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## Why Should I Vote This Election Day?

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

**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.

2. Because I am to render my proper **obligations** as a citizen

**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 22:15-22** <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

3. Because I am to **actively** be influencing my **culture**

**Matt 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup>"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. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **Salty salt**
- **Shining light**
- **Good works** – what better way to influence your culture than to help elect the best leaders possible?

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

**1 Tim 2:1-8** <sup>1</sup>Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup>For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, <sup>7</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>8</sup>I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

- **Priority** – First of all
- **Practice** – supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanks
- **Prayer Focus** – for kings, and for all in authority
- **Purpose** – that we lead quiet & peaceable lives...
- **Passion** – who would have all men to be saved...