



### GOD & GOVERNMENT

## How Should We Choose to Vote?

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*“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. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.*

*Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”*

– Romans 13:1-8

### TO HONOR GOD AS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, I MUST...

1) **V\_\_\_\_\_ MY FIRST LOYALTY AS A CITIZEN OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” – Philippians 3:20-21*

*“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...” – Ephesians 2:19*

2) **O\_\_\_\_\_ IN AND OVER ALL THINGS (INCLUDING CIVIL GOVERNMENT).**

*“...For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.” – Romans 13:1*

*“The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.” – Psalm 103:19*

*“...That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men...” – Daniel 4:17*

3) **T\_\_\_\_\_ IN ALL FOUR LEVELS OF GOD-ORDAINED GOVERNMENT:**

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*“...Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” – Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

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“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” – Genesis 1:27-28

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“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” – Proverbs 14:34

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“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities...” – Romans 13:1

“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.” – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

4) **E** \_\_\_\_\_ **THAT I AM ON** \_\_\_\_\_.

“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”  
– Acts 5:29

**Memory Verse:**

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”  
– Psalm 33:12

“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’ So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.’” – Joshua 5:13-14

5) **R** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO LEAD** \_\_\_\_\_, **NO MATTER WHAT.**

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”  
– Romans 13:8

“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” – 1 Corinthians 13:3

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Psalm 33:12.
- Prioritize my primary role as a citizen in God’s Kingdom.
- Prayerfully consider how I will vote in light of God’s principles, values, and truth.
- Consider who I can invite to join us for Community Family Movie Night on Sunday, November 15, at 6:00pm.

