



## How to Vote Biblical

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The big question on everyone's mind right now in America, especially with all the glaring issues and problems we have fiscally, morally and spiritually in this country, is, "Who should I vote for in this years upcoming Presidential election?"

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Over the next few minutes, I'd like to answer that particular question, and also, answer a more important question. One that actually needs to be answered first before the question of who to vote for can even be addressed...and that is:

### **"What should people use as their criteria for voting?"**

Better yet, *"Is there a standard that Americans can use to determine who's right or who's wrong for the nations top job as President of the United States?"*

Is voting simply relative to each person's personal preference? Should each person just follow their own heart when voting, or, could there be a solid, definite, standard that will guarantee that ones vote is the right vote?

I'm not sure if there's an absolute right vote, but there is an absolute right way of going about choosing who to vote for.

First, we must understand the basic nature of the political office of President. You see, politicians, especially those that hold the office of President, make, uphold and eliminate laws. And all laws or legislation are inherently religious. Laws are made based on one thing and one thing only - the lawmakers morals: what he believes is right or wrong.

So the next question is logically, *"What dictates a persons morals, or in other words what is their standard for truth?"*

It's foolish to think that someone's standard for truth can just be neutral and not impacted by his or her religious faith. Please know, that what a person believes about God will be the source of their personal morals and standard of truth.

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For instance, if a person believes God is not concerned with theft as long as the other person doesn't realize it, they will have a much different standard for private property, compared to someone who feels that theft on any occasion is wrong. A person's standard for truth dictates their morals and morals dictate their decisions.

What I'm getting at, is that a persons faith or religious association should never be secondary, or worse yet, kept out of the decision when deciding whether to vote for them or not.

### **It's even more foolish to think that politics and religion don't mix.**

All things in life, including politics are inherently religious. All issues of decision-making, even in the family, the church, or personal decisions are inherently religious.

The problem is that no two competing theories of right or wrong, or religion for that matter, can be correct. There is no middle ground.

I've said all that to say this...the first step in voting biblical is realizing that there is no neutral or gray area when weighing someone's standard of right or wrong compared with the bible.

They either agree with it or disagree with it. Either someone is going to follow Gods standard for truth and morality or they wont. You cant play picky choosey with Gods laws and standards. He says you're either fully for Him or fully against Him; you cant serve God along with something else.

Knowing this, we must realize that what or who a particular politician uses as his standard for truth, will directly reflect his decisions. It will ultimately be his standard for right and wrong. That standard will then be the basis for all of their decisions.

Now, if we truly want to vote biblically, and honor God with our vote, we must judge all political candidates not according to party, but according to their principles of right or wrong. What do they use as their standard of truth?

God requires all people, including politicians, leaders and all civil rulers to use his Word, the bible, as their standard. God doesn't change His standard according to someone's religion, nationality or color. It's the same for all people. He's written his law on the hearts of all people and each person, especially leaders, are accountable to follow that standard in every area of life whether government, church or personal-its always the Word of God.

This doesn't mean that the office of president rules the church. It doesn't mean the president must write laws that force everyone to become Christians. It certainly doesn't mean that there isn't a proper separation of church and state or that the church should rule over the civil government. It simply means that all institutions, regardless of what they are, need to have Gods word as their ultimate standard.

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And this is where we must get our standard for voting. The Bible particularly gives us both character and doctrinal standards for choosing a ruler.

Exodus and Deuteronomy tell us that in order to honor God with our vote we must choose a wise leader that fears God and follows truth. Not just someone who believes in a god, not just someone who goes to a church, but someone who fears the God of the bible, Jesus Christ.

It's also the normal principle in scripture that leader of a church, a family and or the government is to be a male and not a female. This is not chauvinistic, its simply what the Bible says.

From a character perspective they are to have integrity, a good reputation, have leadership capabilities, be committed to truth and not be given to covetousness, want or greed. And of course to faithfully uphold the constitution with a biblical view of law and government.

Voters that want to honor God, must do the research, and then give their vote to the candidate that best meets both the doctrinal and character standards the Bible lays out.

This leads us again to the point that it should never be a political party but the person's principle that wins our vote. This may mean trusting in the sovereignty of God and voting for a biblical candidate that you know will never win. Or it may mean getting behind and supporting a candidate even though they are the long shot for victory.

Now here's where many people run into issues. For one, what if there are no Candidates that have the right doctrine or have good enough character?

Keep this in mind, the candidate you vote for doesn't have to believe exactly like you do or agree with every one of your doctrinal standards. You'll never find a candidate who agrees with everything that you do about God and the Bible. With that type of standard, you'll probably end up finding fault in any candidate and no one will ever be good enough. On the other hand, we must not just vote for someone just because they say they believe in the Bible as Gods Word.

