



## FAITH FOR OUR NATION: VOTING ON BIBLICAL ISSUES

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### DAY I – VOTING IS A RESPONSIBILITY

The 2016 election cycle recruited faith leaders and evangelical Jews to present the need to vote to the people in their spheres of influence. We should teach responsibilities, not rights, in relation to voting because there's coming a day we will stand before God and give account for every word we speak. God made man to rule, subdue and take dominion in the earth.

### STUDY IT

- I. The 2016 election cycle recruited faith leaders and evangelical Jews to present the need to vote to the people in their spheres of influence.
  - Now that the presidential election is over, Christians must maintain their interest and their involvement in the voting process.
  - We must separate duty from inclination. Christians must stay involved in the issues of their country.
  - The midterm elections are those that do not include electing the president of the United States, but they are just as important.
- II. We should be teaching responsibilities, not rights, in relation to voting.
  - In Genesis when God chose to speak to man, He spoke in the Hebrew language. Hebrew, therefore, is the language of God.
  - It's important to notice what you can say in Hebrew and what you can't say.
    - For example, in the Hebrew language there is no word for *coincidence*. Neither is there a word for *retirement*. You should always be fruitful and productive.
    - There is no Hebrew word for *rights*. You have no rights in Hebrew, only responsibilities. So, we should not teach rights, we should teach responsibilities.
  - You have a duty to vote because you're part of the stewardship of your nation.
  - Only 67 percent of adults in the U.S. register to vote. In a presidential election about 54 percent of the 67 percent of registered voters actually vote. So, about 36 percent of adults who are registered vote, and it only takes half of those to elect the president. In the midterm elections only about one in four Americans vote.
- III. The Founding Fathers knew there is coming a day when we will stand before God and give account for every word we speak (Matthew 12:36).





- We give our lives to The LORD, we train our children to know and love God, we manage our possessions to give to The LORD, yet many will say, "I decided not to get involved in the country You gave me."
- Jesus told the story of a man who gave responsibilities to His servants. His instructions were to "occupy until I come" (Luke 19:13).

#### IV. God made man to rule, subdue and take dominion (Genesis 1:26-28).

- The basic question of life is: Why did God put you here? What is your purpose? Often we hear the answer, "To glorify God and serve Him forever."
  - The Bible teaches that God made many creatures and they glorify Him. We are here for a different purpose.
- Man was made to take care of God's stuff; and God's stuff is education, politics, religion, business, entertainment, media and more.
- God created government before He created the Church. God created man, then family, then government, then the Church.
  - God gave His people, the children of Israel, 613 laws—these are applicable to every aspect of a nation.
- Then God gave His top 10 laws, the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). These 10 guide the other laws.
  - The Supreme Court ruled that the Ten Commandments could not be displayed in a government building. The students might see and read them, and that might induce the children to meditate on and obey them. The Supreme Court ruled that would be unconstitutional.
  - Judges, not law makers determined displaying the Ten Commandments in a public setting was against the law.
- Of God's top 10 laws, here are the top three laws that you need to use to determine a candidate's stand.
  1. Public religious acknowledgment—where does a candidate stand on public religious expressions and rights of conscience?
  2. Adultery—God has made it clear in His WORD that sex should be confined to a man and woman in marriage. Where does a candidate stand on LGBTQ?
  3. Shedding innocent blood—what is a candidate's stand concerning abortion?

Additional scriptures: Hebrews 4:13; Ephesians 6:4; Matthew 25:30; Exodus 34:27

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration:

*I will take my place of responsibility and vote in the midterm elections. To the best of my ability I will vote for the candidates who support God's WORD. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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### DAY 2 – VOTING IS A BIBLICAL ISSUE

God has dealt with every single issue a nation will face. You have a responsibility and a duty to vote, and you will answer to God for what you do with your vote. Our job as God's people is to take care of His stuff. Examine the issues; look at what each candidate will put in place if he or she is elected.

