

## **CHRISTIANITY AND VOTING** **(Proverbs 14:34)**

### **I. What does the Bible say about elections, government and politics?**

- A. The Bible plainly teaches us to submit to civil government.
  - 1. Our Lord set the example (Matthew 22:21).
  - 2. God ordained government (Romans 13:1-7).
  - 3. We are to submit to every ordinance that is not contradictory to the Bible (1 Peter 2:13-17).
- B. We are to pray for our leaders, even the ones with whom we disagree politically (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- C. However, it says nothing about voting and participating in elections.
- D. Because of that, we need to look for basic principles that come into play on this subject.

### **II. Righteousness exalts a nation (Proverbs 14:34).**

- A. No matter what world power in history is studied, one sees that it fell when morality was at its lowest point and there was no bringing it back.
- B. This is true with Egypt, Israel, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Rome, Russia, France, whomever.
- C. One might ask if America has gone too far and I don't know the answer, but God does.
- D. For a nation to be righteous, it must have righteous leadership:
  - 1. Proverbs 25:6;
  - 2. Proverbs 29:2.
- E. Sadly, many times we are forced to choose people for leadership positions that fall short of most standards of righteousness.
- F. We do realize that for whomever we vote there are shortcomings and sins because they are human and not Christians.
- G. We do need to understand that God will oppose rulers who support sin and evil.
  - 1. Psalm 2:2-3, 10-12.
  - 2. Nebuchadnezzar learned this in the form of a harsh personal lesson (Daniel 4:24-32).

### **III. A steward must be found faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2).**

- A. A steward is one who manages goods that belong to another.
  - 1. Joseph is an example (Genesis 39:4-6).
  - 2. The servants in Jesus' parable (Matthew 25:14-15).
  - 3. Since these things belong to another, the steward is to use them in a way that pleases the owner.
- B. We are stewards of all that God has given us.
  - 1. This includes all our spiritual and physical blessings, as well as the rights and opportunities afforded us as citizens of the United States.
  - 2. Do you not think that God would want us to use our right to vote to promote righteousness in our government to the greatest extent that we can?

### **IV. Have no fellowship with evil (Ephesians 5:11).**

- A. The Christian life must be lived separately from evil.
  - 1. We are to follow God and walk in love (Ephesians 5:1-2).
  - 2. God's wrath comes on the disobedient (vs. 3-6).
  - 3. Because of that we are not to be partakers with sinners (vs 7).
  - 4. Our relationship with God forbids us from fellowshiping evil (vs 8-11).
- B. Did you know at one of the national conventions of one of the two major political parties that members of this particular party were told that abortion is a "core moral value" of that party, according to an AP newspaper article dated August 26, 2008?
  - 1. This was stated by a woman who addressed the convention named Nancy Keenan.
  - 2. Murder is sin (Galatians 5:19-21).
  - 3. That cannot be a core moral value for a Christian.
  - 4. It is incompatible with Christianity.
- C. By voting for those who support or promote sin, we help them and partake in the sin with them.
  - 1. One does not have to do something personally to be a partaker of a sin (2 John 9-11).
  - 2. We cannot help those who hate the Lord (2 Chronicles 19:2; Psalm 139:21-22).
- V. We are to glorify God in all that we do.**
  - A. We are to seek God and His kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).
  - B. We are to do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).
  - C. We are to live for the One who died for us (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
  - D. We are to do all in the name of the Lord (Colossians 3:17).
  - E. We are to show forth the praises of Him who called us (1 Peter 2:9).

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