



FAITH FOR OUR NATION: THE IMPACT OF YOUR VOTE

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OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2, 2018

DAY I – YOUR VOTE IMPACTS JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Do not underestimate the importance of this election; vote for people who will work with the president for the good of our country. With unity in Congress, more improvements can be made in our government in the areas of the economy, family, marriage, prison reform, things concerning Israel and more. The Trump administration measures the success of government by how many people are less dependent on it.

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- I. Do not underestimate the importance of this election; vote for people who will work with the president for the good of our country.
 - Paula White-Cain is a friend of the Trump family and spiritual advisor to the president. The voice of influence she has is truly God-given and God-ordained.
 - During this administration, more than 3,000 faith leaders have come through the White House, meeting with various departments.
 - The Church needs to rise up and take its rightful place of influence. We have an opportunity to effect change.
 - It's time for Christians to take their place to be used by The LORD in our country.
 - Someone's values are going to influence public policy, and it should be Christian values.
 - Policy is dictated by those who have the ability to organize and activate.
- II. More improvements can be made in our government in the areas of the economy, family, marriage, prison reform and things concerning Israel—important things for the well-being of our country.
 - Change can be accomplished through an executive order (EO) by the president.
 - However, the EO is only going to be in effect during the term of that president. The next president can rescind EOs.
 - It's important that the righteous values that have been instigated through executive order under the Trump administration be voted into permanent legislation.
 - Now that legal restrictions outlined in the Johnson Amendment have been halted, pastors should be preaching to support righteousness in the government.



- In the history of our nation, it was the ministers, pastors and preachers who had the most influence to inform and educate the people concerning establishing moral policies in the government.
 - The political two-party platform differences need to be taught in our churches.
 - The best place to learn about the issues facing our nation is in church. We need to be informed about national policy in a faith environment.
 - The LORD has sent us into the world to preach the gospel and make disciples. Part of our work is to use our vote to elect those who will help our nation.
 - Keep in mind biblical truths as you make voting decisions (Ecclesiastes 10:18-19).
- III. The Trump administration measures the success of government by how many people are less dependent on it.
- The previous administration measured its success by how many people were addicted to and dependent upon the government's assistance.
 - A recent poll showed that many people were interested in improving the American economy.
 - Money is a necessity in every aspect of life and government. A church or a country cannot run without money.
 - The things that our country spends the most money on are entitlement programs.
 - The larger the number of people who work, the smaller the number of people who are on entitlement programs.
 - Entitlement programs move money around. They take money from one person and give it to another. That process doesn't create additional wealth.
 - Poverty puts unfair labels on families and the children.
 - Every child is who God says he/she is—not just a product of his/her environment. Every person is important.
 - Business and business investments create new wealth. We should put policies in place that encourage business investment.
 - Definition of business: One focuses on what he does well; another focuses on what *he* does well; then they exchange their goods and services.
 - Trump administration statistics: 3 million people no longer require food stamps; unemployment is at an 18-year low; the economy grew at a 4.2 percent annual rate (a new high); 83 percent of business executives say business is better than two years ago.
 - How do these facts impact us? Real wage compensation has grown by 1.4 percent; the Council of Economic Advisory estimates the average American household's annual income has increased by more than \$1,000.
 - 32 percent of small businesses say now is a good time to expand.



- Trump's tax cuts have benefited businesses, stimulated the American economy, created 3.5 million jobs and profited companies that brought their work back to the U. S.
- It is the will of God that everyone has enough, and more, to meet his/her needs and to give (2 Corinthians 9:8).
- We must vote to have the will of God in our lives and our country.

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Second Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

There are many good works for The LORD that are going on right now—from your local church and its needs, to the missionary in another country who is preaching the gospel. Write some of the projects you would like to help as you have "all sufficiency in all things."



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DAY 2 – YOUR VOTE IMPACTS SOCIALISM VERSUS CAPITALISM

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- I. Your vote impacts socialism versus capitalism.
 - Voting is your right, and your vote matters.
 - What President Trump promises, he is doing, just like his motto says: “Promises made, promises kept.” He works tirelessly and passionately with fervor and purpose to make our nation great.
 - We need to vote to give the president like-minded co-laborers in the House of Representatives and the Senate.
 - Our vote will express our desires in areas of life such as the economy, judges, jobs and support of Israel.
 - A foundation needs to be laid to determine whether we will be independent or dependent on government for our personal decision-making and cherished freedoms.
- II. Political party affiliations matter like never before.
 - The Democratic Party has moved far more to the left (liberal), and some candidates are now campaigning as “Democratic Socialists.”
 - The definition of *capitalism*: “an economic system in which capital resources that are the means of manufacturing and distribution of goods and services, are owned and operated privately, rather than by the government.”
 - The definition of *socialism*: “an economic system in which capital resources are either owned or predominately dominated by the government.”
 - A historical look at socialism shows that it doesn’t work.
 - Business endeavors need to be stimulated to continue to build a strong economy.



