≠ angry, shrill, quarrelsome

Prophetic voice ≠ voice to court a political faction

Prophetic voice = gospel & justice

Prophetic voice = call to repentance, hope, and life (Isa. 40:1-5; Ezek. 33:11; Jas 1:20)

A Prophetic Minority

Minority ≠ victim status

Minority = aliens and strangers (1 Pe. 2:11)

Convictional Kindness

The problem of offense

The problem of outrage

Convictional Kindness

Lessons from 2 Timothy:

- A soldier of Christ - 2:3
- A Spirit of self-control - 1:7
- Avoids foolish controversies - 2:23
- A servant of kindness - 2:24
- A right reaction to the disordered loves of this age (3:2-4)

Convictional Kindness

Kindness ≠ Niceness

Kindness ≠ Avoidance of Conflict

Kindness = A tool of Spiritual Warfare

Kindness = Reconciliation as aim

**Kindness (active) is more than civility
(passive)**

**“When we don’t oppose demons, we
demonize opponents” – Russell Moore**

Convictional Kindness

Convictional ≠ Intensity of feeling

Convictional ≠ Intensity of outrage

Faithful ≠ anger & outrage

Convictional = firmness in truth

Faithful = bold proclamation of the message

Convictional Kindness

**Be kind, not because we are avoiding war,
but because we are at war & our enemy is
not flesh & blood (Eph. 6:12)**

Fight the right war (Rom. 16:20)

**“Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor.” - Keith Getty**

