

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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MATTHEW 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”

- Every Christian has a responsibility to vote because we’re called to make a difference in this world

- “What difference will my vote make”? You may ask:

GALATIANS 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap

- *“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”*— — —Edmund Burke

EXODUS 18:21(NLTSE) But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten

- We’re called to be stewards of all we have:

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2 “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

- A steward is someone who takes care of something belonging to another

- My encouragement is to vote with your Christian conscience and values and trust God to take care with what happens with the seating in parliament.

- We have a responsibility to pray:

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and ***all who are in authority***, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”

- The authority might not be exercised in a Godly way, but the platform of authority is from God:

ROMANS 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.

- What should we pray for? Consider this:

PSALM 109:8 Let his days be few, and let another take his office

- We must be very careful what we say:

EXODUS 22:28 “You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people

- Let’s examine our own hearts first:

2 CHRONICLES 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