However, if a person professes to be a Christian and hasn't done anything to prove otherwise, you must take him for his word and consider his candidacy. Ask yourself, "Does this candidate fear God or trust Jesus Christ?" "Do his polices reflect God laws and biblical ethics?"

We must remember that there is only one perfect human being, without sin, that's Jesus Christ. He's not running for office so we can't vote for Him.

With that said, we must with wisdom, consider doctrine, character and finally, prayerfully follow our own conscience when voting for a God fearing candidate.

**One last, important point. When examining candidates, remember not all issues are equally important and lesser issues shouldn't be deal breakers when voting.**

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Prioritize the top issues of the day but remember that all issues are morally related. However, some issues have priority over others.

For instance, take the issue of abortion.

The killing of innocent children should take first priority when choosing a candidate. To vote for someone who supports abortion, would not only be completely voting against the bible, but it would also be sinning against God.

We were commanded to preserve life and to rescue those being led away to death, therefore, we must carefully consider, "Is the candidate I'm considering someone who is pro-life and truly pro-life?" This is a major question that every voter who wishes to vote biblically must ask.

Of course, then we have other critical issues such as homosexual marriage and the preservation of family. "Is the candidate completely opposed to homosexual marriage and do they solely define marriage as being between one man and one woman?"

Other important issues are the threat of radical Islam, freedom of speech, immigration and of course, the economy. We must remember, although most of the national media makes the economy a non-moral issue, this just as much as anything, is a major moral issue. To vote biblically you must choose a candidate that is fiscally responsible and that is focused on sound, honest money. "Thou shalt not steal", applies to politics and the economy as well as personal dealings.

Wisdom is needed in these situations. We must remember that in the scriptures, all sins are horrible in the sight of God but not all sins are equal in punishment. For instance, the shedding of innocent blood and homosexual unions are two sins that God shows more disdain for in the scriptures, than theft or wealth redistribution or any other socialist concept that violates the law of God.

Priority must be given to the urgent issues first when voting biblically.

You see, ultimately politics are not the answer to our country's economic, security and leadership problems. **The core of the issue is in the hearts of the people.**

When a nation turns from God by committing and endorsing things such as shedding innocent blood or by re-defining the God-given institution of marriage, God will be faithful to judge that nation. Sometimes we see Him strip it of its freedom, sometimes He turns it over to its enemies and to wicked rulers, other times He outright destroys it.

We're not trying to be prophets, but we must point out that biblically, this is exactly the direction America seems to be headed in right now.

As a whole, the hearts of the people have turned from God.

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We must remember that a nations leader is a reflection of the heart of the people. There cannot be public virtue without private virtue. There cannot be true private virtue or self-government without the Holy Spirit. There cannot be the Holy Spirit without a regenerated heart through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Yes, our nation is in deep trouble morally, spiritually, and fiscally and yes, we do need a biblical leader. But the true answer is not politics, its a nation of people whose hearts are turned to Jesus Christ.

We don't need a nation of *good* people. We need a nation of humbled and contrite hearts that realize their condition before God and that seek repentance and reconciliation through Jesus Christ. No man is good enough to stand next to Christ. No man can say he is without sin or has followed Gods law perfectly. No one is good, no not one. Our only hope for now and eternity is Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ rose from the dead and defeated death, He established His throne and kingdom and now rules in power, seated at the right hand of God. He is King, He is in control.

He not only saves us from hell and future judgment, but he offers new life and forgiveness of sins right now. God will remember and have mercy on a nation that seeks him in repentance and prayer through Christ. But it all starts from the bottom up- with the individual, not with a good President, from the top down.

If we repent and turn from our sins and seek God through the loving cross of Jesus Christ, we can hope that He will heal our land, establish our nation in righteousness, and mercifully give us godly leaders. Until then, not even a godly leader can help.

Yes, vote biblically regardless of the circumstance.

Choose the candidate who fears God, has good character, is wise, is someone who follows Gods law and has biblical policies.

But first realize that the best thing you can to do to salvage freedom for yourself, your family and for our nation, is not necessarily to vote biblically, but to first get Gods to vote for you.

Turn from anything else you're putting your faith in, turn from your own personal sins and call on the name of the one True God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Then, live for him without regret...get involved; give Him your 100%.

Yes, God has blessed America, but regardless, He owes us nothing and we owe Him everything. Therefore, its every persons duty to stand up for God in politics and never compromise the Word of God as your only standard for truth in any area of life. To vote biblical compare the candidates by the Word of God and examine each one in light of His standards before you give your vote to anyone. Thanks and God bless.

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