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Why Christians Should Vote

Proverbs 14:34

Does God Expect Us to Vote

Evidence many “Christians” not voting..

- As high as 41 million (“born again”, regular churchgoers, evangelicals)
- Lack of interest in politics, dislike candidates, believe their vote will not make difference
- Churches not discussing, speaking out on key issues (abortion, marriage/gender, crime enforcement)
- Not equipping members in responsibility

Responsibilities as Citizens

- Submission to authority – Romans 13:1-7
 - Specific duties vs 3-4 (higher duty Acts 5:29)
 - Pay taxes vs 7 (Jesus taught Mark 12:17)
 - Praying for – 1 Tim 2:1-4, 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Blessings of our system – rights of people
 - We have right to vote/duty to do right James 4:17
 - Responsible citizenship – Jeremiah 29:5-6
 - Being salt & light – Matt 5:13-16, Luke 10:25-37

Voting by Biblical Standards

God's leaders have always spoken out..

- OT prophets spoke God's word to rulers
- NT John the Baptist, Jesus, apostles
- Early America spoke from pulpits
- Churches today have become silent



1st Amendment Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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The Happiness of a People
In the Wisdom of their Rulers
DIRECTING
And in the Obedience of their Brethren
ATTENDING
Unto what Israel ought to do:
RECOMMENDED IN A
SERMON

Before the Honourable GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL, and
the Respected DEPUTIES of the Massachusetts Colony
in New-England.
Preached at Boston, May. 3d. 1676. being the day of
ELECTION there.

By WILLIAM HUBBARD Minister of Ipswich.

Exod. 18. 21. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men
of Truth.
Rom. 13. 1. Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, for there is no Power but of God.
Psal 44. 13. Happy is the people that is in such a case, yea happy is that people whose God is
the Lord.

Ubi Ordinis defectus ibi exorientur lae aere fulmina, in terra commotiones, in Mari
inundationes, in corporibus Aegritudines, in urbibus, Seditiones, in animabus
peccata. O. C. continet Caelum, terrestria, Ordo est in intelligibilibus, Ordo
in sensibilibus, Ordo in astris, Ordo in omnibus. Naz.

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Political Issues are Spiritual/Moral

What does the Bible say?

- **Abortion/pro life** Psalm 139:13-16
Jeremiah 1:5 Exodus 20:13 Proverbs 24:11
- **Marriage/gender** Genesis 1:27
Matt 19:4-6 Mark 10:6 Psalm 139:13-16
- **Parental rights** Deut 6:4-6, 11:18-19
Proverbs 22:6 Eph 6:1-4
- **Immigration/law enforcement**
Acts 17:26 Deut 32:8 Isaiah 61:8 Micah 6:8

There are no Perfect Candidates



Vote to maximize righteousness/minimize evil

Other things on the ballot

- The balance of the Congress/House/Senate
- Vice president who could become president
- Appointment of judges
- Local offices (city council/school boards)
- Economy policies/decisions
- International wars/threats

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