

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

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1. VOTING is the “Mina” entrusted to us as Americans & Christians
 - a. We Must be GOOD AND FAITHFUL Stewards – Informed/Shrewd

“A vote is not a valentine. You aren’t professing your love for the candidate. It’s a chess move for the world you want to live in.”

 - b. Voting For The Better POLICIES – Not Personality
 - i. The POLICIES guided by PLATFORM will IMPACT US!

Luke 16:8 “...For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.
2. JESUS IS NOT ON THE BALLOT – God uses flawed humans
 - a. Get the best option you can – Only 2 Choices
 - b. “Who will do the least damage?”
 - c. Your “perfect” write-in Candidate just gave a vote for worse one.
3. Your vote is bigger than you think –
 - a. Your INVOLVEMENT influences others to vote
 - b. Your INFORMED VOTE on the issues – CLARIFIES **how** to vote
4. VOTING IS THE MINIMAL – Not the End of responsibility – other options
 - a. Praying specifically and consistently for elections & issues
 - b. Praying with others – cooperative prayer efforts
 - c. Stay up with the issues – at least find a trusted Christian source to help
 - d. Communicate with elected officials incl. local City Hall, School Dist.
5. REMEMBER – Legally/Constitutionally – Political Power is in the People – You

- a. Support Efforts – Initiatives & Referendums, Conservative Groups...
 - b. DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED or FEARFUL – *They work for you!*
 - c. AT THE END OF THE DAY – *ALL Politics is LOCAL*
 - d. WHAT’S MORE – *ALL Kingdoms, Rulers will Crumble feet/Jesus*
 - i. So – *BE FAITHFUL with what He Placed in you hands*
 - ii. *You are accountable to God ONLY for what He entrusted you*
 1. *Do NOT allow discouragement by “Comparison”*
6. FINALLY – COMMIT to Grow ⁱⁿ the Lord & in His Mighty Power – Eph 6:10
 - a. Personal Bible reading, Prayer, Participating w/Local Church
 - b. Cleansing your own heart & mind – Forgiving, Loving, Not fear man!

Remember an Election Cannot Stop the Moving & Work of Holy Spirit Here

And REMEMBER: *EVERYTHING* we do...
...AND *the REASON* we *DO* or *Do Not Do It*...
...*COMES OUT OF OUR FAITH!*

*Our faith/religion is where all other decisions, values, and actions are shaped and determined. Our belief about politics comes **from** our faith as does every part of our life, work, and duty. Therefore, we cannot separate politics from our Christian life or remove it from the preaching and teaching of scripture in the local church. To do so would be to fail to preach the whole council of the Scriptures, and be derelict as the watchman for our society, and as the conscience of our nation. We must not let faulty and fearful thinking keep us from being the Salt and Light Jesus called us and enabled us to be.*