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# CAMPAIGN ON VALUES

## LEAD WITH CONVICTION

By **Tiffany Benson** | Writer  
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**F**ormer State House Representative Anthony Kern (R-AZ) accredits his governmental success to biblical truth, integrity and backbone. Despite smear campaigns by leftist media in recent months, his resilience and leadership continue to provide an encouraging example of Christianity in the political sphere.

On June 17, Kern sat down with Big View Small Window for a Q&A to discuss his thoughts on God and government.

**Q:** Share how you got involved in politics

**A:** My dad was very political as I was growing up. He always had an opinion and he was very interested in the political world. He would write editorials all the time...he was a fighter in mid-Minnesota. He was the chairman of the Young Republicans back in the 60s. He ran for county commissioner in Wadena County. So, I grew up on it and as I got older I knew it was something that was always in me. I would listen to talk shows and candidates and I thought, 'When my children get older, I'll throw my hat in the ring.'

**Q:** What was your first governmental position?

**A:** I was looking at Glendale City Council as the only seat. I wasn't thinking about moving up from there. I ran and lost that race 10 years ago. Then, someone said, 'Why don't you think bigger and go higher?'

**MAN OF GOD**

**HUSBAND**

**FATHER**

**RUNNING FOR  
STATE SENATE  
2022**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT 8  
MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**MEMBER OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF  
LICENSED PRIVATE  
INVESTIGATORS**

**BUSINESS  
OWNER**

**FMR. STATE HOUSE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

And when they said that, something inside me clicked and it confirmed something. I don't know if that was the Holy Spirit or God's voice but something clicked, something agreed with that. And a few months later, the door opened for the State House and I was approached and asked by the GOP to run for legislative district 20. I ran and I won.

I was a representative for six years and this would have been my last two years because I would have termed out...but I lost the House in the 2020 election by a couple thousand votes to a Democrat. [So], the clock starts over. I could run for another eight years if I wanted. I believe politics is where God has called me.

[Politics] is not an easy field. Especially financially. It's not lucrative at all. You make \$24k a year, so you're not doing it for the money at all. You're doing it because you want to make a difference. Or, at least, I'm doing it because I want to make a difference.



Kern teaching at Fresh Start Church in Peoria, AZ

**Q:** What were some of the fears or anxieties you overcame with having a public life?

**A:** In public life you live in a glass house and the powers-that-be will dig as much as they can into your background. So, if you have anything that's negative in your background, it will come out...as far as family life, what you say on social media, where you might attend church, it's all public. So [for me], there's really no fear to overcome. You just have to push through all the feelings of your name being smeared by the newspapers. Your name will be smeared...if you're a Christian-conservative, which I am. The world does not like Christian-conservative politicians and they will do everything to paint you into a corner. So, you just have to push through that. When it happens, and your name is in the papers...you have to tell yourself, "That's not who I am. That's not what I am." You have to look to God and spend time with God...[He will] affirm that He's got you in this and He's got your back. Because in reality, He's the only one who's gonna have your back.

**Q:** When you hear the term *separation of church and state* what are your thoughts?

**A:** It's a lie. It's an absolute lie that the media and the political world [created]. I don't want to blame in any one party because I think both parties kind of semi-believe that. If you go to Washington, D.C...[there's a] Bible museum. In the museum they have a presentation that tells you all the references to God and Jesus Christ in the Capital area on the memorials. There's a ton of references to our founding fathers [and] to the founding documents that refer to "our Sovereign Creator", to "Jesus Christ"...if you look at the Quakers, the Puritans, they came over specifically to worship - not *freedom of religion*. They wanted freedom to worship Jesus Christ. That is our founding...So the idea of separation of church and state is just to corner any politician out there that would have a biblical worldview. And I think that that lie has been exposed...[it's] another lie from the left to keep God out of politics, and kick God out of every political institution, which is what they've done.



They've tried to remove the Ten Commandments, but again, if you go to the Supreme Court building, Moses is standing right up front holding the [two tablets]..so it's ridiculous.

