



FAITH FOR OUR NATION: VOTE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

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DAY 1 –THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF OUR NATION

Stand in faith and believe God for our nation. The law of seedtime and harvest always works in every area—including spiritual, natural and social areas. As we consider what candidates to vote for, our commitment must first be to the kingdom of God. Choose to vote for issues that promote the kingdom of God in order to shape the destiny of our nation.

STUDY IT

- I. Stand in faith and believe God for our nation.
 - A wave of Christian involvement in politics reached a peak in the 2016 election, and it needs to continue.
 - The course of our nation in the 2016 election depended on people of faith to express their beliefs in the voting booth.
 - A large percentage of Christians felt their nation was in danger. They didn't just pray, they participated by voting.
 - Christians' votes made the difference in the election.
 - Now, the midterm elections are coming up. Christians need to continue their involvement in the direction our country is going. We need to vote in every election.
 - Kenneth Copeland said the midterm elections are even more important than the presidential election.
 - If Christians get involved in the voting process, no person who shares our values can lose.
 - Without the involvement of a large percentage of Christians, no conservative—no person that shares our values—can win an election.
 - We as Christians must not lose interest in the political arena.
 - We have to stay with our commitment to see this country turn toward godly values.
 - We must continue to vote what we believe.
- II. The law of seedtime and harvest always produces in every area—including spiritual, natural and social areas.





- Christians need to understand the magnitude of the law of seedtime and harvest in their lives (Genesis 8:22; Galatians 6:7-8).
- One aspect of the law of seedtime and harvest is that your vote is a seed, and it will bring a harvest to you, your family and your nation.
- If you don't plant your seed into the ground, someone else who may not share your values will plant their seed and bring about their harvest in place of yours.

III. As we consider what candidates to vote for, our commitment must first be to the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

- God will hold us accountable for our vote.
- The Greek word *kurios* translated *Lord* means "master."
 - When you say, "Jesus is LORD," it not only means Jesus is *Master*, it means Jesus is *Controller*. Jesus is the One who should control everything you do.
- God wants to direct your path in all your ways, including voting (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- God cares about every decision you make—business decisions and voting choices.
- God will tell you who to vote for, because He cares about you, the election and the nation.

IV. Choose to vote for issues that promote the kingdom of God.

- God has given us a standard against which we need to measure every candidate.
- If we measure against the standard of God's WORD, He'll give us the right answer every time.
- God's principles in the earth are evident based on whether or not believers are willing to be obedient.
- The only way to get righteousness in a democratic system of government is that people plant seeds of righteousness, which means they vote.
- We must vote according to God's WORD in upcoming and all elections.

Additional scriptures: Colossians 3:2; Proverbs 14:34; Matthew 7:20

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with us:

Father God, I open my heart to receive your instruction concerning the midterm elections. I will listen, and I will vote for the candidates who support the purpose and plan of God in my life and in the hope for this nation. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen.





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DAY 2 – VOTE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE ON LIFE, EDUCATION AND MARRIAGE

Everything in life is a product of seedtime and harvest. God has a plan and a purpose for each of us and for our nation as a whole. God has given us principles that should guide our vote in every single election. There are issues that affect our lives, education and marriages that we need to look at from a godly perspective, because our commitment has to be to Kingdom issues.

STUDY IT

- I. Everything in life is a product of seedtime and harvest.
 - Seedtime and harvest is a law set in motion by God, and He will not violate His own laws.
 - God told Noah that as long as the earth remains, there will be seedtime and harvest (Genesis 8:22).
 - A nation also operates by seedtime and harvest. The leadership we have in this nation is based on the seed of the vote we planted.
 - It is a Kingdom principle that your seed is going to impact your life.
 - Whatever you sow you will reap (Galatians 6:7-8).
 - Another Kingdom principle is that we are to put spiritual things first.
 - Your first commitment should be to the kingdom of God, and not to yourself.
 - Seek those things that are from above (Colossians 3:2).

- II. God has a plan and a purpose for each of us and for our nation as a whole.
 - You need to keep in mind that God is your Source, not the government.
 - It's God's promise that as your Source, He will bless the work of your hands.
 - We must go to God's WORD and find out God's priorities.
 - What does God's WORD say about how things are to operate?
 - Does my decision line up with God's WORD? What does God think about my decision?
 - Your priority of voting must not be based on your feelings or your pocketbook.