- III. The more we support small businesses, which are predominately women-owned companies, the more our society benefits.
- Jesus told a parable of the pounds (Luke 19:12-26). Each person was given one pound—equal opportunity.
 - There were different outcomes; that is, each person was rewarded according to what he earned.
 - After a person proved himself, he qualified for the second parable that Jesus spoke using talents (Matthew 25:14-28).
 - Each person was given a different amount to oversee and increase based on his talent and skill. This illustrated opportunity for advancement.
 - Both parables show that the economic system of capitalism is a biblical system—
increase based on initiative and work.
- IV. President Trump has made major improvements to the economy through regulations, trade and other economic measures.
- The economic growth that capitalism brings is getting favorable attention from other nations, also.
 - Even when Vice President Pence went to the United Nations to request funds to assist Christian organizations that were rebuilding lives in the Middle East, he was able to get approval immediately.
 - What can we do to continue the economic growth in our nation? Vote!
 - When evil men entice you to join their wicked group and add your money to their pool, run the other way (Proverbs 1:10-16)!

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Name two ways capitalism (freedom to make money and use it as you choose) benefits you and your family.



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DAY 3 – YOUR VOTE IMPACTS IMMIGRATION

Your vote impacts the direction of this country. Concerning immigration, there are basically two choices: zero tolerance or open borders. God knows people need boundaries to live and work in safety. God is a God of order. He establishes boundaries, so that people will seek Him—and He will be found.

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- I. Your vote impacts the direction of this country. It's not just about issues for the next two years.
 - *You* need to vote. There have been so many elections in history that were decided by a very narrow margin.
 - The Bible continually emphasizes that your identity is in the fact that you are a child of God. He wants you to exercise your right to pray, vote, and be involved in the government of this nation and in the kingdom of God.
- II. Concerning immigration, there are basically two choices: zero tolerance or open borders.
 - Zero tolerance follows the letter of the law and is a legal means to handle immigration.
 - Zero tolerance sounds cruel, because it involves rules, regulations and consistency; but it is the legal way.
 - Following present-day immigration laws, almost 1 million immigrants come into this country legally each year.
 - Open borders allow anyone to enter this country with no restraint, and it is illegal.
 - When a country has open borders, it isn't really a country, because people can come and go as they please. They can enter at will and bring with them diseases, illegal substances, even evil intent (terrorism) against this country.
- III. God knows people need boundaries to live and work in safety.
 - In the biblical account of the Jews returning to their land after years of captivity, Nehemiah guided the people to build a wall around Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1-6).



- All during the process, the devil was using men to speak criticism, dissension and lies to try to keep the wall from being built (Nehemiah 4, 6).
 - Our emotions have been touched by pictures of children trying to come into the USA from other countries. We now know these photos are either from the previous administration or staged. This is part of the power of the culture and media that produces “fake news.”
 - Trump is not immune to the problems of immigration. He is a family man, and he cares about families. He is also a man of law and order, and believes in protecting our citizens.
 - Case in point: Trump signed an executive order to stop the separation of families during the immigration process.
 - Sadly, many children who come into our country illegally are brought by greedy men called coyotes. These evil people put a debt assessment on the head of each child—that averages between \$3,000 and \$7,000 as a charge for the child's freedom. The average age of these children who are exploited is 10 to 17 years old. They can't pay the money back in legal ways, so they are sold to cartels or recruited into gangs to pay their debt.
- IV. God is a God of order. He establishes boundaries, so people will seek Him—and He will be found.
- God determined the nations' fixed boundaries of habitation (Acts 17:26-27).
 - Open borders promote a wide variety of illegal behavior, from drug trafficking to human trafficking, or human slavery.
 - The more we have open borders, the more we encourage criminal activity.
 - Some people do want to come here to work, but if they steal someone's Social Security number or identity, they are guilty of a crime.
 - Trump frequently tells the Senate to do its job. We need to do our job. Go out and vote and elect the right people to the right places. We have to stand on the values of God.

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Write how open borders in our nation will potentially affect you and your family.



