

it is achieved through lying, cheating, stealing, if you don't get caught, and the lying was not done under oath in a way to constitute perjury which could disqualify you from the office, if it consists in using chicanery or whatever, that's allowable. To do the public good a person doesn't have to be good. To achieve great things a person does not have to be great. All that a person has to do is study the operative principles of whatever it is he or she is dealing with, utilize those principles, in other words work in harmony with them and the result will be produced. And that's what old Jesus meant when he said the sun shines on the good and the bad. The rain falls on the just and the unjust. So if you want to grow crops, then don't try to make them grow by getting on your knees and praying, you check when the rain is coming, how much sunlight there is going to be, what the growing season is likely to be and then you plant crops that will benefit from those things and if you do that, you're likely to achieve success. If you leave your house and you've got a new hairdo, you've got a new suit, polyester, that will glow in the dark, but if it gets wet it will shrink up and you're very religious and holy, not only do you pray in church, but you pray in the Legislature every morning and it's raining outside and you think your righteousness is going to keep that rain off you, no way. By the time you get from the door to your car you look like a wet chicken, your clothes have drawn up so tight that if somebody doesn't snip the cuffs you'll get gangrene from lack of circulation and that's what your righteousness does for you. On the other hand, we have an old sinner who puts up an umbrella and the sinner defeats the rain. So when we talk about politics and public life, I know editorials are written, Congress has set up Ethics Committees, but you can look at what Newton Gingrich is doing and see that that means nothing. All you have to do is be on the strongest side and you don't even have to worry about ethics.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you run for office you can lie about your opponent and it doesn't mean anything. People say we expect politicians to lie and they do, and they expect dishonesty. No politician, and that includes myself, is viewed as an honest person. We are all viewed as crooks of one kind or another. So these bills, when they are done to try to impress the public with how upstanding we are, they're worthless and a waste of time. I will not support them. Had I not had to