- Compare candidates based on God's WORD and the increase of the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). Voting according to these things will bring a good harvest to your voting seed.
- Don't be influenced by "election year conversions." Candidates will say whatever it takes to get the vote. After they are elected, they will support their real agenda.
 - Some election year conversions are genuine. Yet when a person is first born again, he/she is still a baby and his/her mind has not yet been renewed to the things of God (Romans 12:2).
- God cares about and wants to be involved in every part of your life.

III. God has given us principles that should guide our vote in every single election.

- God will tell us who to vote for.
- We must vote for godly, Kingdom issues.
 1. Understand that God is your Source, not the government.
 2. God will bless the work of your hands.
 3. Your vote is your seed.
- If you vote the right way and put your trust in God for your prosperity, you won't be letting economic issues drive your vote.
 - The Bible is God speaking to us. It's profitable for reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).
 - The real question on any issue is: Does it line up with The WORD of God? What does God say about it?
 - Trust in The LORD with all your heart, and don't lean on your own brain power (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- The Bible tells the result of a man not going God's way, but going a direction that seems right to him. The result is death (Proverbs 14:12).

IV. There are issues we need to look at from a godly perspective.

1. The first and most important issue is abortion, because a human being should not be allowed to decide whether an unborn child gets to live or not.
 - One of God's agenda items is what happens to every child. God loves every child.
 - We have a responsibility to protect the unborn.
 - God made each person and formed each one in his/her mother's womb (Isaiah 44:2, 24, 49:5; Jeremiah 1:5).
 - God's the One who creates life and put life into the body. He has a plan for each person.
 - The Constitution of the United States promises each citizen life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
2. The second issue is free speech and religious liberty.
 - Education is the big dog of influencing the nation. It's so vitally important to protect the education of our children, beginning at preschool.





- People who are anti-God have taken over the education of our children, indoctrinating them in an anti-God social agenda even at age 4.
- We need to examine the beliefs of every candidate and vote in every election, including the local school board and the state department of education elections.
- We must use our seed vote to keep our children from being indoctrinated with unbiblical, anti-God beliefs.
- All faith comes by hearing, and what children hear affects what they believe.
- The people who are most against free speech are the ones who purport to *want* free speech, as long as your speech doesn't cross their beliefs.
 - Students who speak biblical principles in the classroom are often penalized.

V. Our commitment must be to Kingdom issues.

- Everything in The WORD of God, everything God asks, always affects you and someone else.
- If you're going to support issues that are something other than biblical principles, you are going crosswise to God—it's sin.
- The third issue concerns God's family.
 - The gender issue is important to God. He created mankind to be male and female (Genesis 1:27). God chose your gender and sexual orientation.
 - Words are important to send a message, so the gay community has softened their terminology.
 - The words *lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender* and *queer* have been replaced by liberals with the letters LGBTQ.
 - Using initials hides these offensive words; and people are more likely to accept their ungodly social agenda.
- Your seed—your vote—brings a harvest right back into your own house. Your vote is a seed into the future: yours, your children and your grandchildren.

Additional scriptures: Genesis 1:9-13, 29-30; Matthew 7:20; Luke 10:27

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Everything in life is a product of seedtime and harvest. Write how your salvation experience with Jesus was produced from a seed: perhaps the testimony of a friend, a sermon, or something else.





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DAY 3 – VOTE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE ON JUDGES, DEBT AND SELF-DEFENSE

Seedtime and harvest is a law that is applicable to every part of life. There are many governmental issues, such as the choosing of judges, the national debt, taking care of the poor and the right to self-defense that are addressed in God's WORD. The first job of government is the protection of its citizens.

