
WHY Should I Vote This Election Day?

1. Because I can have a part in choosing the leaders God requires me to be subject to

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

2. Because I am to fulfill my obligations as a citizen

Rom 13:5-7 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.

Matt 22:15-22 ¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites?" ¹⁹ Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰ And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" ²¹ They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

3. Because I am to actively influence my culture

Matt 5:13-16 ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

4. Because I am to be concerned about those in authority, and the impact they have on our lives

1 Tim 2:1-8 ¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

HOW Should I Vote This Election Day? I Should Vote...

1. ... 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. ... knowing the government's God-appointed responsibility

Rom 13:1-4 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.

3. ... understanding my God-appointed duty to the government

Rom 13:1, 5-7

4. ... understanding my own heart

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

Prov 3:5-6 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.

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

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. ... based upon how others are eternally affected

Phil 2:3-4 ³ *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ 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, no USA, no protection, no freedom, no salvation, and no hope.

6. ... based upon what will best further God's kingdom

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