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Where We've Been, What We've Been & Where We're Headed Next . . .

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DON'T JUST VOTE . . .

As Christians, we are well aware we live in a fallen world. Satan is the prince and power of the air. Evil exists. We do not seek to battle evil. We do not fight evil because we know we can defeat it. Evil is ever present. Evil shouts and screams like a spoiled child demanding its "rights." The seeds of evil are in the heart of every human. Evil is relentless and self focused. We fight evil because we must.

Abortion is evil, exterminating the life of an innocent child. "DO NOT MURDER." Don not take the life of another innocent human. If I took the life of kittens or puppies in the womb of their mother and my neighbors found out about it, I'd be facing a fine and/or jail time. Yet taking the life of an unborn human is praised, even demanded. The Social Security system is unsustainable because the base to fund it is not large enough. Why? We destroyed that base. God was asked why He didn't send someone to cure cancer. He responded, "I did. You aborted her." One Presidential candidate is even insisting on a Constitutional amendment making it a federal right to end the life of a child in the womb or even leave a baby to die after her/she takes his/her first breath, denying that person the basic rights of life, liberty and property. **THINK ABOUT THAT.** How does God tolerate any nation that allows and even encourages this? Destroying the sanctity of biblical marriage, one man, one woman is evil and counter to the design of our Crea-

tor. It is the destruction of the home that has had drastic negative consequences on our nation. We are being told that the biblical model of marriage is no longer accepta-VOTE ble. Genesis 2:24 and multiple New Testament references state, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." Violate that clear principle and watch the deterioration of a culture.

Prohibiting religious freedom is evil, violating a basic right of United States citizens. From evil's vantage point, all views are tolerated except those of Christians. A biblical worldview is increasingly mocked and cannot be tolerated by those who promote evil.

10 GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIAN VOTERS

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- life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

1. Make God's Word your voting guide. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalm 110:105. 2. Pray before casting your vote. Ask the Lord, first, for guidance as you vote. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him..." (Prov. 3:5-6). Pray also for the candidates, even the ones you do not like. "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet

3. Vote for a candidate who upholds Christian principles. Are his/her views on social and moral issues biblical? RELI-GIOUS FREEDOM. Will the candidate hinder you from exercising your faith in Jesus Christ, or will he/she protect your liberty as a Christian? **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE.** Will the candidate promote abortion, or will he/she fight for the sacredness of life in the womb? MARRIAGE. Will the candidate endorse "same-sex marriage," or will he/she uphold the biblical definition of marriage—a union between one man and one woman only?

Each candidate should be evaluated in light of these and other moral questions. As followers of Christ, we must not "give approval to those who practice" what God has declared to be morally evil (Rom. 1:32).

- 4. Vote for a candidate who is able to lead our country with justice. Remember that you are not voting for a pastor, but for a president or senator or representative. The candidate might not share all of your theological views, but if he/she is committed to a fair and righteous judicial system, then you might want to consider voting for this candidate.
- 5. Vote for a candidate who has already demonstrated his/her ability to lead well. Look at the candidate's track record and ask these questions: What did he/she do to improve our economy, stop crime, and maintain peace and order in our land? Did the candidate abuse his/her political power to serve his/her own interest? Was he/she immoral, corrupt, dishonest, or greedy?
- 6. Cast your ballot in good conscience. Admittedly, it can be challenging to find a candidate who is both gifted in leadership and righteous in character. However, God knows our struggle in this regard, and yet He calls on us to participate in the process. So, if you've sincerely sought the Lord's guidance, you can cast your ballot with peace and confidence, trusting that your obedience will be pleasing to the Lord.
- 7. Recognize that from eternity past God has already ordained our next political leader. "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Rom. 13:1). Ultimately, it is God—not the people—who appoints a leader (Gen. 45:8). We are only God's instruments in bringing about his eternal plan. Be willing, therefore, to submit humbly to God's sovereign will, knowing that His will is always for our good and for his glory.
- 8. If the candidate who wins is immoral, remember that God is able to use even wicked leaders to accomplish his eternal plan (Rom. 13:1-7). Of course, this does not give us permission to vote for bad candidates. However, it should remind us that our greatest hope does not lie with any earthly leader, but with our heavenly Father, who is divinely able to overcome evil for good. Indeed, God in His providence can even use a bad ruler as his "servant for your good" (Rom. 13:4).
- 9. Never forget that God is causing all things—including the upcoming election—to work together for the good of His people, conforming them more fully to the image of his Son, Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:28-29). Whatever the outcome of the election, one thing is certain: God will use this election for our sanctification. We are concerned about peace and prosperity, but God is concerned about our holiness and His eternal glory.
- 10. Respect those who oppose your political position. Even among Christians, there are varying opinions regarding who should be elected to leadership. So, learn to "agree to disagree," or better yet, to disagree with kindness. Even if your preferred candidate does not win, you are still to honor the candidate who is elected. You must also obey your new leader, unless he/she instructs you to do something that would require you to disobey God. As Christians, our greatest allegiance is to God. As Scripture exhorts us to do, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