### STUDY IT

- I. God has dealt with every single issue a nation will face.
  - He gave 613 laws to Israel. Then God said, "I've got My top 10 laws, the most important stuff to Me."
    - Religious acknowledgment. I am The LORD thy God. Acknowledge God first. Separation of church and state are not biblical. This item includes religious conscience, which means the right to live out what I believe God is telling me to do in public.
    - Forcing a Christian to help fund abortion is wrong. People should not be forced to pay for a specific church, organization or belief, or participate in their celebrations. You should not be required to fund or participate in activities that are against God.
      - Paul addressed this when he talked about eating meat offered to idols (1 Corinthians 8:4-10).
      - Conscience is what you answer to God for. You shouldn't be forced to go against your conscience.
      - You can sear your conscience by ignoring it (1 Timothy 4:2, 1:19).
- II. You have a responsibility and a duty to vote, and you will answer to God for what you do with your vote.
  - Only about one-fourth of voters are predicted to vote in the midyear elections.
  - God's principles apply to us, and we must consider His ways when we choose a candidate to vote for. It's also a pastor's responsibility to teach these things to his congregation.
  - George Barna is a pollster. He calls pastors and asks six questions:
    1. Do you believe that Jesus lived a sinless life?
    2. Do you believe the Bible is accurate in its teachings?





3. Do you believe there is absolute moral truth?
4. Did God give 10 suggestions or Ten Commandments?
5. Does God get involved in the world today?
6. Is Satan a real or an imaginary being?
- Then to the pastors who have biblical answers to those six questions, he asks questions that focus on 14 different issues. For example: Do you believe the Bible speaks to every issue of life? Does the Bible talk about immigration? Marriage? Abortion? Education? Economics?
  - Have you ever or will you address these issues from the pulpit?
    - The common answer is "No. Those are political issues, and I will not deal with political issues in the pulpit."
    - However, these things were biblical issues long before they became political.
  - The Church has a compartmentalization mentality that divides salvation from issues of life.

### III. Our job as God's people is to take care of His stuff.

- Pastors need to be open to think about how God deals with all of life's issues.
- As Christians we can't segment our lives into spiritual things and political things. We cannot pick and choose where to apply God's WORD. We must apply His WORD to every aspect of life.
- In the Bible, God's ministers were engaged in every aspect of public policy. Elijah rebuked Jezebel and Ahab about eminent domain and perjury in the courts (1 Kings 21:1-22). Elijah advised the king what to do against the enemy (1 Kings 20:13-30).
- You're not going to agree with everything about a candidate, but match the candidate with the policies he or she endorses. If those agree with your beliefs, that's who you vote for.
- The LORD said that righteousness exalts a nation (Proverbs 14:34).
  - You can have a type of Nebuchadnezzar or Cyrus in office. These men did not know God, but they took the steps that God blessed.
    - In the same way, you can have a leader whose moral character is flawed, but he does things for the nation that God will bless. God can use flawed people to do the right thing. Don't allow the election to be based on personality.

### IV. Examine the issues; look at what each candidate will put in place.

- What types of judges will that candidate support if he or she is elected?
  - Judges insisted that the Ten Commandments be removed from the Kentucky school walls.
  - Judges gave us abortion on demand.
  - Judges gave us gay marriages.
  - Judges said the right of conscience doesn't matter.
  - Judges determine these rights more than the legislature.



- The Bible says that the judges in your land determine the righteousness of your land (Isaiah 1:26).
- There are 65 federal judicial vacancies right now. Someone is going to fill them, and it's going to be the U. S. senators along with President Trump who will appoint them.
- You must not plant your seed, your vote, in something that's contrary to what God's going to bless.
- Pastor George took both party platforms and compared them with The WORD of God (See: [americanstands.us](http://americanstands.us)).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write a pledge to God and to yourself to vote in the upcoming midterm elections.

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### DAY 3 – VOTING FOR LIFE IS KEY

How much is your vote worth, and who should you vote for? We need to stay connected to the political process throughout the year.