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DAY 4 – ADDRESSING THE SPIRIT OF RACISM

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- I. The voting place can be a sanctuary where you and Jesus meet.
 - Pray for all the candidates and their families, and cast your vote.
 - Thank God for the privilege of being part of the process of government.
 - In recent years, this country has been divided into various coalitions: black, white, transgender, economically challenged, etc.
 - The single strongest coalition that exists is the Church that worships Jesus Christ. This group is ready and waiting to be tapped into.
 - Your vote is important in this election.
- II. The title of “racist” is used simply for the purpose of causing division. It’s an attack that is not based on fact. It’s name-calling.
 - President Trump is not a racist. He is a blue-collar billionaire. He is comfortable with people at every level, every race, every gender. He interacts with many people from the highest executives to the people who do the work. There are diversities of faith and ethnicity in his companies.
 - Trump is a courageous leader, and he’s not afraid to make hard decisions. He doesn’t pick a fight, but if someone attacks him, he will respond. Trump fights for what he thinks is right; he is not a racist.
- III. God tells us in His WORD how to think and deal with issues concerning division.
 - The Church must not act like the world. Our identity as believers must be found in The WORD of God.
 - The Church should all speak the same thing, all agree with one another, and be perfectly joined together to repair or adjust to follow God’s will (1 Corinthians 1:10).
 - The Church must come back to unity. We need to be healed by the Holy Spirit, so there will be no divisions among us.



- There is a strong temptation in our culture to believe what is false (2 Thessalonians 2:7-10), but we resist through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your love and care extend to all people in all nations. Just as You love, let us love one another and resist the temptation to judge and reject anyone who seems to be different. For myself, I choose to reject and condemn the spirit of division. Please help me, Father, to be like You, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 5 – WHAT'S AT STAKE WITH YOUR VOTE

The Holy Spirit is ready to open our eyes and ears that we will hear the voice of God and not listen to the spirit of deception. God's WORD is true and needs to be the source of our decisions. If we come in alignment with God's WORD and vote the right vote, we can get things done in our nation.

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- I. The Holy Spirit is ready to open our eyes and ears that we will hear the voice of God and not be deceived by the lies of the devil.
 - The enemy is not all-powerful. In the future people will say of the devil, "Is this the worm that deceived nations?" (Isaiah 14:16-17; Revelation 18:23b). He operates through a spirit of deception.
 - The WORD of God is true and right, and God, by His WORD and His Spirit, is speaking to you.
 - As a believer, you know the voice of your true Shepherd. Look at His WORD, and make your decisions, even your thoughts, line up with His.
 - Stop looking at all the hype—Twitter, Facebook™, CNN, Fox. Shut out the noise and hear from God.
 - These broadcasts you are watching are based on two things: The WORD of God and facts.
 - Educate yourself. You will be responsible to stand before The LORD and answer, not based on what someone said in Hollywood, on what a celebrity did, or what the most popular preacher said, but based on The WORD of God.
 - Your voice and your vote matter.
- II. If we come into alignment with God's WORD and vote the right vote, we can get things done in our nation.
 - We can see real change in prison reform, immigration, judges, the economy and more.
 - Whom we vote into Congress will be extremely vital concerning these issues.
 - God has blessed our nation. When the righteous reign and rule, we live in peace, prosperity and the goodness of God (Proverbs 29:2).
 - It's our responsibility to have faith and do acts of faith as we create history.



- III. Our president recognizes the importance of the local churches. We worship God, not government.
- Trump is protecting our religious liberties.
 - His initiatives for faith-based community organizations include:
 - Poverty alleviation.
 - Religious liberty.
 - Strengthening marriage and family.
 - Education.
 - Solutions for substance abuse and addiction.
 - Crime prevention and education.
 - Prison reentry.
 - Support of Israel.
 - Federal law protection for religious liberty was passed in 2017. It's already in place to defend our religious freedoms.
 - The president has done so much for Christians. For one thing, he set aside the Johnson Amendment, so we can stand up and speak our values.
 - God has opened a door, and we need to walk through it. We are taking a stand for righteousness.
 - We must protect our values, The WORD of God and our Constitution.
 - The Bible is not hate speech. We must not allow the Bible to be banned. We must keep it legal to read and preach from, and to counsel people with God's WORD.
 - Americans are waking up to God. The ship of our country is starting to turn toward God. We must not let go of the wheel.

Additional scripture: Judges 2:10

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Pastors George and Terri Pearsons, Buddy Pilgrim, and Paula White-Cain encourage you to VOTE in alignment with God's WORD. They have taken this time to inform you of the issues at stake in the midterm elections. If these broadcasts have helped you, [click here to share with us](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#). After you vote on Nov. 6, join us for LIVE election coverage in a spirit of faith on [kcm.org](#) or via BVOVN®.

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