



Is Time2RiseSA a new political party?

If anyone asks if Time2RiseSA is a new political party, you can clearly say that it is definitely NOT a political party and we will not be, but we are committed to establishing a God-fearing government as part of Kingdom nation-building. Let's explain this. We stand for biblical values in all areas of society, whether it's education, whether it's business or any area, but you can't talk about Kingdom nation-building in its full sense without also talking about government.

The whole discussion about government has been taken over by party politics and all sorts of political division. We as Time2Rise want to move away from this political spirit and purely talk about Godly Governance. The Bible is very clear. Proverbs 29:2 says, "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people mourn." It is God's will that the righteous may lead a nation. The very word Ecclesia means, in part, that we are God's local authority. Ecclesia means in Greek a senate/parliament. We are God's authority and we operate by executing/exercising His word and doing His will. In the context of Time2Rise, the entire process will work as follows: in October 2023, we are going to identify key leaders that we feel could represent Christians or the body of Christ in government. At our 6-8 October event where we are gathering, one of the key focus areas is identifying the top 50 leaders that, in our view, can lead South Africa in a new direction. We will do this prayerfully and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Up until the event starts, we will give people a chance to nominate leaders, so God's people will have a chance on the website to read who these leaders are before they come to the event. When they vote at the event for these top 50 leaders, they would already be fully informed.

The difference is, unlike political parties, where the leader comes to convince people to vote for him/her, now the people, God's people, will decide who the leaders are. And we also decide what vehicle must be used in order to bring change in the 2024 national elections. Now, by that time, in October, we will have a clearer idea of what the options are: should the vehicle be a political party, or an independent initiative, or what would it be? We will present all the options to the people and they will make the decision (by majority vote); nobody will make the decisions for the people. The people will decide who they want as leaders and also what kind of vehicle they want to use in 2024. If a vehicle were to be created for the elections, like a political party, it would be absolutely separate from Time2RiseSA. There will not be a political party called Time2RiseSA; it will be a completely separate vehicle and the leaders we identified, who are called for government, will create/establish that. Remember, our approach and what we say on the website as well is to activate the body of Christ in every sphere of society to be salt and light. We trust the Lord in this process for leaders and influencers to step forward in all areas, even those called to establish a righteous government. In the same way that people are called for education or for business, so some are called for government, but the problem is very often that the government space is so politicised. The leaders that we'll identify in October will not have any link to any political party, and there will be no political baggage. They will be leaders that stand up for righteousness in this nation and leaders that the people have identified as those with a clear governance anointing.

Having said that, let's say it were to happen that, after the event, after the people have identified the leaders, there is a leader (one of those leaders) that establishes a vehicle for the Election, maybe he/she create a political party and we regard this person as possibly



becoming president one day (in 2024), then we will have the option whether to support that vehicle (or not) while our people are fully informed of it. We won't be forced into anything; we will always have a choice, but it will be a separate initiative. With Time2RiseSA, the focus will always be Kingdom nation-building, transforming our communities, and activating the body of Christ at ground level, but when there is change at the top (righteous leaders taking public office) – let's say in 2024 – the government of the day, a righteous government, will be fully aligned with what God's people are doing at ground level through Time2RiseSA. When this collaboration sets in, it will accelerate the whole process of change in South Africa.

That's why, of course, we want to see a righteous government in office. We don't think there's one Christian who doesn't want to see it, and yes, there are Christians who are fully supportive of existing political parties. And that is their choice. Anyone can always change their choice. It is entirely up to them since we live in a democracy. So, nothing of this is about detracting or pulling away from those that want to support any political party that's currently existing, but what we know is that if God does something new, that should also be put on the table. We will never force anybody to vote in any way; that's not how a democracy works. It will always be each person's choice. We trust that the Holy Spirit will lead each one of us.

So, just to be clear, Time2RiseSA will never be politicised. We will never allow a political spirit to divide us. We will not be drawn into, or be captured by, a political party that says, "come bring your support for us." No, we are not available for that, and we will not be seized. The people will decide in October on the way forward. And this is different from any other political party's approach. Another big difference going forward is also: the people are actually ready at ground-level to rebuild communities. In other words, they are not just voters; they are Kingdom nation-builders getting organised at both community-level, and being connected through national networks, to rebuild the walls and bring the much-needed change. People in action. Plus, the voice of the people will be heard and exercised during Election time. That's how a true democracy works. If we have the majority in South Africa being Christian, then we should have a God-fearing government, a righteous government, that is aligned with the biblical values that we (the majority) believe in. We should have a constitution that is aligned with biblical principles. We should have a whole governance system fully accountable to the people and the will of the people, of whom the majority believe in biblical principles and values in South Africa. The time is over for the splintering of God's people and allowing division through a political spirit. We are one people (1 Pet 2:9). As God's people, we are uniting. Uniting for rebuilding this nation from ground level up to the highest level.

The Lord will lead the way, so we are putting markers along the way. At the October event, important decisions will be made and then the leaders identified will execute the decisions of God's people, as we all take hands for godly change. Remember, the body of Christ is God's local authority. We are authorised by the Author of Life. This is what Jesus did in Matthew 16 when He said, "I give you the keys of the kingdom." We have authority with servant hearts and humility, not to dominate and control. We simply need to exercise our God-given authority, and if we do it together, this nation can change overnight. May the Lord lead you as you prayerfully consider this. Take note: we will not allow a political spirit or a religious spirit to bring division amongst our people. We will be united by focusing our eyes on the King of kings and the Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. God bless you!

-The Time2RiseSA Team