



**“Donkeys, Elephants, and The Cross!”
How Christians Should Vote**

I cannot tell you who to vote for but I can tell you how to vote. Before I became a Christian I did not have anything outside of myself that I depended upon for measuring what was right and what was wrong. I was guided by my conscience, my logic, my emotions which included my fear of what other people thought, and my desires. And these four parts of me were normally in conflict.

When I was born again of the Spirit of God and my heart was changed by the Spirit, I learned from the Holy Spirit and the Holy scriptures that the bible was God’s Word and that His Word should be the authority for both my faith, my decisions, and the way I live.

[2 Timothy 3:14-17](#)

[14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.](#)

[16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.](#)

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I learned from the Holy Spirit and the Holy scriptures that I should submit my mind, my emotions, my desires, and my conscience to God’s Word rather than subjecting God’s Word to my mind, my emotions, my desires, and my conscience.

[Proverbs 3:1-7](#)

[3 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;](#)

[2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.](#)

[3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,](#)

[Write them on the tablet of your heart,](#)

[4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.](#)

[5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,](#)

And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the Lord and depart from evil.
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When I turned 18 this meant that God's Word should be the authority that would determine two very important decisions.

Should I vote and if so, how should I vote?

What I discovered from God's Word is that it is important to our testimony as Christians to be considered a responsible citizen in any country we occupy.

Romans 13:1-7

13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

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With regards to if I should vote, I discovered that since I live in a country that is a republic that it is important that I vote to be a responsible citizen so that I could avoid damaging my testimony for Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

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Being a responsible citizen means voting in our country.

I do not vote only if the candidate I support has a chance to win, if the issue I support has a chance to win, or if I like the candidates. I vote based on these biblical principles and so should you brothers and sisters.

With regards to how I should vote, God has provided for us guidance in His Word to give us direction on every state question and on every candidate that runs for public office. If you will learn God's Word and then study a candidate's platform or study a state question, you will know how to vote.

I want to share with you some truths from God's Word that will guide you when you are standing in the voting booth if you have studied each candidate's platform and each state question.

- [God is for the right to life \(Genesis 9:6; Genesis 25:21-22-Jacob and Esau; Luke 1:41-44-John the Baptist; Psalm 139\)](#)
- [God is for religious liberty \(Romans 13:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:1-4\)](#)

The framers of the Constitution were God-fearing men making a sincere attempt to establish a new nation on biblical principles, including equity, justice, and liberty. One of the liberties they recognized as "inalienable and sacred" was the freedom of religion. Praise the Lord for such wisdom.

Historically, only governments rooted in Judeo-Christian values have allowed such religious freedom. Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist governments do not allow religious freedom; therefore, countries such as Pakistan, India, and Tibet are intolerant of other religions. Atheistic governments, such as the former Soviet Union, have also proved to be antagonistic toward free religious expression. And we have discovered that secular humanistic governments like current powers in the United States are intolerant of religious freedom.

- [God is for a balanced budget \(Proverbs 22:7; 1 Cor. 7:23; Romans 13:8\)](#)

Debt is not borrowing. Debt is spending more than you are taking in so that you cannot pay what you owe. Poverty is not being able to pay what you owe. This makes you a slave to those you owe. (Prov. 22:7)

The United States government is currently a slave to foreign interests and to the citizens of the United States. Just printing more money is borrowing from the current wealth of each American citizen. Every time our government prints more money they devalue your dollars and rob you of your future. This is called stealing.

- [God is for strong local government and a limited federal government \(Exodus 18:25-26; Deut. 1:9-18\)](#)

When God established the government of Israel in the land of Israel, there was no federal government. He divided the land among the twelve tribes and He established local government over each tribe. What united the tribes was they worshiped and served the same God and they shared the same constitution. He commanded the Elders and leaders of each tribe to enforce the constitution that He gave to the nation. This made each tribe personally responsible for their obedience to God.

There was not a need for a federal government to unite the tribes unless there was a threat to one of their borders or one of the tribes stopped living by their constitution. Then the tribes would unite to defend one another against the common threat.

When the nation became divided into 2 Kingdoms, one tribe, the tribe of Judea, remained true to God's law and God blessed them for it. God judged the other eleven tribes very harshly for their disobedience to the constitution He gave them.

- God is opposed to globalism (Genesis 11:1-9)
- God is opposed to socialism (1 Timothy 5:17-18; 2 Thess. 3:10-12)

The Founders gave us a Republic, not a pure democracy, because in a democracy the people become corrupt and eventually bankrupt themselves. Alexis De Tocqueville, the famous 19th Century French philosopher and economist, warned against our day.

“America will last until the public discovers that it can vote for itself largesse (liberal giving) out of the public treasury.”