### STUDY IT

- I. How much is your vote worth, and who should you vote for?
  - If you're wondering, how much your vote is worth in terms of how many people are voting—a small percentage of adults eligible to vote determine the winners in the midterm elections.
  - Here are the names of three websites that can give you information on the candidates for the upcoming midterm elections:
    - [americastands.us](http://americastands.us); [wallbuilders.com](http://wallbuilders.com); [integrityleadership.org](http://integrityleadership.org).
    - Be sure to vote all the way down the ballot, because the people who are elected may be making decisions for the bathroom arrangements for your children in schools and other public places.
  - School board elections determine who will serve on the school board and who will make decisions concerning the curriculum that's used in your children's schools.
    - The most commonly used sex education curriculum in America is published by Planned Parenthood, which is pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ. Curriculum choices are made by the city's school boards.
    - Some curriculums that teach world geography or world history have 19 pages on Islam and only two pages on Christianity. Those 19 pages emphasize how great Islam is, and the pages on Christianity teach how bad it is.
    - Our schools have been teaching anti-Christian information for at least a decade.
    - We don't want to teach children a wrong set of core beliefs that will guide their lives. It's important that we step in and make sure the children are taught godly values.
  - You may want to run for an office in your local area. If you've got good values and are qualified, get out there, run for office, and support Christian values.
  - The Bible teaches that every student, when he's fully trained, will be like his teacher (Luke 6:40). The wisest man, with the exception of Jesus, was Solomon; and he addressed education (Proverbs 22:6).





- This is where the pulpit needs to get involved. This is not political stuff—it is world-view stuff.
  - David Barton brought accounts of murder cases from 1806 to 1820. The men on trial were found guilty and were sentenced to death. They were tried in a court of their peers. Even their friends found them guilty. During sentencing, the judge said, “You are to be executed. You are soon going to appear before the Creator of the world, so you need to get saved before you die.” Imagine a judge saying this today!
- II. We need to stay connected to the political process throughout the year.
- God gave 613 laws, but His top 10 are the Ten Commandments. Out of the top 10, there are three on the ballot this fall that we will be voting on:
    - Public religious expression, including the rights of conscience.
    - Our nation’s attitude toward the LGBTQ community. What constitutes marriage, sexuality and transgender acceptance.
    - Abortion—that is, the right to life.
      - Abortion has been an issue in this country since its beginning. David Barton has books written in the 1800s that deal with the issue of abortion. The first law textbook used in the United States discussed abortion. Abortion is not a new issue; it’s covered in the Bible.
  - Currently the House has passed a bill banning the abortion of an unborn baby 20-weeks old or older. That bill cannot become law, because there is a filibuster in the Senate and voting on every bill is stopped.
    - There are more than 400 pro-life bills which the House has passed, sitting and waiting on the Senate to stop the filibuster, so the Senate can vote on the bills. There are babies who are dying, because of the delays.
  - Also, there is something called the cloture rule. It allows unending debate to continue until 60 senators vote that the debate must stop.
    - We only need two more senators to choose to do away with the cloture rule, which will allow the Senate to vote on these 400 pro-life bills.
  - If the balance of support in the House of Representatives changes to favor nonbiblical values, it will be very difficult to do anything about limiting abortion.
  - These are serious times we are in, and we must vote!

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

*Heavenly Father, I pray that Your will be done in our country, especially to stop the abortion of innocent babies. Do whatever is necessary to change the laws to protect our children. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 4 – VOTING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS FREEDOM

We must vote for freedom and righteousness in our nation. Freedom is still under attack in this country, and we must take our stand. We must vote in this election to continue to support godly values.

#### STUDY IT

- I. We must vote for freedom and righteousness in our nation.
  - David Barton gave a summary of his testimony of how God led him to proclaim the foundational godly values of our nation.
  - Jesus told us to “occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13).
  - David Barton gave a historical example.
    - Up until World War II, the Japanese had a cultural mentality that loved death. They had no problem sacrificing their lives for their ideology. That’s why the United States decided to drop the atomic bombs, because the Japanese were not going to stop attacking us.
    - When the treaty was signed, Douglas MacArthur was put in charge of the occupation forces in Japan. He sent word back to the command leaders, “We need missionaries here now. We need Bibles here now.” MacArthur knew he needed spiritual help. There is a letter from President Truman saying, “The only way we’re going to rebuild is through spiritual rebuilding.”
    - Seven years after WWII, the Japanese were fully accepted back into the nations of the world. Japan has become a completely different nation. Their economy, beliefs, philosophy and education are all radically changed.
    - Japan has experienced immense growth as a nation.
  - Jesus said, “Occupy till I come.” Jesus expects us to be the ones who occupy, get things right and make them work correctly.
  - We need to get involved in our nation’s economy, education, military—everything. We are to strategically occupy and help steer our nation toward godliness until Jesus comes back.
- II. Freedom is still under attack in this country, and we must take our stand.
  - The five issues we have discussed this week are: life, marriage, judges, Israel and religious freedom.
  - The United States’ elections have consequences all over the world.