Our founders said prayer before every session of Congress. And I think having a biblical world perspective, a biblical perspective of our country...how we were founded, why we were founded, and the direction [we've gone] since we've taken

God out of everything...it's time for us to have an awakening and put God back into politics. I think people are rising up and I think they're seeing that it's because of Christianity that we have peace in the nation and in the world. Any other religion and you wouldn't have that. If you dig deeper, on Christian involvement in politics, it wasn't that the [founders] wanted to keep Christians out of politics. They wanted the government to stay out of the churches. The founders didn't want a national church, they wanted protestants to flourish in our nation.

**Q:** Why should Christians, in particular, be involved in government?

**A:** In politics today a lot of people will use the Bible and God to their benefit. So...we need [real] Christians. The nation needs you. But if you're gonna go in there and not realize and not fight for biblical values and what God wants you to say, then just stay out of politics because you're just gonna make it worse.

I've seen very few Christians get into politics and remain Christian. In other words, not that politics will corrupt you, it's just that your roots aren't deep enough in biblical [things]. You gotta know who put you there and you gotta know why you're there, you gotta remember that. It's not the donors - [although] we need donors. It's not the GOP or the Democrat Party. It is God who wants your voice to be His voice. And you need to prepare the way for what God wants to do in our nation...

When the founders came...they looked at [government] as a duty to serve and then go back to your business, go back to your farm, go back to being an [everyday] American. So, we need more Christians in office absolutely. Just remember your values when you're in there. If you're really a true believer and you stand on biblical values, you're gonna be in a fight, and it's a bloody battle. So, you've gotta have a spine, you gotta go with what's right, you can't go with the masses. You gotta stand for God and you will stand alone at times.

One of the most disappointing things I've seen in the political world is people who have a Bible on their desk, they talk about Jesus Christ, yet...they [live in sin] and they're just like everybody else. That's not what God wants. You're separate [from the world]. But all that being said, we need Christians in politics.

**Q:** If someone were interested in getting involved in politics, and they had no experience, how would they get started?

**A:** Start attending meetings, start shaking hands, start networking. In every state, in every county, there are district meetings in the area that they need to start attending. They need to find out who's who and get involved. My [next] suggestion would be to start helping on a campaign. Whether it's knocking on doors, making phone calls...and then run for office. If somebody wanted to run for office right now, and that was their goal, I would say run for office. You can network as you're running for office. Make sure you contact people, network and do what it takes to win.

You don't have to win on negativity. You can win on who you are. What do you stand for? Know the issues and stand for [or against] them. Don't be wishy-washy on issues like pro-life, Second Amendment, religious freedom, COVID-19, election integrity, school choice...Know who you are and then stand up. Don't try to be somebody you're not. When someone asks me about religious freedom - boom - you're gonna know where I stand. Most people down at the [Arizona] Capital know on any issue where I stand...because I made it known.

**Q:** Final thoughts or words of encouragement

**A:** Know that if you feel called to the political world, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.\* Have somebody on your team that's not your "yes man." Know who's in control - God's in control, not man[kind]. God formed this country through the obedience of people that were submitted to Him and our foundation is Christ. Know [He's] your defender. Fight the fight. You only live once. Make your life count.

I would encourage anybody with any unction to run to throw their hat in the ring. Our country needs you now more than ever. I will help in any way, shape or form I can. Reach out to me through my website [VoteKern.com](http://VoteKern.com). Go to the volunteer page and send me an email. Whatever state you live in, I'd be more than happy to point you in the right direction.




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Bio: Anthony Kern was a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, representing District 20. He assumed office on January 5, 2015. He left office on January 10, 2021.\*\* Kern is running for Arizona State Senate in 2022. He currently lives in Phoenix with his wife Jenny and their dog Sebastian.

Post-interview chat can be found on the *After Words* page.

