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Voting: What Does God Think?

According to the Scriptures every Christian will be voting in this and every election! They will vote by their ballot or by their silence.

If by silence, they withhold their moral values. Thus giving greater weight to those, which are in opposition.

Every Christian Votes?

By the mere fact that: Christians possess the "talent" of the vote God will call us to account for what we did with it.

By the mere fact that government, according to the Apostle Paul, is a ministry (Romans 13) God requires His people to be actively involved in it. What if someone said that God's people shouldn't be involved in the pastoral ministry?

The Lazy Servant: Accountability for Silence

In Matthew 25 the servant who buried his talent was still held accountable. The master called him "lazy" and took the talent from him. Then the master called him "wicked" and ordered him to be thrown into "outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth".

The severity is beyond comprehension. Especially when we consider that the servant thought he would please his master by burying the talent. We will be held accountable for what we did with what we had. We have an accountability for our vote.

Our Opinions

Our opinions have no value to God (Is. 55:11). He will call us to account for what we did with what we had. The servant in Matthew 25 had an opinion however his opinion had no value to the Master and caused him to lose his soul.

Who We Vote for is An Extension of Ourselves

America is in the throws of a moral conflict in the political arena. The values of moral reason based upon traditional biblical values are opposed by those values which are an affront to God and the well being of a nation e.g. abortion, homosexuality, sexual promiscuity, gambling, etc.

According to the Scriptures our money, our words of approval and our efforts bring us into accord with those to whom we commit them. Consequently, our vote, political

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and financial support of candidates binds us to them, their policies and the consequences that follow.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine receive him not unto your home, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

II John 10,11.

The Spiritual Dynamic of Our Vote: Isn't the vote an expression of God's speed for success? Doesn't our vote align ourselves with the values and morals of the positions held by the candidate we vote for? Knowing that God is victimized by abortion (Jeremiah 1:5 and Matthew 25) and He calls homosexuality an abomination what would he think – and do if we vote those who support those things? We are called to set the captive free not to be politically correct.

There are many issues which we can honestly disagree but God mandates we support those moral positions. We are required by God to take our biblical values into the polling booth.

Church History of Political Responsibility: St. John Chrysostom routinely held the government leaders to account for their immorality. The Emperor routinely requested prayer and advice on public policy from St. Symeon the Stylite as he sat atop a pillar in Antioch preaching. St. George was a captain in the Roman Army, Edward Gibbon who wrote the **Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire** blames the Church for discouraging Christian involvement in government

Separation between Church and State: Separation between church and state does NOT appear in the U.S. Constitution. Thomas Jefferson used this phrase in a letter to a group of Baptist ministers assuring them that the wall of separation between church as state was to protect the church from government imposition as happened in England. It was NOT meant to alienate God's principles from public life and government. The Foundation of the U.S. Constitution and nation is God's principles.

"...We therefore, the representatives of the United Colonies submit the rectitude of our intentions to the Supreme Judge of the world."

Founding Fathers, Declaration of Independence

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