

Today, Many Of Our Leaders Are Ignoring Or Deliberately Trying To Pervert Important Biblical Principles:

- **Marriage:** God indicated that it was not good for man to be alone and he made woman for man. Gen. 2:18-25. God indicated that each man is to have his own wife and each wife her own husband. 1 Cor. 7:2. The Bible warns that perverting God's model for marriage is a sin and will have consequences, like all sin. Rom. 1:26-27, Lev. 18:22, 1 Cor. 6-9-10.
- **Sanctity of Life:** "For you formed my inward parts; you wove me in my mother's womb, I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Ps. 139:13-14. "Before I formed you in your mother's womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..." Jer. 1:5.
- **Religious Liberty:** The Biblical principles and mores upon which our government and society were founded are being removed by ungodly leaders and special interest groups. The many Ten Commandments monuments are only one example. "Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives *full of worship and respect for God.*" 1 Tim. 2:2.

Voting:

The Biblical principles, or lack thereof, in our society and laws are a direct result of the how our government views the will of the people. Voting is the clearest demonstration of that will.

As Christians, We Must Pray for Guidance in Choosing Our Leaders:

"And they prayed and said, 'Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you

have chosen,'" Acts 1:24. "Pray for rulers and for all who have authority..." 1 Tim. 2:2.

The Solution to the Problem of not participating in elections is simple. **Resister** (state citizens 18 years or older can register by signing a simple form available at local libraries, post offices, from a volunteer, or at www.fec.gov. (Forms must be mailed to the Board of Elections before Oct. 4th). Reasons to register include: first-time registrants, change in name, marital status, or mailing address. Students and others needing **absentee ballots** should contact their home county board of elections ASAP to have them mailed, completed, and returned by Election Day. Military personnel should visit www.fvap.gov or 1-800-438-VOTE. **Vote** (services are available to help transport elderly or others who need transportation on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd). **Vote your values.** Have Pastors preach sermons on Christians' civic responsibility to vote. Have church/community voter registration drives and pass out voter registration cards in the pews and at churches.

Visit www.ivotevalues.com for more information on getting your church or friends involved, seeing what God has to say on the issues, and how candidates' voting records compare. It is no wonder that elected leaders have done little to defend and restore Godly principles of law and justice. They have not felt the support or pressure of Christians. **We can change this. And it starts with your vote.**

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Voting: A Christian and Civic Duty

"It is the duty of Christians to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

—John Jay, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Register. Vote. Vote Your Values.

America has experienced consequences because many of its leaders have stopped recognizing God's authority and many Christians have stopped voting according to Biblical principles. Since 1973, over 40 million innocent, unborn babies have had their lives taken. Same-sex marriage has been legalized in one state and is being pushed in governmental institutions and public schools nationwide. Christians are increasingly being persecuted, silenced and seeing their religious freedom taken away by the courts and the private sector. Christians are commanded to participate in their government and to choose godly leaders. All Americans, including our children will suffer greater consequences, if we do not become involved again now. It starts with you.

All Authority Comes From God:

“No one rules unless God has given him the power to rule, and no one rules now without that power from God. The ruler is God’s servant to help you.” Rom. 13: 1, 4*

- **The Branches of our Constitutional Government are Traceable to the Bible:** “The Lord is our judge [the Judiciary], the Lord makes our laws [the legislative branch], the Lord is our king [the executive branch].” Isa. 33:22.
- **Christians are Commanded to Obey Government:** “All of you must yield to the governmental rulers. So, those who are against the government are really against what God has commanded. So you must yield to the government, not only because you might be punished, but because you know it is right.” Rom. 13: 1, 2, 5 (see also, 1 Pet. 2:13-14).

Governmental Authorities are Commanded to Submit to God’s Higher Authority:

“So Kings, be wise; rulers, learn this lesson. Obey the Lord with great fear. Be happy, but tremble. Show that you are loyal to his son, or you will be destroyed by his anger.” Ps. 2:10-12.

- **When Government Stops Following God, it Must be Removed:** “The wicked will not rule over those who do right. But, Lord, when you remove those who do evil, also remove those who stop following you.” Ps. 125: 3, 5. “Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men!’” Acts 5:29.

*Scripture references are taken from the New International Version and New Century Version.

God Requires Your All, Including Your Vote:

When, the servant in the parable of the talents neglected to invest his 1 talent, the Master denounced him as a “wicked and lazy servant!” and threw the “worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there [was] weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Mat. 25:14-30. “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord *require* of you? To *act justly* and to love mercy...” Micah 6:8. “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, *sins*.” James 4:17. God commands us to use and invest what he has given us – including the gift of freedom and the power to preserve it. James 1:17

Christians Are Commanded to Choose God-Fearing Leaders: “Furthermore, you *shall* select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.” (Similar to our local, county, state, and federal governments). Ex. 18:21. “You *shall* surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses.” Deut. 17:15a.

There are Consequences for Making the Wrong Choice: In Matt. 27:15-26, the Governor asked the people to choose who he should release, Jesus, the Christ, or Barabbas, a notorious criminal. The leaders and elders convinced the crowd to “vote” for Barabbas to be freed and for Jesus to be killed. This led to the crucifixion of Jesus. “Doing what is right makes a nation great, but sin will bring disgrace to any people.” Prov. 14:34. “When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.” Prov. 29:2.

The Current Crisis: Christians Not Participating in Democracy:

- In the 4 elections from 1992 to 2000, Christian voter turnout declined by 40 percent.
- In 2000, of the nation’s 59 million self-identified evangelicals who were qualified to vote:
- 24 million did not even bother to register to vote, and of the 35 million who did register, only 15 million actually voted.
- Several Christian Public Policy Organizations have identified that own members—people who are active participants in trying to restore godly principles to government – 35-45 percent were not even registered to vote.
- 45 percent of Evangelicals vote according to economic issues above moral issues.

Why Your Vote Counts!

- **ONE VOTE** in the House elected Thomas Jefferson President over Aaron Burr, who was later charged with treason.
- **ONE VOTE** in the Electoral College elected Rutherford B. Hayes President.
- By **ONE VOTE**, California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas and Washington became states.
- In 1916, Woodrow Wilson was elected President by carrying one state by less than **ONE VOTE** per precinct.
- In 1941, **ONE VOTE** saved Selective Service just weeks before Pearl Harbor
- In 1948, Lyndon Johnson, later our 36th President, became senator by **ONE VOTE**.
- The 2000 Presidential Election was won by a miniscule number of votes (Florida was decided by only 537 votes, New Mexico, 366) and ultimately by **ONE VOTE** of the U.S. Supreme Court.