

GOD AND POLITICS

Part 2: How to Be Savvy Like Jesus

“He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were. He didn’t need any help in seeing right through them.”

--John 2:25 (The Message)

1) _____.

“For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.”

--2 Timothy 4:3 (New Living Translation)

“Be wary of false preachers who smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to rip you off some way or other. Don’t be impressed with charisma; look for character. Who preachers are is the main thing, not what they say. A genuine leader will never exploit your emotions or your pocketbook.”

--Matthew 7:15 (The Message)

2) _____.

“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

--Matthew 10:16 (NRSV)

“He said to them, ‘Go and tell Herod that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’”

--Luke 13:32 (NRSV)

3) _____.

“Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, “You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me?”

--Matthew 22:18 (Good News)