- A wave of godliness is going throughout Europe because of the changes in the United States as a result of the 2016 election.
  - The Israeli political and military leaders expressed improvement in the United States and Israeli cooperation, intelligence and support under the leadership of President Trump.
  - Ukraine is more than 90-percent Christian, and they want help rewriting their constitution.
  - Poland has voted to end abortion. They have declared themselves to be a Christian nation. Poland is now getting their natural gas resources from the U.S. and sharing the gas with Ukraine, so both countries are experiencing more and more freedom from Russian domination.
  - America brings freedom all over the world in ways we don't think about.
- When you have freedom in general, you'll open a door for religious freedom as well.

III. We must vote in this election to continue to support godly values.

1. We need to vote to change the Senate's opposition to cooperation.
  2. We need to vote with an eye toward the future for biblical values.
  3. We must encourage members of Congress to vote their conscience, not just go along with party agendas.
- There is power in even one vote—yours!
  - Pray and vote. We are in the midst of an awakening in this nation that includes righteousness in our government. We *will* receive righteousness in our nation!

Additional scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:11

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write your thoughts of how your freedom in this country allows you to worship The LORD without restraint.

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### DAY 5 – PRAYING AND VOTING FOR THE TOP BIBLICAL ISSUES

The key to voting is to understand and support God's will in the candidates and propositions. Your vote is your seed. Don't just throw it into the ground without any thought or nurture. We must vote according to The WORD of God.

### STUDY IT

- I. The key to voting is to understand and support God's will in the candidates and propositions.
  - Determine now: I am going to vote; I'm going to cast an informed vote; I'm going to vote all the way to the bottom of the ballot; I'm going to vote on God's priorities, not my own.
  - Find out what the propositions are and be informed when you vote.
  - Use websites for research: [americastands.us](http://americastands.us); [christianvoterguide.com](http://christianvoterguide.com).
  - As Pastor George prepares to vote, he prays. Then, in the voting booth, he prays for the election, for the candidates and their families—the ones that win, the ones that don't win—that they come closer to The LORD.
    - This attitude of prayer integrates the spiritual element with what people think is the secular element.
- II. Your vote is your seed. Don't just throw your seed into the ground without any thought or nurture.
  - You must know how important your vote is. When you vote, you've just done an act of obedience to God.
  - Prepare to vote. Go to your state's website and print out the ballot. Then go through each person and each proposal, and measure them with what God says.
  - Remember God's top three laws: public religious acknowledgments; sex between a man and a woman in marriage; and abortion issues.
  - We need to seek first God's kingdom and His priorities. When we do, all things will be added to us (Matthew 6:33).
  - When the nation goes toward righteousness, even the wicked get blessed.
  - There are truths in the Bible about taxes, who is to take care of the poor, tariffs, confiscatory tax policy, private property rights and more.





### III. We must vote according to The WORD of God.

- Moses set up a republic-style government.
  - Leaders had to have integrity and love truth. There were rulers of tens, fifties, hundreds and thousands. (Exodus 18:21; Deuteronomy 1:15-16, 16:18).
- Our government was founded on this principle, and we elect leaders at every level of government: local, county, state and federal.
- Don't say, "God will put in office those whom He wants." No, the choice of leaders is your responsibility, which you fulfill with your vote.
- We need people who are competent, qualified, experienced, fear God and will stand for what's right, even when the media treats them with disrespect. We don't need people who go after the perks or the power. We want people who are in office to serve.
- Sow your seed by voting in the midterm elections. Do your research, identify the candidates you want to support, take a friend with you, and vote!

Additional scriptures: Acts 5:32; Numbers 1:2

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

We hope this teaching has inspired you, not only to vote, but also to research and compare candidate agendas to The WORD of God. We are interested to hear how you were impacted by this teaching. [Click here to share your experiences](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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