

St. Andrew's (JKP) Monthly Newsletter
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Edification: Professor Saul Alinsky's now famous (infamous?) book; *"Rules for Radicals"* seems to be the basic playbook, if not bible for the current ruling administration in our country. In the book Alinsky explains;

"Any revolutionary change must be preceded by a passive, affirmative, non-challenging attitude toward change among the mass of our people. They must feel so frustrated, so defeated, so lost, so futureless in the prevailing system that they are willing to let go of the past and change the future. This acceptance is the reformation essential to any revolution. To bring on this reformation requires that the organizer work inside the system..."

Do we not have the "Organizer-in-Chief" in the White House now working "inside the system"? Are not the "mass of our people" frustrated, defeated, lost, etc, etc.? Clearly all this proposed "reformation" is reaching critical mass. So does the Christian share in this frustration, defeat and lostness? Yes and no. While we understand and relate to these conditions and feelings we are not subject to them. In his day the Apostle Paul said;

"We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed"

Now is the best opportunity for the Christian to engage a frustrated, defeated, lost culture. Now, when all around are in despair and dreading the future, does the Christian stand most distinct. We are not crushed; we are not in despair; we are not destroyed - because we are not forsaken. So let us not become "passive, affirmative, non-challenging" toward the Alinsky revolution! Rather let us exert ourselves for biblical reformation at all levels of government; personal, family, church, city, state & nation!

Events/Information: Remember we're changing the regularity of our fellowship meal. The last Sunday of each quarter will now be the day. So the next fellowship meal will be 03/28/10. At the meal in March we'll discuss the 2010 budget and review the close of the books for 2009.

Encourage: There's an old saying; *we may accomplish many things after prayer, but we'll accomplish very little before prayer.* The Ashley's recently took a firm stand against an unrighteous tax levy vote in Amherst. They made the "special election" a matter of public knowledge, since it was all but hidden to the general population. The measure went down in defeat, but by a small margin and they're sure it will reappear. The godly must remain vigilant. Whether in families, cities, churches, nations etc. we must not yield to being passive, non-challenging, affirming...

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." - 1 Peter