

ELECTION SERMON

[Were Common 1634-1884]

**STEWARDS OF A
UNIQUE TREASURE:**

***THE RIGHT TO VOTE,
SPEAK UP AND STAND
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS***

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PREACHED BEFORE
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GOVERNOUR;
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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOUR;
THE HONOURABLE THE
COUNCIL, SENATE, AND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES,
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH
OF
MASSACHUSETTS,
MAY 26, 1790.
BEING THE DAY OF
GENERAL ELECTION,
By DANIEL FOSTER, A. M.
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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees in the middle ground, and majestic mountains with patches of snow in the background under a clear blue sky.

Dr. David C. Gibbs, President of the Christian Law Association

“The colonial pulpit was a major source of strength and inspiration both before and during the Revolutionary War for Independence. In particular, the ministers of New England played a pivotal role in calling for independence and for godly resistance to British tyranny. ...

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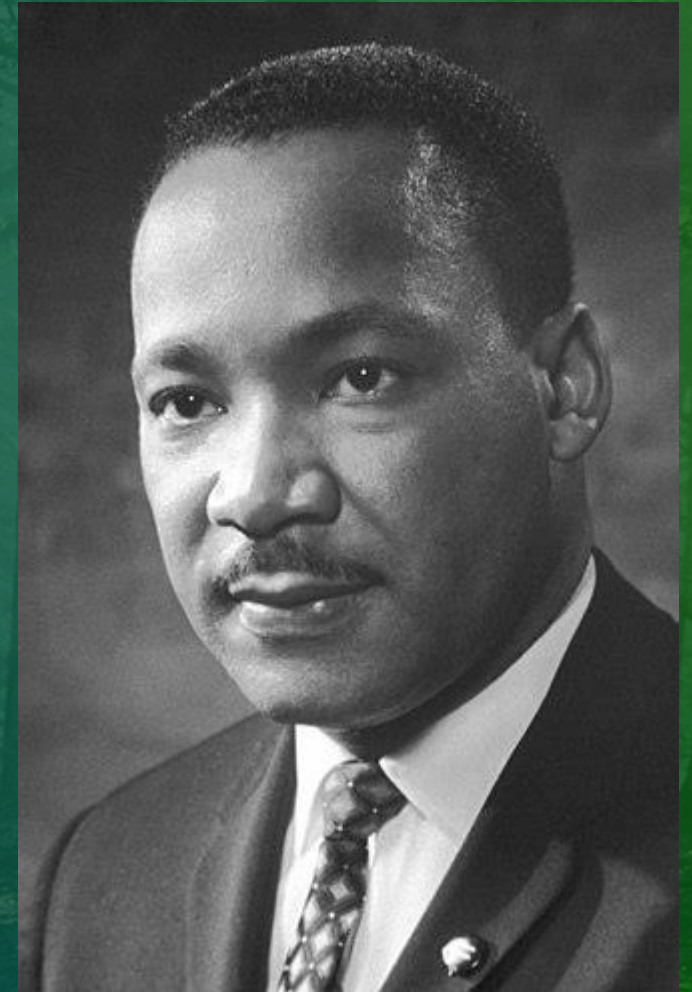
*“Long before the general
population understood the
threat to American liberty,
some colonial ministers saw
what was coming and boldly
spoke out about it from
their pulpits”*



God Declared To The Prophet Ezekiel [33:7]

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.”

“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.”



Accountable as Stewards to God

Luke 19:13 [NIV84] *He told Servants: "Put this money to work," he said, "until I come back."*

- [KJV] *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.***

Psalms 144:15 NIV84
"Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD."

SLEEPING GIANT CAPABLE OF SHAPING AMERICA

IDENTIFYING AS CHRISTIANS:

- 40,000,000 DO NOT
VOTE
- 15,000,000 NOT
REGISTERED

55,000,000 CHRISTIAN
VOTING BIBLICAL
VALUES WILL IMPACT
WHO IS ELECTED AND
THE WORLDVIEW THAT
DRIVES GOVERNMENT

James 2:17-18 NIV84 “...*faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead... (18)... I will show you my faith by what I do.*”

2:21-22 NIV84 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

MY POINT IS THIS:

FAITH ALWAYS COMES FIRST

– All Else Follows

FAITH Determines ALL The Others...

...Making “POLITICAL ISSUES” Just Another

Part Of Our FAITH – Not To Be Separated Out!

To Evade it is Treating Politics as a “Parallel Universe” Disconnected from Faith

IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

1. VOTING is the “Mina” entrusted to us
“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.”



IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

1. VOTING is the “Mina” entrusted to us
 - VOTING For The POLICIES – Not Personality

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.*”

IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

2. JESUS IS NOT ON THE BALLOT

– God uses flawed humans

- Only 2 Options – A Non-Vote or “Write-In” is a Vote for the Least Desirable Candidate

IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

3. YOUR VOTE IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK
- Your INVOLVEMENT influences others
 - Your INFORMED VOTE Clarifies How to Vote



IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

4. VOTING IS THE MINIMAL DUTY

- Regular Praying Specifically With Others
- Be Informed Through Trusted News Sources
- Email Congressman, Letter To Editor, City Council Meetings & School Board Meetings..

IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

5. REMEMBER – Legally/Constitutionally The Political Power Is *In The People* – YOU!

- Support Efforts – Initiatives and Referendums & Conservative Groups & Campaigns – As Able.



IMPORTANT VOTING PRINCIPLES

6. COMMIT TO GROW IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT [Eph. 6:10] by:

- Bible Reading; Prayer; Participating in Local Church
- Cleansing Your Heart And Mind Before The Lord As He Reveals / Forgiving Others / No Fear of Man

People often say, with pride,
I'm not interested in politics.
They might as well say, I'm not
interested in my standard of living,
my health, my job, my rights,
my freedoms, my future or any future.
If we mean to keep any control
over our world and lives,
we must be interested in politics.



Martha Gellhorn

American novelist, writer and journalist
(1908 — 1998)