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WHY WE MUST VOTE

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"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan."
(Proverbs 29:2)

WE MUST VOTE TO UPHOLD AND MAINTAIN THE CONSTITUTION

Our Founders made it clear that our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people; for example:

George Washington, our first president, said in his farewell speech, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." ¹

John Adams, our second president, wrote, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." ²

Also, the Constitution was ordained and established by the People of the United States as stated in the preamble of the document: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Now, whatever is "ordained and established" has to be maintained. We see this clearly in two examples:

- A marriage is "ordained and established" at the time of the wedding, but if it is not maintained the initial love soon grows cold leading to an eventual divorce.
- A house is "ordained and established" when it is built or purchased, but if the owner fails to maintain it, it also soon deteriorates.

Consequently, as Christians, we must be involved in the governing of our nation to uphold and maintain our Constitution – **and the primary way to do this is to vote.**

WE MUST VOTE BECAUSE GOD'S WORD EXHORTS US TO DO SO

God's sovereignty over governing authorities, and our responsibilities as Christians towards these governing authorities, are summarized in the statements below with the associated Bible verses.

- All governing authorities come under God's sovereignty.

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves (Romans 13:1-2).

- At the time of Moses, God established representative government with men who feared God.

Jethro said to Moses, “Select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens” (Exodus 8:21).

- We are to be submit to the governing authorities.

Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right (1 Peter 2:13-14).

- Petitions, prayers and intercession are to be made for those in authority.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

- We are Christ’s ambassadors, including being His ambassadors in the privilege of voting.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).

In summary: **“Our vote is our personal act of delegating God’s authority to a fellow citizen to serve God’s designated purpose of earthly civil government.”** ³

VOTING GUIDE RESOURCES

Christians Engaged

www.christiansengaged.org/

My Faith Votes

www.myfaithvotes.org

Vote Smart

www.votesmart.org

Vote Under God

www.voteundergod.com

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