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## How Should I Vote This Election Day?

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### 1. I should vote based upon what **God** thinks is important

Ex 20:1-17

Prov 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.

2 Chron 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (cp with Jonah & Nineveh)

### 2. I should vote understanding the **government's** God-appointed responsibility

Rom 13:1-4 <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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.

### 3. I should vote understanding **my** God-appointed responsibility to the government

Rom 13:1 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.

Rom 13:5-7 <sup>5</sup> Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Matt 15:15-20 <sup>15</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup> But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. <sup>20</sup> These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

### 4. I should vote understanding of my **own heart**

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Prov 3:5-6 <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### 5. I should vote based upon how others are **eternally** affected by what I might give up

Phil 2:3-4 <sup>3</sup> *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

If the attitude that "I am most important" is true, then there would be:

- **no parents**, because raising a child is largely sacrifice;
- **no USA (as we know it)**, because those that lost everything would not have given it up; and
- **no protection**, because statesmen would not take the time to make or enforce good laws for the sake of others;
- **no freedom**, because no soldier would risk his life to secure it for another;
- **no salvation**, because no one would bother to tell anyone else about the Savior;
- **no hope**, because the world would degenerate into nothing but selfish chaos.

### 6. I should vote based upon what will best **further** God's kingdom

Matt 6:9-10 <sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.