STUDY IT

- I. Seedtime and harvest is a law that is applicable in every part of life (Genesis 8:22).
 - You can find out about the political beliefs of candidates and judges from voter guides, such as americastands.us or others.
 - Issue No. 4 in seeking God's direction for your vote is to choose judges who make godly judgments (Isaiah 1:24-28).
 - The selection of judges is really important. The decision of judges determines everything from where your kids can go to school, to what their curriculum is going to be, to whether or not you can speak about biblical things and more.
 - In some areas, judges practically make law.
- II. There are more governmental issues, such as the national debt, taking care of the poor and the right to self-defense that are addressed in God's WORD.
 - Ministers have the responsibility to help their congregations know the political issues and how candidates will direct their influence.
 - Issue No. 5—Where do the candidates stand concerning the national or local debt.
 - It's immoral for a nation to spend the next generation's money for their lust.
 - Some people have lost so much because of bad financial leadership. Spending money has consequences for this generation and the next.
 - It's our responsibility to leave a good inheritance to our children and grandchildren. We need to pass on a strong financial nation, state and city to the next generation (Proverbs 13:22).
 - Issue No. 6—What do politicians think about taking care of the poor?
 - God cares about the poor (Proverbs 19:17).
 - We are to love and care for our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27).





- Issue No. 7—Where do the candidates stand on your right to self-defense.
 - The disciples went out two by two and didn't lack anything. But now that Jesus is in heaven, be prepared to defend yourself (Luke 22:31-36).
 - Jesus said we are to sell our robes and buy swords. The purpose of a weapon is self-defense.
 - "Thou shalt not kill" is better translated from the Hebrew: "You shall not commit murder (unjustified deliberate homicide)" (Exodus 20:13, AMP). Murder is the killing of an innocent.
 - Jesus rebuked Peter for cutting off the ear of the servant of the high priest (Luke 22:50). Peter didn't understand God's overall divine plan, and His timing for everything. Peter fell asleep when he was supposed to be praying (Luke 22:45-46; Matthew 26:41).
 - God gave the disciples, and us, the right to use a weapon for self-defense.

III. The first job of government is the protection of its citizens.

- When the Church is not taking care of its responsibilities, the government has to step in and help.
- The Bible and the Second Amendment to the Constitution provide for the public to have access to weapons.
 - During the Revolutionary War, the people understood that a tyrannical government needed to be overthrown.
 - Every dictator's first order of business is to take away weapons from the public.
 - If you take away the right to bear arms, you have nothing to back up your First Amendment rights.
 - The gun by itself doesn't do anything; it's people who hurt other people.
- The WORD of God contains direction and promises concerning life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4).
- It's our responsibility to vote, and that's what we're going to do!

Additional scriptures: Proverbs 22:6-7; Romans 13:3-4

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Write 2 Peter 1:3-4 from your Bible. Think about how this scripture applies to your vote.





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DAY 4 – VOTE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE ON ISRAEL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES

Your vote is a seed that comes back to you and your nation, and it affects your spirit, soul and body: financially, socially and in every other way. Become aware of each candidate's position on issues like foreign policy and national healthcare. These midterm and off-presidential-year elections are extraordinarily important, because you're voting for people who will make future public policy. We have to vote!

STUDY IT

- I. Your vote is a seed that comes back to you and your nation and it affects your spirit, soul and body: financially, socially and in every other way.
 - Use what you have learned about important issues to plant your voting seed for the candidate who will give you the harvest you want.
 - Your commitment should first be to the kingdom of God and God's biblical agenda, as opposed to yours.
 - God speaks to every issue of life in His WORD. There are promises that cover everything regarding life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4).

- II. Become aware of the candidate's position on issue No. 8—foreign policy.
 - God established the United States to open the door to freedom to our citizens and for the nations of the world that will receive it.
 - In a state of freedom, the gospel can freely be heard and received.
 - We are to love our neighbors and share the good news of Jesus Christ (Luke 10:27).
 - Concerning our personal lives and national foreign policy, we are not to give place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27).
 - Any time the devil gets control of a geographical landmass, he tries to take away the occupants' liberty, freedom, food, money—their everything.
 - We need government officials who will push for people worldwide to live with the dignity of man and have the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ.
 - God is blessing the United States because we are a friend to Israel (Genesis 12:3).