\*See Matthew 10:16-20

\*\*[https://ballotpedia.org/Anthony\\_Kern](https://ballotpedia.org/Anthony_Kern)

# July 4, 1776

## Before the fireworks

Sparklers and barbecues are July 4 traditions for many Americans. However, the date was originally set to commemorate the union of 13 colonies (states) and inaugurate their independence from Great Britain. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), "the Declaration of Independence was the first formal statement by a nation's people asserting their right to choose their own government."

Warfare broke out in April 1775 between the Americans and the British, signaling the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Conflict continued through the summer of 1776, with the signing of the Declaration taking place on July 4.\*

The Continental Congress assembled on July 1 to vote on the Declaration and the 13 colonies endorsed its governing authority. "Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July (though most historians now accept the document was not signed until August 2)", according to [History.com](https://www.history.com).

The Declaration was drafted by the nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, and signed by 56 men. John Hancock was the first to famously apply his grand signature.

### FORMING A MORE PERFECT UNION

A national declaration of sovereignty required another document detailing the rights of American citizens and establishing boundaries for lawmakers. The Constitution of the United States divides limited powers between three branches of federal government. Alongside the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution protects the republic of persons exercising self-governance through a democratic election process.

The United States of America exists as a nation of free people, "all created equal...empowered by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

“ We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor. ” - **from the Declaration of Independence**

\*Centennial Presents: American Collector's Founding Fathers



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## STATUE OF LIBERTY FACTS

from [WorldAtlas.com](https://www.worldatlas.com)

- Located on Liberty Island, Manhattan in NY
- Built by the same civil engineer as the Eiffel Tower
- Dedicated to the US from France in 1886
- Made of copper and remained copper color until 1900
- During WWI, Germans bombed the arm of the statue
- Official name is "Liberty Enlightening The World"

# The Fruit of Self-Control

LIVING WITH CONTENTMENT IN A CULTURE OF EXCESS

It's no secret that Americans live in a violent, lustful, sexually deviant, and increasingly godless culture. With each passing day, society is slipping further and further away from its Judeo-Christian founding, falling prey to a humanist trap of demonic proportions. "I", "me" and "self" are the gods of this generation.

Contrary to cute memes that promote positive thinking, "will power" is not enough to survive this age. Though humans are designed with strong minds and freewill, they are fallible and selfish. We need more than good intentions to make quality decisions.

Anyone can avoid destructive behaviors for a time. But what happens when someone makes one wrong decision and they end up addicted to pornography or drugs? What about the emotional triggers that keep disrupting and ending relationships? And those uncontrollable



But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! - Gal. 5:22-23

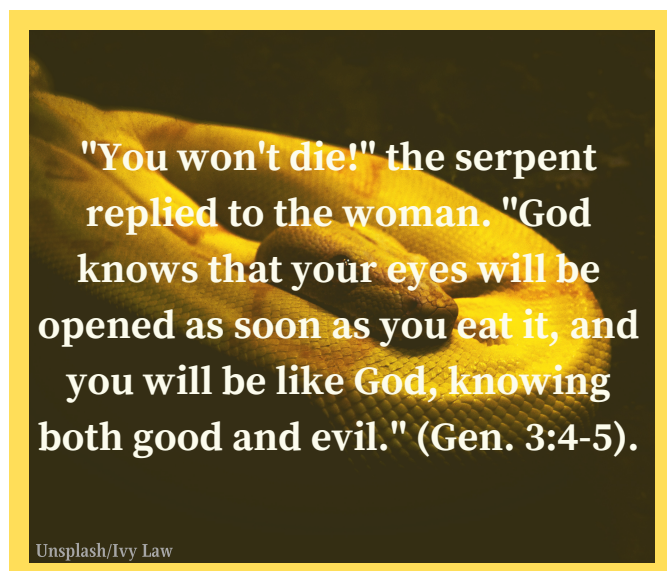
thoughts of suicide? Is will power enough to overcome these kinds of issues that plague the human soul?

The fight for contentment is becoming extremely difficult. Just when we think we're living our best life, *Screwtape*\* executes another planned attack, distracting us with doubt, insecurity and pride. The Bible warns of the enemy's plans to steal, kill and destroy God's creation (see Jn. 10:10; 1 Pet. 5:8).

