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A friend and supporter of The National Center for Law & Policy introduced NCLP president Dean Broyles to the Reverend Nate Landis several months ago. Landis is the founder and director of the Urban

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UYC is a non-profit organization that connects kids to the resources of the kingdom of God by linking churches to schools. UYC operates 60 motivational lunch clubs at urban public schools in San Diego through partnerships with local churches. Their empowering program draws 2,000 junior and senior high students every week. By pointing to healing, hope, and transformation because of Jesus, UYC teaches skills for this life and the next.

Landis was seeking legal counsel and assistance from the experienced NCLP attorneys to ensure that the student initiated and student led Christian clubs UYC serves are able to continue to meet and thrive in an increasingly hostile cultural environment. "I have a passion for youth ministry and the work of UYC," declared Dean Broyles. "In fact, I was serving as a church youth director and was actively ministering in the public schools when I received my call to law school. Even after law school, I continued to work in youth ministry for several years. It is wonderful to be able to support and encourage UYC with their important evangelism efforts."

Nate Landis asked Dean to speak to a group of 60 youth pastors and youth leaders about the legal issues Christian students and youth leaders face on campus at UYC's "Late Lunch Learning Lab" on November 26, 2012. After the event, Nate stated, "Whenever our students leaders or youth pastors have questions about their legal rights on public school campuses, we turn to Dean Broyles and the NCLP team for advice. Their organization has emboldened and encouraged our network of 60 plus Christian clubs to stand up for what they believe."

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Nate Landis, Urban Youth
Collaborative.



Dean (2nd from left) with
youth workers at the UYC
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Thanks-giving for the Many Ways You Are Partnering with and Supporting The National Center for Law & Policy!

In light of the recent elections and the cultural trends we are observing, we understand that the need for our legal services--defending persecuted Christians--will increase exponentially over the next months and years.

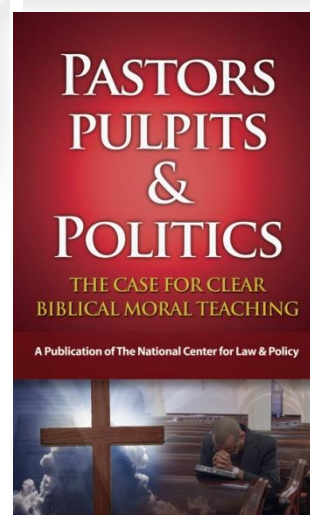
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During this season of Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to pause in the midst of our many battles to say a sincere and heartfelt "thank you." We see ourselves here at the National Center for Law & Policy as your advocates; your legal "missionaries" in the courts and culture defending and promoting faith, family, and freedom. The motivation to fight is our passion to keep the doors open for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

But when we engage in conflicts, we know that we are not alone. When we stand on the field of battle arrayed in God's armor, we do not stand alone. We have confidence knowing that God is with us and that He is working through so many of you to keep our supply lines open and flowing so that we can continue to engage and fight "the good fight" of faith. In that regard we are very thankful for Far Reaching Ministries' (frmafrica.org) continued and growing support of our work.

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Thank you for your support and encouragement of the work of the National Center for Law & Policy! We could not do it without you!

If you are led to make a year end donation to our legal ministry or would like to set up recurring monthly support, please contact Darlene at dcarter@nclplaw.org or call us at 760-747-4529.

An Open and Direct Letter to American Pastors.

Extraordinary times require extraordinary leaders. Now is an extraordinary time. Therefore, the essential question is, will you lead?

As your flock is surrounded by increasing darkness and ravenous wolves, what will you do, dear shepherd? Will you prepare them, protect them, and lead them? Our treacherous time in history will not permit timid and fearful types to lead if our churches are to thrive and our once great nation is to survive. Gone are the fair weather days where fair weathered mentors suffice. These dark days demand a very special type of Christian leader. But what does he look like?

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(or a large congregation) rather than exhibit a robust commitment to fear and please God. The extraordinary leader intentionally purposes to fear God not man and the focus of his preaching is not to soothe or tickle human ears as a spiritual therapist with only soft words, but rather to boldly preach the Truth in love in order to uncompromisingly advance God's kingdom and glory.

