

**“THE BIBLICAL APPROACH TO VOTING”**

**(AN ELECTION DAY SERMON)**

**1 PETER 2:9-15**

**INTRO:** Coming up in just a little over two weeks, we in America will have another opportunity to vote for the next President of the USA. By way of application from the text we have just read, **CHRISTIANS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD TO VOTE** and yet in recent elections only one out of every five professed Christians were registered and only two out of every five professed Christians voted. When our text says in verse 13 **“SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD’S SAKE,”** and verse 15 which says, **“FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL DOING YE MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN,”** we must observe that according to the **“ORDINANCE OF MAN,”** which is a reference to the US CONSTITUTION, that has given us the right to vote, **ALL OF US AS CHRISTIANS MUST VOTE AND VOTE BIBLICALLY IN ORDER TO OBEY GOD AND TO SILENCE THOSE “FOOLISH ONES” WHO DO NOT KNOW BIBLICAL TRUTH!** David Crossen said **“VOTING IS AN EXERCISE IN DELEGATING GOD-ORDAINED AUTHORITY. BECAUSE POWER RESIDES WITH THE PEOPLE IN OUR REPUBLIC, WHEN CHRISTIANS VOTE, THEY ARE DELEGATING THEIR RULING AUTHORITY TO OTHERS. SEEN FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, VOTING IS A MATTER OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP, AND THE FAILURE TO VOTE IS A FAILURE TO EXERCISE GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY.”**

For a few minutes, this morning let’s consider THE BIBLICAL APPROACH TO VOTING and it is my prayer that each of us will be led by the Spirit of God to make sure that we vote and that we will vote biblically.

**NOTE:** In previous presidential elections 2 out of every 5 Christians did not vote. In fact 1 out of 5 professed Christians were not even registered to vote. Across America in the last election, 40 million evangelicals did not vote

**I. VOTE LEGITIMATELY**

A. According to the Declaration of Independence

1. The Declaration says: **“THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS (LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS), GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.”**

2. When we vote, we give those we vote for the power to govern the way we see necessary from the biblical perspective.

B. According to the Preamble of the US Constitution

1. The Preamble says: **“WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.”**

2. In the USA WE THE PEOPLE ARE THE GOVERNMENT, and thus we participate in governmental activity through our vote.

C. According to the Amendments of the US Constitution

1. Amendments 15, 19,24 and 26

2. Each indicate the **RIGHT FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS TO VOTE.**

**II. VOTE BIBLICALLY**

**NOTE:** When Christians vote it gives us the opportunity to influence our nation as well as other nations of the world from the biblical perspective. Christians who support missionaries should care about the state of international religious freedom which is an area in which USA exerts significance influence.

A. Vote for Pro-Life – Deuteronomy 30:19,20

B. Vote for a Strong Border – Acts 17:26

C. Vote for the Biblical Family – Genesis 1:26,27; 2:18-25

D. Vote for Proper Government – Romans 13:1-6

E. Vote for Supporting Israel – Genesis 12:1-3

F. Vote for Truth and Freedom – John 8:32

G. Vote for Personal Welfare – 2 Thessalonians 3:10

H. Vote for Religious Freedom – Acts 5:29

I. Vote for that which Honors God – Ecclesiastes 12:13,14

### **III. VOTE PRAYERFULLY**

**NOTE:** Before we walk into the voting booth, we MUST ASK GOD for HIS DIRECTION WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL GIVE US HIS DIRECTION.

- A. Jeremiah 33:3
- B. Matthew 7:7,8
- C. James 1:5

### **IV. VOTE COURAGEOUSLY**

**NOTE:** Vote according to biblical truth and communicate with others how you vote so as to be a courageous representative of Jesus Christ.

- A. Joshua 1:7-9
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:20
- C. 2 Timothy 1:8

### **APPLICATION/LESSON**

Voting and voting biblically is one way to be a witness for Christ here on earth. To avoid voting is to avoid being a proper representative and witness for Jesus Christ, which is disobedience and sin. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, voting is an opportunity to promote, protect and preserve godly principles of government. Passing up the opportunity to vote and to vote biblically means LETTING THOSE WHO WOULD DENY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO HAVE THEIR WAY IN OUR LIVES AND SOCIETY IN GENERAL. There are those WHO WANT TO DRIVE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OUT OF SOCIETY. **VOTING IS A WAY TO MAINTAIN BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SOCIETY OF ANY NATION.**

**ACCORDING TO THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (GEORGE BARNA) 41 MILLION BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS INTEND NOT TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION! DO NOT BE AMONG THAT NUMBER OF DISOBEDIENT AND IRRESPONSIBLE CHRISTIANS FOR YOU WILL TRULY ANSWER TO GOD.**

**JAMES 4:17 – “THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.”**