

Tony Campolo Quotes

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Those issues are biblical issues: to care for the sick, to feed the hungry, to stand up for the oppressed. I contend that if the evangelical community became more biblical, everything would change.

~Tony Campolo

I don't know how your theology works, but if Jesus has a choice between stained glass windows and feeding starving kids in Haiti, I have a feeling he'd choose the starving kids in Haiti.

~Tony Campolo

Jesus never says to the poor: "come find the church", but he says to those of us in the church: "go into the world and find the poor, hungry, homeless, imprisoned."

~Tony Campolo

After-school tutoring programs, care for the elderly, shelters for the homeless, disaster relief work, and a variety of other services would all benefit from government funding.

~Tony Campolo

Relegating women to second-class citizenship was abolished when Jesus died on the cross.

~Tony Campolo

Prior to ROE V. WADE, abortions were common even though they were illegal. I don't think making them illegal again is going to solve the problem.

~Tony Campolo

When you were born, you cried and everybody else was happy. The only question that matters is this - when you die, will you be happy when everybody else is crying?

~Tony Campolo

Let us preach Christ, let us be faithful to proclaiming the Gospel, but let's leave judgment in the hands of God.

~Tony Campolo

Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your kids.

~Tony Campolo

But I think it's up to a local congregation to determine whether or not a marriage should be blessed of God. And it shouldn't be up to the government.

~Tony Campolo

Your past is important but it is not nearly as important to your present as the way you see your future.

~Tony Campolo

I am saying that there is no salvation apart from Jesus; that's my evangelical mindset. However, I am not convinced that Jesus only lives in Christians

~Tony Campolo

Even if there were no heaven and there were no hell, would you still follow Jesus? Would you follow him for the life, joy and fulfillment he gives you right now?

~Tony Campolo

Jesus is the only Savior, but not everybody who is saved by Him is aware that He is the one who is doing the saving.

~Tony Campolo

Of the 22 industrialized nations of the world, we're dead last in per capita giving to poor people.

~Tony Campolo

It is hard to say what the future holds, but this is probable - it won't be just like the past.

~Tony Campolo

Rise up, you suckers, and go out and do the work of Jesus!

~Tony Campolo

I think it goes back to the fact that the evangelical community often does not have a biblical vision of God.

~Tony Campolo

Our call is to be God's agents, to rescue not only the human race but the whole of creation.

~Tony Campolo

Most Evangelicals claim to be politically non-partisan, and say they only identify with the Republican Party because the Republicans are committed to 'family values.

~Tony Campolo

Artists are the best theologians. They feel things that are true before theologians can jargonize them into obscurity.

~Tony Campolo

Rituals keep us from forgetting what must not be forgotten and keep us rooted in a past from which we must not be disconnected.

~Tony Campolo

In baptism, new Christians become part of a body of fellow believers who are called to spiritually encourage one another and hold one another responsible for consistent Christian living.

~Tony Campolo

A person is as young as their dreams and as old as their cynicism.

~Tony Campolo

From the beginning, there have been some religious leaders who greeted the funding of faith-based social services by government with ambivalence.

~Tony Campolo

I'm not convinced that Jesus only lives in Christians.

~Tony Campolo

In short, I'm not sure that the abortion problem can be solved by legislation. I think it can only be solved through moral persuasion.

~Tony Campolo

Most of us are tiptoeing through life so we can reach death safely. We should be praying, "If I should wake before I die. . . ." Life can get away from you.

~Tony Campolo

When leading evangelicals say terrible things about Islam, evil things about Islam, terrible things about Muhammad, they ought to be ashamed of themselves.

~Tony Campolo

I'm a minister, and I serve as a minister in addition to being a university professor.

~Tony Campolo

The real problem that I think those of us who are evangelicals and Democrats have to face up to is that the political right controls the religious media.