Think of Eve. She was a woman with ideal circumstances. She only knew the goodness of God, the love of a faithful husband, and freedom from cramps and PMS. Yet, when the snake offered her a lie, she concluded God was holding out.

Genesis 3:6 says, "The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too."

The lie was, "*you'll be like God, knowing both good and evil*", if they ate the forbidden fruit. The truth is, once their



"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." (Gen. 3:4-5).

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\*A reference to *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

eyes were opened, and they knew good from evil, they were no longer like God. Spiritually, they died in that moment and later died a physical death after much pain, betrayal and loss.

### **Moral Dilemma**

Is it possible to lead a good life without serving God? That depends on your interpretation of *good*.

God created everything good for humans to enjoy (see Gen. 1:31; Ja. 1:17). Sinners can experience financial success, the love of family and enjoy a walk on the beach. However, *having* and *doing* good things does not make us "good people" (see Rom. 7:18).

If an outwardly good person inwardly indulges in sexual fantasies, harbors hatred and refuses to accept Christ, what reward awaits them in eternity?

### **Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit**

Even if we keep our behavior in check, the Scriptures make it clear the human heart is wicked and only devises evil plans (see Jer. 17:9-10).

Jesus said, in Matthew 15:19-20a, "For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you."

God's idea of good is eternally different from our finite understanding. It's His goodness (another fruit of the Spirit) and His grace that enables us to have self-control and find contentment in a world of chaos.

The fruit of self-control is vital. It will help us contend against temptations in the culture and keep our flesh in check.

Our struggles with temptation and flesh can only be controlled by God's power. When we have the mind of Christ, and the Spirit's self-control, we are empowered to live according to what's good from the Lord's point-of-view (see. Rom. 12:1-2).

Earthly life is temporary; it has an expected end that can't be avoided. In the meantime, our contentment will be challenged and our peace threatened. Yet, we can have confidence in knowing God won't let the enemy triumph over those who are in fellowship with Him (see Ps. 41:11). He will guide and protect those who trust in Him (see Ps. 91).

*The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted he will show you a way out so that you can endure (1 Cor. 10:13).*



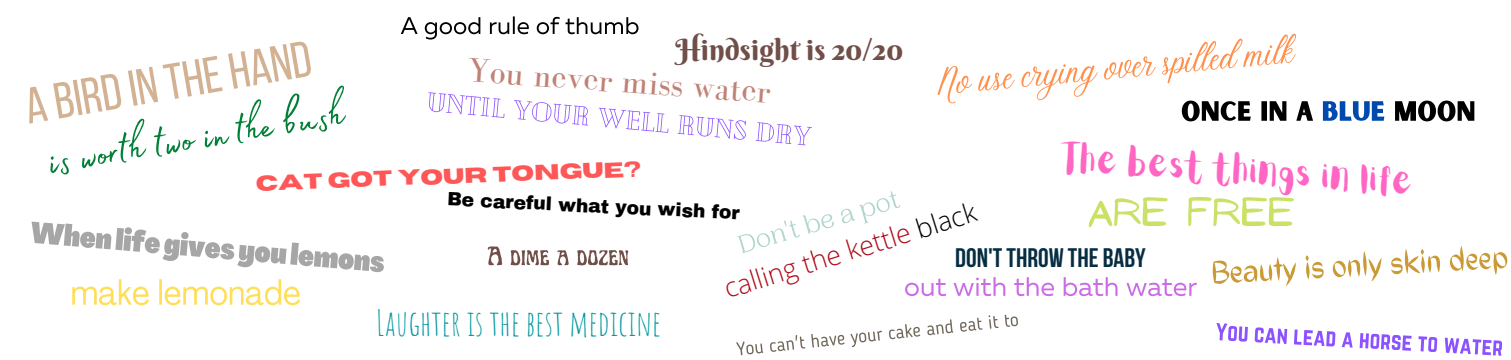
### **Sustained Contentment**

"[T]rue godliness with contentment is itself great wealth" (1 Tim. 6:6). "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him..." (2 Pet. 1:3).

