

Series:
Power Broker
Session Seven:

“How to Empower People Through the Government”

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A. The Mission of Human Government

“To empower people to become _____ citizens who are capable of advancing the sociological agenda of the nation while enjoying the current benefits of active _____.”

B. The Hidden Agenda in Government

1. Power resides in the _____ and is owned by the person in the position
2. The person in the _____ is benefited by the people in the citizenry.
3. The person in the position must _____ only the forces who can help him retain the position.

C. The Real Power Structure of Government

D. Symptoms of an Un-empowered Citizenry

1. _____ in voter turnout
2. _____ of foundational issues
3. Political _____
4. No _____ with elected leaders
5. Proclivity to _____ a hot issue

E. Cause Behind the Symptoms

1. They feel incapable of _____ to the process of government.
2. They lack the familiarity with the _____ information required to participate.
3. They live without seeking or receiving any hands-on _____ in the system of government.
4. They disconnect emotionally from their elected leaders and may become _____.
5. They entertain distrust and passive _____ toward government and leaders at every level.

F. A Biblical Example of the Failure of Government

“Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.”
Exodus 1:8

1. The people were viewed as _____ by the government.
Exodus 1:9-10
2. The people were _____ by the government for its own purposes.
Exodus 1:11-14
3. The emphasis of the government became internal _____.
Exodus 1:15-22
4. The enlightened leaders were forced to operate _____ the system.
Exodus 2:1-10
5. The system of government became vulnerable to _____.
Exodus 3:7-10

G. What Government Should be Doing to Empower People

1. Train people to function as _____ citizens.
2. Simplify and distribute essential _____.
3. Emphasize _____ over bureaucracy.
4. Create for effective _____ participation.
5. Transfer power from _____ whenever possible.

H. The Epitaph of Effective Government

“The end of all good government is the _____ of the people.”