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DON BACON

*U.S. Representative, NE,
2nd Congressional District*

"Ralph Drollinger is the best Bible teacher I've studied with and I've been blessed with many great teachers over three and a half decades as a Christian. Paul told the Corinthians that he gave them "milk" and not "solid food" when he ministered to them. Ralph never serves milk in his studies but delivers a huge serving of steak! I know the book *Oaks In Office* will help many elected and appointed political leaders grow in their faith in Christ and will make better disciples in our national and state capitals. We need more lights shining bright and more ambassadors for Christ in government, and *Oaks In Office* will help many of our leaders get off the milk diets and eating solid foods!"



BENJAMIN S. CARSON SR., MD

"*Oaks In Office* is a wonderful gift from Ralph Drollinger who has dedicated much of his life to Public Servants who wish to maintain and enhance their faith and character while navigating the often complex landscape of government life. It is a scholarly yet easily understood tome with great lessons for everyone."



DR. PAUL CEDAR

*Past Executive Chair,
Lausanne Movement*

"The Great Commission is all about making disciples in all

nations. God has used Ralph Drollinger and Capitol Ministries to provide a strategic initiative to infiltrate all the world capitols with an exciting disciple making ministry. *Oaks In Office* provides national ministries in these capitols with significant resources to make disciples among the Public Servants in capitols around the world."



TOM DE VRIES

*President/CEO,
Willow Creek Association*

"*Oaks In Office* provides a biblically grounded expression for Public Servants to be salt and light in the public square. It is a guidebook for all who have a passion to expand Christ's kingdom and to further the public good. Ralph Drollinger has tested and integrated these biblical truths so they can be applied in the halls of Congress, the steps of the Capitol, and even the gathering places in your home. I pray for the courage of public leaders to read, examine, and engage in living out the challenges of this book, for the good of all and the glory of God."



DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

*Senior Pastor, First Baptist
Church, Dallas, TX*

*Bible Teacher on "Pathway To
Victory"*

"Evangelical pastors as a whole have largely overlooked the importance of building effective ministries that disciple local government leaders for Christ. With over 40,000 local governments in America we need to birth ministries similar to what Youth for Christ and CRU are doing on high school and col-

lege campuses. If we are to truly 'Make America Great Again,' initiating these kinds of outposts is essential. Statistics indicate that most of our political leaders in state capitals and Washington D.C. were once city council members. In *Oaks In Office* Ralph Drollinger provides an invaluable tool to equip pastors and laymen with pertinent Bible studies to initiate discipleship ministries with those serving in local government. I highly recommend this excellent resource."



BILL JOHNSON

*U.S. Representative, Ohio,
6th Congressional District*

"Ralph Drollinger's *Oaks In Office* is a must read for any public servant, especially those who believe that faith and freedom are inextricably linked. I have sat under Ralph's spiritual mentorship for most of the last eight years, and his unique ability to show how God's Word speaks to the many intricate policy issues facing America today has served to inform my work as a Member of Congress. From what the Bible says about basic human rights, to the characteristics of true leaders, to national security, to mundane policy issues like budgets, taxes, and formulating laws, his insights remind me that faith and freedom do, indeed, go hand in hand. I commend *Oaks In Office* to any Public Servant who truly desires to positively influence the cities, states, nations, and world around us in a Godly manner."



DR. BILL JONES

*Chancellor, Columbia
International University*

"Isaiah 6:1:3 says, '... So they will

be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.' Our country may have many issues today that need immediate attention, but we do have one huge advantage: followers of Christ occupying governmental positions that provide opportunities to make a positive difference in our society. If you serve as one of these public officials, regardless of office, you should read and apply the sound biblical teachings found in *Oaks In Office*. As you do so, you will grow into a strong oak of righteousness that brings much glory to God because you will begin to serve as His representative, exerting a godly influence on our country."



DOUG LAMBORN

*U.S. Representative, CO,
5th Congressional District*

"Public Servants are uniquely positioned to influence culture, both through legislation and as they live their lives under the microscope of public scrutiny. Ralph Drollinger understands the pressures and challenges facing public officials. Ralph has gained great esteem and respect from elected officials all over the U.S. and indeed all over the world. I pray that *Oaks In Office* will be used to bring a spiritual reawakening to those in public office, and that Public Servants might be a part of rejuvenating the heart and soul of the United States of America."



JAMES LANKFORD

U.S. Senator, OK

"Praying for those in authority is a biblical mandate, just like the mandate to make disciples.

There is no question that it is easier to pray for a leader than it is to help him become a disciple. This book is about the tough and joyous work of making disciples of all nations and the leaders of those nations. When leaders have a solid biblical core, their family, community, and decisions are forever changed.”