We can invest our faith, trust, money, time, and our lives into whatever "god" we choose. God gave us freewill and a sense of morality. This is one way He made us in His image (see Gen. 1:26). Apart from Him, there's no hope for humanity.

We need the Holy Spirit's fruit of self-control empowering us to choose life in every situation. Only in Him will we find contentment that lasts.





# OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE

How to Sound Smart When Using Idioms and Clichés

First things first: it's all about timing! A well-executed idiom or cliché will fit the situation and, whenever possible, offer some enlightenment.

**Idiom:** a phrase, saying, or group of words with a metaphorical (not literal) meaning, which has become accepted in common usage.\*

## Don't count your chickens before they hatch

You can guess the meaning of this idiom. It's basically advising us not to make assumptions about the outcome of something when we don't have all the details. What you may not know is the truth of this idiom is rooted in several Proverbs. For example, Prov. 16:1 says, "We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer." As well, Prov. 20:24 tells us, "The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?"

In additional to the wisdom of Proverbs, James 4:14-15 says, "How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog - it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.'"

The deeper meaning of this idiom encourages us to use our time wisely and avoid boasting about the future.

**Cliché:** conveys an idea or message but loses its meaning due to overuse.\*\*

## The customer is always right

Like idioms, clichés are figures of speech. In fact, most clichés are idioms that *don't hold water* in everyday conversations. Unfortunately, clichés easily *wear out their welcome* as they have a tendency to sound sarcastic or come across like an insult.

The cliché above might *make your skin crawl* if you're in the customer service industry. Of course, this cliché doesn't accurately describe anything since humans are not "always" one thing or another. The message isn't literal, but it can remind us to *put ourselves in the other person's shoes* when dealing with difficult personalities.

Since clichés fail to fully convey any real meaning, it's probably best to use them sparingly and not make a habit of *rocking the boat*.

\*TheIdioms.com

\*\*LitCharts.com



"SEPARATE TO ME"

# MARIO MURILLO

## THE HUNGER & CRY OF A NATION

A response to Murillo's blog

By Tiffany Benson | Writer

**T**here comes a time when we must abandon the weight of earthly responsibilities and run after God with all we have. Notice I said abandon the *weight* not the responsibilities themselves. We prayed for and received the family, job, material things, and promotions we wanted. Now what?

Christians are busier than ever, totally engrossed in the affairs of this life and saturated in carnality. Rather than create an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can dwell, church services, too, are a drive-thru experience. Thankfully, something is stirring. Some of God's people are sensing an absence of His tangible presence and they want more.

“The Holy Spirit is separating them. He has selected them for special grace and power to accomplish mighty acts at the edge of history. They will be uniquely equipped to face the sophisticated evil of our time. But it all begins by making peace with the Holy Spirit and restoring His rightful place in our hearts and in the church.”

I've met avid churchgoers who "lovingly" paraphrase Heb. 10:25, "*Forsake not the gathering...*" It's a dual purpose one-liner that smacks the hand of absentee Christians, then serves as an evangelistic invitation to sinners. In love, I say, this is not right. It has never been right.

The Lord wants more from us than our ability to coordinate a morning off once a week. He deserves more than an honorable mention in the lobby and a parable punchline in the sermon. Holy Spirit should be the main attraction. He needs to be Lord of the Church again. The purpose of fellowship is not the coffee, the music or the merchandise. We gather to experience Him in greater measures.

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**In the earth, the cry of our nation is a demand for "social justice" and "equality."  
In the spirit, the land is crying out for a people who know God to reveal Him.**

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Consider Apostle Paul's admonishment to Galatia, "Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?" (Gal. 3:3, NKJV). Awakening Christians are asking the same today. An alarm is sounding. A spirit of revival is reverberating. What started with the Holy Spirit over 2,000 years ago at Pentecost won't be finished in a dead, dry, ritualistic, apathetic, malnourished Body. Truly, the flesh profits nothing (see Jn. 6:63).