And even if he preaches to thousands in a mega-church, he intentionally conducts all of his ministry solely for the applause and commendation of an audience of one, namely Jesus. The fear of man is indeed an intoxicating snare that the extraordinary leader must eschew at all costs.

And the power that the extraordinary leader draws upon is not human wisdom and strength. He steadfastly refuses to conduct any ministry "in the flesh." As a result, his preaching is infused, inspired, and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God. As such, he is a clean pipe (not clogged with pride, self-will and other fleshly lusts) for the pure and powerful water of God's spirit to flow through and bless others.

The extraordinary leader leads well because he, in humility, is himself intimate with God and is led by God. He has completely yielded His members to Christ. And so, he believes and boldly teaches that God's holy love is expressed in the boundaries or moral "fences" He has established for our own good. He understands that the bride of Christ is dying for lack of knowledge and nourishes her with Truth and love. And while he knows that there is mounting cultural pressure on the church to compromise and water down clear biblical moral teaching, he comprehends that if we truly love the sinner and want what is best for him or her, assessment of evil

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Therefore, an extraordinary leader takes a bold, clear, and uncompromising stand for virtue and morality-what is right and good and true. He recognizes that both morality and immorality have serious consequences-personally and nationally. As John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

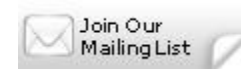
Thus, the extraordinary leader preaches the full counsel of God unapologetically. He shows us who God really is-not just who we want Him to be. He reminds us often of His sovereignty and His exalted Glory. He preach God's entire nature including His holiness, His righteousness, His justice, His power, His dominion, His hatred of sin, the reality of Hell; not just His love, grace, mercy, and the comforts of Heaven. He comprehends that God is not just a lamb, He is also a Lion. He steadfastly resists the feminization of our culture and the feminization of God's character which, focuses only on God's soft and soothing attributes.

A truly extraordinary pastor remembers that the great commission does not command us to make mere converts. He understands that his primary responsibility is to form mature disciples. He realizes that our churches are often weak, divided, and compromised in part because we have focused far too much on making comfortable converts and neglected making daring disciples. The leader we need does not skip over or gloss over difficult scriptural passages or uncomfortable verses.

The need is real and is growing. Many in your congregation are desperately hungry for clear, bold, courageous, and uncompromising biblical teaching

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Charles G. Finney, 1873



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and leadership. They have told me so. For the sake of your flock, you must lead. There is no place or need to apologize, appease, or water down God's word. Start paying much more attention to those serious and committed believers who hunger to be disciplined in your congregation. Preach to them. Lead them. Challenge them. Disciple them. And take the extra time to show us how to apply the scriptures to the moral and cultural issues facing the church today. Extraordinary Christian leaders do not preach primarily to the lowest common denominator (new or weak Christians) out of a false and misleading view of God's love and grace.

Charles G. Finney, who was greatly used in the second great awakening, stated in 1873:

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Biblical knowledge is not enough. Teach your flock to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Show us how to rediscover the courage of our convictions-to put into practice and live out what we say that we believe. Remind us that obedience is better than sacrifice, that to hearken is better than the fat of

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Joel Rosenberg recently lamented the reelection of a President who supports abortion on demand, same-sex marriage, and whose policies actively undermine religious freedom. Noting that six million "evangelicals" voted for Obama, Rosenberg asks the \$64,000 question, "Did these self professed believers surrender their biblical convictions in the voting booth, or did they never really have deep biblical convictions on the critical issues to begin with?" Rosenberg, who like Finney before him, placed the responsibility squarely where I believe it belongs stated, "This is what happens when the Church is weak and fails to disciple believers to turn Biblical faith into action." Then Rosenberg, echoing John Adam's sentiments, concluded, " [I]f we don't see a Third Great Awakening soon, I'm not convinced we will be able to turn this dear nation around in time." Amen!

If the American church is not led by extraordinary leaders back to a high view of God and His authority and a concomitant high view of His word, this may indeed be the last Christian generation. Dear pastors, dear shepherds, I plead with you therefore, please preach boldly, courageously, and without apology, and let God's Word and the Holy Spirit do the work. An extraordinary leader does not merely powerfully teach the truth, but he demonstrates for his flock how to live it out and apply it. Boy, do we need extraordinary leaders like that now more than ever! If you already are such a leader, thank you! If you are not, please purpose to be one or prayerfully consider another occupation.

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