DAN PATRICK
Lieutenant Governor, TX

“Our nation was built upon the Word of God. Our founders and the people they governed understood they must be led by Godly people, who while imperfect themselves, strived to build a country based on God’s perfection. Today, in a country where God’s Word is under constant attack, we need mighty oaks to serve in all levels of government. Men and women of courage and commitment who will stand for the principles and values our nation was founded upon. Ralph Drollinger’s book, *Oaks In Office*, clearly lays out who is needed and what is needed to guide our nation to greatness so we can be the light of the world that God intended us to be.” Matthew 20:26



STEVE PEARCE
U.S. Representative, New Mexico, 2nd Congressional District

“Elected Public Servants have been given a great responsibility and charge – to care for their fellow man. Whether a first-time member of the county livestock board or the United States House of Representatives, the tasks and challenges that arise can seem daunting. As Ralph Drollinger proclaims throughout *Oaks In Office*, grounding in the truth of God’s Word and teachings builds a deep-rooted foundation that will stand up to the most challenging of days and events in office. Through the studies contained within *Oaks In Office*, Drollinger teaches that a deep understanding and relationship with God is an asset unlike any other. It provides counsel in times of need, joy, and motivation in times of great distress. In an ever increasingly

convoluted World, Drollinger’s framework grounds and guides development not only as a Christian, but also as Public Servant.”



SCOTT PEOTTER
City Councilman, Newport Beach, CA

“From the perspective of a city councilman who is somewhat controversial because I stand up for “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness (property rights)”, this book should be mandatory reading. Knowing that God is the originator of property rights and not government and not a majority of voters, allows me to stand firm against what I refer to as the noisy minority. Imagine if people couldn’t keep the fruits of their labor, or if your neighbors could decide whether you could remodel your kitchen! Knowing God’s design for government is what *Oaks In Office* is all about. Every office holder ought to have this book.”



DAVID PERDUE
U.S. Senator, Georgia

“The political noise in our nation’s capital can often distract us from what’s really important. Ralph Drollinger’s *Oaks In Office*, and the Bible study that Ralph and Danielle lead every week, help keep us focused on God and His direction.”



SONNY PERDUE
Former Governor of Georgia

“As laborers in glass houses, Public Servants are often intimidated into hiding their faith under a bushel. Sadly, this is dishonoring to our Lord, who has enlarged our borders for opportunities to influence. Sad, because it diminishes our ability to communicate the reason for the faith, hope, and love that is hopefully flowing from us to those who watch us. Ralph Drollinger’s *Oaks In Office: Biblical Essays for Public Servants*, provides a road map whereby men and women come

to understand the role and responsibility we have as believers in the public arena. His deep dive studies, borne from years of biblical studies and interface with Public Servants at all levels, teach us how to become more effective missionaries, irrespective of partisanship or political views, in our own sphere of influence. I can unequivocally recommend *Oaks In Office* to those who want to know more about how a Christ follower can be true to his Lord while being effective in his public duties.”



RICK PERRY
Former Governor of Texas

I was a successful Eagle Scout because a Scoutmaster guided me through the Boy Scouts of America manual. I was a proficient Air Force pilot because an instructor taught me how to use a checklist. Ralph Drollinger is my life instructor, leading me, and many other Public Servants through the most important checklist in history. Capitol Ministries’ work delving into biblical truths is creating mighty *Oaks In Office* around the world. I suppose Ralph’s figurative cultivation, fertilization, and watering is making him the equivalent of a biblical Johnny Appleseed!



DR. LARRY PETTEGREW
Research Professor of Theology, Shepherds Theological Seminary

“Ralph Drollinger’s book, *Oaks In Office*, is based on his many years of impactful ministry with key state and national political leaders. The chapters are carefully biblical, theologically correct, and strategically practical. Highly recommended.”



GORDON ROBERTSON
CEO, The Christian Broadcasting Network

“Ralph Drollinger’s, *Oaks In Office*, is a wonderful collection of 52 leadership Bible studies on pertinent issues of the day from

The Remedy for Racism to Sexual Sin and the Aphrodisiac of Power. This book is not just for those in elected office; I recommend it for anyone in leadership who wants to leave a legacy for the next generation. From tiny acorns, great oak trees grow and the weekly lessons in this book will be the light, water, and soil you need. If you want to be an oak in your position, get this book and apply it regularly.”



GLENN “GT” THOMPSON
U.S. Representative, PA, 5th Congressional District

“I am deeply appreciative of Ralph Drollinger for the insights he offers in *Oaks In Office*. He eloquently writes that ministering to those in public service is not only about evangelizing, but also about the continued individual spiritual growth for those called to serve. Spiritual growth is always a journey. The special circumstances and challenges that face Public Servants requires nurturing, similar to that which allows a fragile acorn to one day become a mighty oak. Such reflections of personal growth through study and prayer are found in Drollinger’s *Oaks In Office*.”



DR. CRAIG WILLIFORD
President, Multnomah University

“Serving as a Public Servant requires dedication, excellent skills and godly wisdom. In his book, *Oaks In Office*, Ralph provides invaluable biblical studies that will encourage Public Servants to increase their understanding of godly wisdom. Ralph skillfully applies biblical themes and principles to the challenges that Public Servants face on a regular basis. His insightful and trustworthy explanation of the biblical teaching is another strength of this book. I recommend pastors who have Public Servants in their congregation also read Ralph’s book so they can gain a better understanding of how to minister to these servants of God.”