

## A Screen Door on a Submarine...

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### Politicians Quoting Bible

Generally speaking when it comes to politicians and their usage of the Bible you can almost with certainty know whatever they say is “eisegesis” and not “exegesis,” and therefore what they’ve said is about as valuable as “a screen door on a submarine.”

Let me explain.

**Exegesis** is the name for the method of study that does the Biblical text justice and seeks true understanding of God’s word. This method investigates language, history, culture, and context of a Biblical passage in its original setting. It pulls out (so to speak) the objective “Truth” of God’s revelation.

**Eisegesis** is the name for the method of interpretation of Biblical text based on a subjective understanding of the text. This method is used not to investigate Biblical text, but to select Biblical text to support a predetermined position of thought. It puts in (so to speak) subjective “Falsehood” to God’s revelation.

So when it comes to politicians and their usage of Biblical text, I take what they say, “with a grain of salt.”