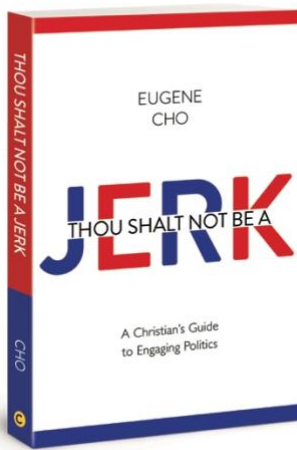


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## THOU SHALT NOT BE A JERK PASTOR EUGENE CHO WRITES A CONTROVERSIAL GUIDE ON HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD ENGAGE IN POLITICS



Colorado Springs, CO, November 15, 2019 – Politics and religion have long been deemed “topics not fit for polite company.” And America’s 2016 and 2020 presidential elections vividly illustrate the wisdom behind the maxim. A toxic amalgamation of politics and religion are poisoning public conversation as well as speeches from clergy and candidates. As disrespect, name-calling, and pulpit posturing increase, many American churchgoers long for a return to civility. Pastor Eugene Cho agrees and goes a step further: Christians need to quit acting like jerks.

Eugene Cho unpacks the current political climate in his upcoming book, ***Thou Shalt Not Be A Jerk: A Christian’s Guide to Engaging in Politics*** (David C Cook, March 2020). A former pastor in Seattle, Cho is founder of the grassroots movement *One Day’s Wages* and his days are focused on alleviating extreme global and encouraging leaders around the world. Cho

chose to write ***Thou Shalt Not Be A Jerk*** because he sees America’s political climate as unhealthy for both society and Christianity.

“As someone who wrestles with wanting to be liked by everybody and avoiding conflict, this is absolutely the worst possible book to write,” says Cho. “If ***Thou Shalt Not Be A Jerk*** is remotely pulling its weight, it will challenge and at times upset people from all political sides. The heart of this book is to tend to fellow Christians who deeply care about our society, church, culture, and politics. I’m writing for those who want to engage but don’t know how to go about it in this chaotic political space.”

***Thou Shalt Not Be A Jerk*** outlines “10 Commandments” for Christians in the public sphere:

- 1 - THOU SHALT NOT GO TO BED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES
- 2 - THOU SHALT NOT BE A JERK
- 3 - THOU SHALT LISTEN AND BUILD BRIDGES
- 4 - THOU SHALT BE ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD
- 5 - THOU SHALT LIVE OUT YOUR CONVICTIONS
- 6 - THOU SHALT HAVE PERSPECTIVE AND DEPTH
- 7 - THOU SHALT NOT LIE, GET PLAYED, OR MANIPULATE

8 - THOU SHALT PRAY, VOTE, AND RAISE YOUR VOICE

9 - THOU SHALT LOVE PEOPLE AND LOVE GOD

10 - THOU SHALT TRUST THAT JESUS REMAINS KING

Cho's closing afterword, "Thou Shalt Not Fear," he reminds readers that their faith and identity will never be found in politics and political leaders. "We believe in a Savior who entered human creation as a baby and grew up to be the ultimate teacher and ultimate sacrifice. That does not change when the other party wins. That does not change when the bill for which you are advocating does not go through."

Publisher David C Cook will launch ***Thou Shalt Not Be A Jerk*** with a multi-pronged marketing campaign including national publicity, advertising and social media efforts. Eugene Cho has already been interviewed for an article in *Rolling Stone* magazine. As the presidential election draws near, the publisher anticipates even more demand for Cho's unique faith perspective.

**Eugene Cho** is a pastor, speaker, author, visionary and humanitarian. As the founder of *One Day's Wages*, he is committed to a lifestyle of philanthropy and generosity. He is the founding and former senior pastor of Quest Church, an urban, multi-cultural and multi-generational church in Seattle, WA. Cho and One Day's Wages have been featured in multiple news outlets including [The New York Times](#), [The Seattle Times](#), [Christianity Today](#), and [The Guardian](#). His first book, *Overrated: Are We More in Love with the Idea of Changing the World Than Changing the World?* released in 2014. Eugene and Minhee Cho have been married for more than 22 years and live in Seattle with their three children.

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