~Tony Campolo

And we've got to ask ourselves some very serious questions as to

whether or not certain religious leaders, in terms of raising money - I hate to bring this up - are pushing hot buttons.

~Tony Campolo

I contend that it's impossible to read the Sermon on the Mount and not come out against capital punishment.

~Tony Campolo

I contend that, in spite of all that might be said about Watergate, Richard Nixon was good for the poor people of America.

~Tony Campolo

The reason why I buy into the Democratic Party more than the Republican Party is because there are over 2,000 verses of Scripture that deal with responding to the needs of the poor.

~Tony Campolo

I think the real place where most evangelicals have trouble with the Democratic Party is on the issue of abortion.

~Tony Campolo

If America is too arrogant, too prideful to repent, it's not the kind of country that God wants it to be.

~Tony Campolo

But isn't it time for Christians to admit that we should reject bargains if they are gained by the exploitation of the poorest of the poor in developing countries?

~Tony Campolo

Don't be satisfied with just pumping blood.

~Tony Campolo

The Gospel is about grace and we all know that grace is about us

receiving from God blessings that we don't deserve.

~Tony Campolo

I teach at Eastern University, which is highly committed to doing work among the poor and the oppressed peoples of the world. We have a special commitment to the city.

~Tony Campolo

I think there are other issues that the Democrats could use to rally evangelicals. There are a lot of us, for instance, who believe that the Bible calls us to be environmentally responsible.

~Tony Campolo

My theology is such that the God who loves Israel and will not forsake Israel - which is why I want to see Israel have a secure nation with secure borders - also loves the Palestinians.

~Tony Campolo

A strong case can be made for religious leaders to speak out on political issues.

~Tony Campolo

In America, evangelical churches have often been bastions of conservatism, providing support for the status quo.

~Tony Campolo

Nowhere in the Hebrew Scriptures does it say that God is omnipotent.

~Tony Campolo

Perhaps we would do well to listen to the likes of Rabbi Harold Kushner, who contends that God is not really as powerful as we have claimed.

~Tony Campolo

It has been said that people never do evil with more enthusiasm than when they do it in the name of God.

~Tony Campolo

Today, some of the most spiritual people I know claim to be without religion.

~Tony Campolo

That a new humanity will be brought forth from this Christ consciousness in each person.

~Tony Campolo

I don't doubt that God can bring good out of tragedies, but the Bible is clear that God is not the author of evil!

~Tony Campolo

So I really would like to see both parties respond to the poor with greater commitment. But I've got to tell you, the Democrats, I feel, are doing a better job in that respect than Republicans are.

~Tony Campolo

If marriage really is a sacred institution, then why is the government controlling it, especially in a nation that affirms separation of church and state?

~Tony Campolo

Sadly, we do a much better job of making people feel guilty than we do of delivering them from the guilt we create. We need to confess this and change our ways.

~Tony Campolo

Marriage should be viewed as an institution ordained by God and should be out of the control of the state.

~Tony Campolo

Religion, for better or for worse, has been politicized in blatant ways that have seldom been equaled in American elections.

~Tony Campolo

Women have the same privileges and opportunities as men, given the New Testament.

~Tony Campolo

Young Evangelicals, especially, are breaking ranks with older Evangelicals (over 40) and are more and more leaning towards voting Democratic.

~Tony Campolo

It's a new day for the Democrats when it comes to matters of faith, and the younger Evangelicals are aware of this and many of them are moving into the Democratic camp.

~Tony Campolo

Evangelical Christians, who once were a ridiculed irrelevant sectarian movement, have, over just three decades, become a powerful voting bloc that can no longer be ignored.

~Tony Campolo

I propose that the government should get out of the business of marrying people and, instead, only give legal status to civil unions.

~Tony Campolo

Haitians do not need development programs imposed on them by expatriates. Instead, they need help in developing as self-assured persons.

~Tony Campolo

To prevent discussion of any other explanations of human origins is hardly what I would expect from open-minded educators.