Born-again believers must allow the Holy Spirit to deal with their carnality, circumcise their flesh, and expose sin in their inner being. In this way, we are perfected and transformed into Christ's image. This *perfecting* is an ongoing process that begins at the altar but will continue until death or the Second Coming.

If you want to sound theologically savvy, you may refer to this process as *sanctification*. In simple terms, a sanctified believer is one who is passionately prayerful, ceaselessly loving, exceedingly wise and radically obedient.

The apostles gave all they had to the discipline and work of the Holy Spirit. And when they had nothing left, they still gave more. They spent themselves for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If not for death, they would still be running their race to this day!

“Take a close look at the book of Acts and you will see the disarming down-to-earth way they related to the Holy Spirit. While they revered Him deeply, they had a sense of His nearness and His involvement in their day to day operation. They behaved as if He was close by and they could almost see Him. Most of all, they anticipated His instructions.”



The fresh movement of God Murillo is talking about is already happening. Murillo, himself, is set apart by the Holy Spirit as a prophetic leader. He is marked with the anointing and zeal of a true evangelist hungry for revival.

Murillo knows what many in the Body of Christ are just now beginning to understand: with God, the "new" is a glorious resurrection of the "old." The Lord has always been holy and He always calls His people to be holy (see Lev. 20:26; 1 Pet. 1:15-16). He's always been faithful and calls His people to be faithful (see 1 Cor. 1:9; Heb. 10:23).

“Disciples are abandoning "attraction" churches, and something revolutionary is happening inside them. God is starting a fresh movement.”

Murillo, quoting the late Pastor David Wilkerson, said, "God-hungry people are saying among themselves, "This is not it. There is something more. The bigness and the sensationalism of it all has left us empty and dry. We want more. More than entertainment. More than big, showy buildings. More than a shallow celebrity gospel. We want deeper values. We want to see Jesus. We want spotless robes of righteousness. We want to go back to doing things in total dependence on God."

## A WORD TO PASTORS

Preparing your people for an end time harvest requires sacrifice. The season of grace for doing church "the way we've always done it" is over. If you want more of God, the full gospel must return to the pulpit, Bible classes, nurseries, youth and young adults, small groups, praise and worship - **everything** must be anointed and set apart for His purposes. Finally, don't try to control the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to move and manifest in power.

You will see His glory when you surrender to His fire!

# WHERE ARE THE ENTREPRENEURS?

## SHOULD YOU BE CREATING SOMETHING?

# ENTREPRENEUR

### My Testimony

Writing has always come naturally for me. I have been a "silent author" for more than two decades. I've written numerous novels, short stories, essays, blogs, and journal entries. When I tell people this, I'm most often asked, "Have you published anything?"

In April 2021, I finally submitted a query and landed my first freelance gig since college. I am now a contributing author for [Charismanews.com](http://Charismanews.com). I'm also the sole creator of

[bigviewsmallwindow.com](http://bigviewsmallwindow.com).

I'm suddenly meeting writers everywhere!

It's already taking much time and effort to build my brand but I'm determined to make it work. I'm done spending energy on 1s, 2s, and 3s. I encourage everyone to carve out time and start doing whatever you're gifted to do!

If you're waiting for someone to come along and tell you how talented you are, consider this a word of exhortation.

## What's your passion?

Writing. Photography. Fine Art. Needlework. Crafts. Interior Design. Engines. Stylist. Inventions. Chef. Gardening.

Let's put strengths and weaknesses on a scale of 1 to 10:

- 1 **Weaknesses** are an inescapable reality. Life is too short to spend all of your energy trying to fix 1s, 2s, and 3s. Unless you have an undiscovered talent, these areas will likely never be 10s.
- 5 **Potential** is a tricky area. It's possible to develop potential into full blown strengths. Beware you're not wasting time on the unchangables.
- Strengths** are 6 and up. Invest your time in this area. Maximize on opportunities, take (calculated) risks, and don't stress over weaknesses.