- Our economy is increasing because we are supporting Israel in tangible ways that agree with God's WORD: such as moving the United States Embassy to Jerusalem.
- III. The issue of religious freedom has become a part of national health care.
- Believers are being forced to support abortion with tax money and provide professional services in a setting that is against the business owner's beliefs.
 - This kind of coercion violates our freedom of speech and the right of religion.
 - A business owner should not be penalized—or worse, lose his business—for not supporting the current social agenda.
 - Everything God tells you about in His WORD affects more than just you.
 - It's a question of religious liberty.
 - It's not right to force people to endorse something they are morally against.
- IV. The midterm and off-presidential-year elections are extraordinarily important, because you will be voting for people who will make future public policy.
- These are the people who elect or place judicial candidates, and determine the issues that judges rule on, like: pure water enforcement, clean air regulations, education restrictions, and federal Food and Drug Administration mandates that protect our food and our bodies from contaminants that could kill us.
 - Christians should find out where the political candidates stand.
 - Attend political forums to gain information. Ask questions, because these biblical issues may not come up in a regular question/answer session.
 - Europe, as a whole, has lost much of its freedom, because the governments have forced participation in social agendas.
 - These nations are democracies and have some form of socialistic government, and yet Christians suffer government-approved persecution economically and socially.
 - Children have been taught against The WORD of God, so now the general population goes along with the sanctions against Christians.
 - That's happening in Europe, and it can happen in America.
- V. We have to vote, because the energy in the Church has to match the energy of the anti-God forces, or else we will lose the gains we have recently received.
- You and God are partners, and you have to continue to do your part.
 - The fewer people who turn out to vote, the more important your vote is.
 - Get a voter guide, and go vote!

Additional scriptures: Genesis 8:22; Galatians 6:7; 1 Timothy 6:10





MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

Father God, I am seeking You for wisdom and guidance as I plan my vote. I want Your will to be done in this nation, and I choose to vote the way You direct me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 5 – VOTE AND TAKE A STAND FOR GOD IN OUR NATION

Midterm elections are crucial. We as Christians must vote! Your vote is a seed for you and your family. The media are not in business to educate you with God's WORD. They're in business to make money and to support agendas. Vote God's principles, put faith and trust in Him, and He'll get our nation back on the right track.

STUDY IT

- I. Midterm elections are crucial. We as Christians must vote!
 - Don't vote based on personalities. God can use "mean" people. God used Cyrus, King of Persia, to bless Israel (Ezra 1:2).
 - Go to God's WORD, and see what He says about the issues.
 - Find out what the candidates believe and score them as to their agreement with God.
 - Check each candidate's stand on: abortion, the right to protect yourself, the biblical definition of marriage, providing for your own household, and his or her stand toward Israel.
 - There are 435 seats in the House of Representatives, and they are **all** up for election.
 - One of these elected officials in the House of Representatives will become the Speaker of the House, and he/she controls the agenda for the House.
 - One-third of the senators are up for election. You need to know where they stand on these issues that affect your life.
 - Vacancies in the justices in the Supreme Court will be confirmed by the Senate.
 - All of these people make decisions for our country and their influence can be felt for years to come.
 - Your vote should not be made on personalities, but on principles and issues.

- II. Your vote is a seed for you and your family.
 - The Christian way of life is still in danger. The people who are anti-God are determined to push this nation away from God and biblical principles.
 - In times past, leaders from different parties would work together for the good of the country.



- The current political climate has changed to emphasize party loyalty rather than everyone working together to benefit the nation.
- Each political party's agendas are set, and the officials are unwilling to compromise.
- A house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25).
- God is going to hold us accountable to pray and preach what the Bible says for our nation.
 - Judgment is the fulfilling of spiritual law. Judgment is coming, and harvest is coming.
 - Judgment can be bad or good, depending on what seed you are planting.

III. The media are not in business to educate you with God's WORD. They're in business to make money and to support agendas.

- The law of seedtime and harvest always works (Genesis 8:22). What you sow you will reap (Galatians 6:7).
- Seek God's kingdom first, above your own desires (Matthew 6:33).
- "Give, and it will be given back to you" can refer to your finances and to your vote (Luke 6:38).
- Words have power. Don't be fooled by the words other people use to falsely define an issue.
 - Women's health care refers to abortion.
 - There's no such thing as "assault weapons." That phrase was coined to mislead people about guns.

IV. Vote God's principles, put faith and trust in Him, and He'll get our nation back on the right track.

- God is not a Republican and not a Democrat. There are godly people in both parties.
- Vote for whoever is for God.

Additional scriptures: Proverbs 31:27; James 3:1; 1 Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:21;
Colossians 3:1

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