~Tony Campolo

Like most Christians, I believe the Genesis account of creation is a description of six different stages of creation, each of which may have taken eons of time.

~Tony Campolo

Evangelicals need to take a good look at what their issues are. Are they really being faithful to Jesus? Are they being faithful to the Bible?

~Tony Campolo

I applaud the growing commitment of Evangelicals to the needs of the poor and oppressed in urban America.

~Tony Campolo

Anyone who resists the notion of women preachers is functioning as a tool of the devil.

~Tony Campolo

I am relatively sure, from conversations that I had with former president Bill Clinton, that George Bush seldom called upon him for advice.

~Tony Campolo

If being human requires freedom, then enslavement to the cares of this world is dehumanizing.

~Tony Campolo

One of the problems with evangelicalism is that it has allowed itself to be married to the Republican party... Jesus is not a Republican. Nor is he a Democrat.

~Tony Campolo

An evangelical is somebody who, first of all, has a very high view of Scripture, believes it's an infallible message from God.

~Tony Campolo

Clinton's successor in the White House, George W. Bush, was committed to expanding government spending for faith-based initiatives.

~Tony Campolo

While I can see how the government has, at times, wasted taxpayers' money, and I can admit that too often its programs are ineffective, I also can see the good that government does.

~Tony Campolo

A career public speaker is not what I'm called to be. I'm called to be a critic.

~Tony Campolo

I am looking for suggestions on what we can do about extremists within our own society. They cannot be ignored.

~Tony Campolo

If a guy is intimidated by a woman in leadership, he has real problems with his own concepts of masculinity. That's a harsh statement, but I believe it to be true.

~Tony Campolo

Whenever there is a catastrophe, some religious people inevitably ask, 'Why didn't God do something? Where was God when all those people died?'

~Tony Campolo

Certain things happened in the early church. Women who had never had any freedom suddenly have the ability to stand up and speak and be treated as equals within the life of the church.

~Tony Campolo

We must not be so concerned with the unborn that we fail to pay attention to the born.

~Tony Campolo

In the past, the Republican Party has depended on unified support at election time from Evangelical Christians. But times are changing!

~Tony Campolo

As we consider the causes of depression, those of us in the church must face the ways we might be responsible for creating it.

~Tony Campolo

The kingdom of God is a glorious and gigantic party!

~Tony Campolo

I think the time has come for the United States to do even-handed justice.

~Tony Campolo

When there is conflict between what God requires and the demands of the government, each of us has an important decision to make concerning taxes.

~Tony Campolo

There's nothing wrong with making a lot of money, there's something wrong with keeping it.

~Tony Campolo

I've always been skeptical of those television healers who are bald. If I had that gift, that'd be the first thing I'd fix.

~Tony Campolo

What I am trying to say is that Jesus who incarnated God 2,000 years ago is mystically present and waiting to be discovered in EVERY

person you and I encounter

~Tony Campolo

The Jesus of the Scripture transcends all nations and calls all nations into judgment.

~Tony Campolo

If fulfillment is gained through giving ourselves through intimate relationships, then allowing ourselves to be consumed with the cares of things, instead of the care of persons, is foolish.

~Tony Campolo

I do not mean that others represent Jesus for us. I mean that Jesus actually is present in each other person

~Tony Campolo

Getting the government to put money into social programs run by religious institutions is a practice that started during the Clinton years, when Bill Clinton advocated the AmeriCorps program.

~Tony Campolo

Although I believe that scripture is divinely inspired and infallible, I have a hard time going along with the belief that the whole creation process occurred in six twenty-four hour days.

~Tony Campolo

In religious circles, depression is often deemed to be a spiritual condition that can be cured with prayer.

~Tony Campolo

Christianity isn't the only group that has fundamentalists.

~Tony Campolo

Lies and distortions can be spread, via the Internet, in an inexpensive

way, and the effects are astounding.

~Tony Campolo

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