In 2019, small businesses generated 44% of U.S. economic activity.\*

Prior to the pandemic, 31.7 million small businesses were registered in the United States. Temporarily or permanently, 9.4 million (29.7%) closed between January 2020 to December 2020.\*\*

If you have an idea, a talent or a business plan, now is the time put something into action. Your gifts and skills could help revive America's economy.

\*<https://sbecouncil.org/2021/01/21/millions-of-small-businesses-closed-in-2020-the-long-recovery-ahead/>

\*\*<https://advocacy.sba.gov/2019/01/30/small-businesses-generate-44-percent-of-u-s-economic-activity/>

# After Words

with Fmr. Representative Anthony Kern



After the interview, the voice recorder keep running. Here is what I captured:

**Me:** I hate how polarizing politics are. I've had liberal and Democrat friends and, yeah, their ideological framework is different than mine, they have different morals. But I don't think all Democrats or liberals are psychos like they're portrayed by right wing media. They're being painted as crazy...but I don't think that way about everybody on the left.

**Kern:** If you didn't have a 'D' or an 'R' behind your name, we're all Americans. That's why the founders didn't want a party system. Because you are painted. I've had people slam doors on me - 'Oh, you're a Republican?' - boom. But I know Democrats that...as long as they vote the right way, then I don't care.

**Me:** Yeah, if the parties were to switch, and the Democrat party all of a sudden became the pro-[biblical values] party...I would vote for them. That's exactly how I feel. It just so happens the biblical values are on the conservative side. If they were to switch, I'm not so loyal to this thing that I would keep voting for [Republicans]. I'm just trying to follow God. I can't separate the Lord from what I do in a voting booth.

**Kern:** God's not a Republican. It's just that [Republicans] have the [biblical] values right now. But not all Republicans have values and not all Democrats are communists. I know Democrats right now that I could name that vote pro-life, they love the police, they voted for Donald Trump. And I'll just say this, Donald Trump is not our savior, but he's God's man. I like what he stood for, I will always support him. But prior to him getting that position, I was very leery about him because of who he was previously. But you're right, it's a battle. To paint everybody with one broad brush is wrong on both sides. I think it'll turn around. I think there's gonna be a great awakening.

**Me:** I think so too...it's not happening in an intense spiritual way like I imagined. It's just these little things, like the parents who are standing up in front of local school boards... these are the little things people are starting to do and they weren't doing it before.

Sometimes, I get gripped and I'm like, 'Dang, but how did we get this far?' And it seems like before Trump - and, I wasn't paying attention [to politics] a whole lot - but it seems like before him and his "drain the swamp" campaign, were people in general just really believing politicians? Were they just trusting that what the person campaigned on is what they would deliver?

**Kern:** Right. But it wasn't happening. It wasn't happening at all. I could stand in front of a crowd and say, 'I'm gonna do this and this and this' and when I go to Washington, I won't do it. And there's a reason for that. Look up Jim DeMint. He used to be a US Senator in the 90s or early-2000s, in South Carolina. He was also a congressman from South Carolina. I was at a conference at the Trump hotel and [Jim] came and spoke. [Afterwards], Jim pulled us aside, me and about four or five other guys, and he said, 'The only thing that's gonna help our nation is a national revival in the church. It has got to be in the church. It's not going to be politics.'

...[W]hat you see in our nation right now is fear because of the social justice stuff. If I were to Tweet out [something about biblical values] right now, it would draw national attention. Media is really good at painting [things] so that corporations don't want the attention. So, they'll go with the woke.

[But] if the church rises up, they're gonna set the narrative in the nation. Right now, the media is setting the narrative in the nation. But if the church is firm - and they have to have backbone - they will set the narrative. And then, you'll have the atmosphere changing, people changing, and people won't be afraid to stand up.

[Recently], I was discouraged. Not so much now, but still in a way, I was discouraged in the sense that...our nation's done...unless God moves.

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