Just a few decades ago it used to be a matter of tremendous shame for a person to take any form of public assistance. We felt the proper, biblical duty to be responsible for ourselves and our families, even if that meant working two or three jobs. Welfare was only for extreme cases and for when a person couldn't work. Now Americans feel entitled to everything they can milk out of the government, as if it is free.

- God is for legal immigration (Lev. 19:33-35; Eph. 2:12-19)
- God is for marriage of one man to one woman (Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-24; Lev. 18:22; Lev. 20:13; Romans 1:26-27)
- God is for preserving how He creates and designs each person, either male or female (Genesis 1:27; Deut. 22:5; Psalm 139:14)

If you know God's Word and if you study the candidate's platform and the state questions, you will know how to vote when you are standing in the voting booth.

The government of our state and our nation are in rebellion against God and His Word. The government is rebellion against God and His Word because most Americans have rebelled against God and His Word.

When I am given the opportunity to vote, I can use my rights as a citizen to move our nation back toward God. But to do this, I must vote based on God's guidance from His Word.

Voting based on God's Word is one way I can help change the direction of our nation. But it is not the greatest way I can change the direction of our nation.

The greatest way I can contribute to changing the direction of our nation is by being a disciple of Jesus Christ that makes disciples of Jesus Christ. This means God's Word is my authority for what I believe and practice and I lead others to make God's Word their authority for what they believe and practice.

Our nation is not in rebellion against God because Christians are not voting. Our nation is in rebellion against God because most Christians stopped being disciples of God's Word that make disciples of God's Word.

I attribute any good decision I have ever made to the Word of God. I would not go back and change one decision that God's Word has guided me to make.

I have experienced incredible joy from obeying God's Word. There have been times that following God's Word has caused me to suffer personal rejection. But those times do not compare with the joy and blessing that has come from obeying God's Word.

- [Through His Word God saved me from His eternal judgement and gave me an eternal hope.](#)
- [Through His Word God saved me from slavery to sin.](#)
- [Through His Word God has met my deepest personal needs.](#)
(I know I am forgiven because of the Word of God. I know I am significant and secure because of the Word of God. I know how to be content with little because of the Word of God. I know how to overcome grief, fear, anxiety, anger, bitterness, and depression because of the Word of God.)
- [Through His Word God has saved me from the painful consequences of sin.](#)
(Addiction; divorce; disease; financial bondage.)
- [Through His Word God has led me to have incredible experiences and opportunities.](#)
(I have traveled to New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, Europe, Spain, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, and throughout the United States because of the Word of God. I have stood before Governors, Mayors, our state legislature, and business leaders because of the Word of God. I have served on the boards of important organizations because of the Word of God. I have personally discipled disciples who are now making disciples.)
- [Through His Word God has given me meaningful relationships that have met my need for relationships.](#)
(I have met and been discipled by Godly people because of the Word of God. I have been loved and I have loved the most amazing people because of the Word of God. This would include my wife Debbie and my wife Sandra. This would include my church families at First Southern Baptist Church Del City, Pecan Grove Baptist Church in Gatesville, Texas, First Baptist Church Yukon, and Western Hills Baptist Church.)
- [Through His Word God has given my life purpose.](#)

(Because of God's Word, I get up every day knowing I exist to know God and make God known.)

Based on the promises of God's Word and my personal experiences from following God's Word, I am deeply concerned when the members of my flock are not intentional about being discipled and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

I wonder how can they neglect so great a salvation? How can you neglect reading the Word of God? How can you neglect attending church where the Word of God is preached? How can you neglect participating in a small group that is devoted to discipleship? How can you neglect making disciples?

It causes me to question who is your authority?

It causes me to question who or what you are depending upon for your life?

It causes me to question if the Holy Spirit is in you?

[Ezekiel 36:26-27](#)

[26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.](#)

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And if His Spirit is not in you, you are not His!

[Romans 8:5-10](#)

[5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.](#)

[9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.](#)

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We will never be perfect in righteousness without receiving a new body. But if God's Spirit is in us we will be compelled in our soul to seek God through His Word and to follow His Word. We will be compelled to be changed into His image. We will be compelled to make disciples.

What about you?

Are you compelled to seek God through His Word? Have you ever been born again by the Spirit of God?

Was there ever a time when you were compelled? If not, you need to receive Jesus.

If you have been born again of God's Spirit and there was a time when you were compelled to seek God through His Word and to follow His Word, what happened?

Have you allowed your heart to become hardened to the Word of God by the deceitfulness of sin and the challenges you have gone through?

How is that working out for you? You can become very depressed and very angry if you do not find your happiness in God.

If your heart is hard toward God, will you turn back to God and rededicate your life to Jesus Christ?

Will you decide how you will vote based on God's Word?

President Ronald Reagan

"Without God, there is no virtue because there's no prompting of the conscience. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."