

# Ethical Lobbying

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# The Priority of Prayer

- Nehemiah & Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 2:1-5)
- ‘Always be prepared to give a reason’ / ‘Don’t worry about what you are going to say’ (1 Peter 3:15; Mark 13:9-11)
- ‘We wrestle not against flesh and blood’ (Ephesians 6:12)

# Winning by Love

- Heaping hot coals (Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 12:17-21)
- ‘Covering a multitude of sins’ (1 Peter 4:8; James 5:20)
- Joseph & Pharaoh’s officials (Genesis 40:5-8)

# Don't cast pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6) / Grace-Filled Public Policy

- Ammunition for the front line  
(Galatians 6:10)
- Persuasion for the waverers (1  
Peter 3:15-17)
- Prayer and politeness for the  
enemy (Matthew 5:43-48)

# Lessons from Army Life (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

- The Pincer Movement – Mass Movement & Select Lobbying / Faith & Works
- Co-Belligerency ‘My enemy’s enemy is my friend’
- Using the secret weapon – ‘Don’t go beyond what can effectively be prayed for’ (Exodus 17:10-13)

# 5 Golden Rules

- **1. Be prepared** (cf. Sp Evangelical Press)
- Network of contacts for Advance Intelligence – wise use of internet
- Know where the experts are in your community
- Don't miss deadlines

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- **2. Be Brief** (busy people won't read more than one side of A4) – put the rest in annexes if necessary
- Don't impose yourself on others
- Patience and politeness builds up trust
- Brief, well-prepared meetings lead to more, long one-sided ones are not repeated

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- **3. Be objective** – plenty of journal quotes & statistics
- You have to speak their language – argue within their terms
- Don't be afraid of evidence, the Maker's Instructions are Best, the Truth is our strongest weapon (Ephesians 6:14; John 8:32)

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- **4. Be Honest** (I know a man who does)
- You cannot do or know everything, be selective
- Be humble and seek to serve
- Correct mistakes quickly, don't let fear delay you. A late response is never the best response.

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- **5. Be Empathetic** (try to think in other man's shoes – why think that way, what motivates)
- If you cannot understand why he thinks like that, you're in the wrong job
- Empathy is also subversive

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