SEE IF THESE WEB SITE RESOURCES ARE HELPFUL:

https://www.webelievewevote.com https://www.christianvoterguide.com https://www.myfaithvotes.org

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." ~ John Adams 🔘



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA as they seek a new shepherd for their flock Wisdom and health for our son. George II

- For direction with personal physical challenges. I have had surgery and am recovering slowly. My body is adjusting to a new normal after this nine month adventure. I am doing well and grateful for modern medical technology.
- Pastor Kevin Che'n and his wife Janell, as they face Kevin's dialysis treatments and kidney transplant as well as insertion of recent heart stints because of blockage.

Thoughts from Dawna . . . A Memory from the Past

I was 35 years old and staying at my parent's house for a few days over the summer. My kids were out of school, and I was taking advantage of sleeping in a little later than usual. The smell of coffee and bacon came wafting under the door and into my room. As I slowly started to wake up it made me feel warm, safe, and happy from the inside out. I bounced up and walked out into the kitchen to find my mom busily working on breakfast with a pot of hot coffee ready to be poured. It wasn't until that moment, after 35 whole years, it completely washed over me. I finally understood it. This is how a mom makes you feel. Somebody else got up before me, bringing life and love to a house, making a house a home. She had done it for me my entire life but for whatever all the reasons were, maybe because I was an exhausted mom myself, it wasn't until that moment that I finally got it.

So much life has happened even between that day and now. My mom had raised her own kids, loved her husband, and did her best to always make her grandkids feel special. In my 40's, when visiting her, I'd walk into the bathroom and find 3 \$20 bills laid out on the countertop. She was always making sure that I was being taken care of, that my needs were being met, that I was loved, remembered, and most importantly, known. Every person wants to be known in a deep and unapologetic way and that does not happen liberally in a lifetime, but that's what moms do.

On Friday, October 22nd, she was in a lot of pain. My dad and I (mostly my dad working around the clock), were doing our best to keep her comfortable. She was struggling a ton as we were helping to get her from the living room sofa back to her bed. She could barely move, or breathe, much less talk, but in that moment her concern was still for us. She asked my dad where I was going to sleep that night. She acknowledged the work we were doing to help her and in sweet voice she reassured us, "I'll be okay tomorrow." It was something she said often over the last year of being on hospice, that she'd be okay because she hated to impose on us. She wanted to keep doing whatever she could for herself so that she wasn't bothering us. It was just on that Friday her words were a bit different than usual when she said, "tomorrow." It was emphatic. "I'll be okay tomorrow." After years of repeated sickness and especially 10 months of the greatest struggle, physically, mentally, and spiritually, she fought through that night for every single breath. Early Saturday morning, when we knew she was gone, we realized that even in her final hours she never failed to reassure us that her goal was to remove OUR burdens. That's what moms do. Tomorrow came and she finally was okay. Forever.

I understand you may not have that kind of relationship with your mom. Not all moms are present or capable, or maybe you were just never close, didn't know your mom, or circumstances didn't or don't' allow it but when you understand the significant role this kind of bottomless love and sacrifice can create in another person's life, it is a challenge to us all to make the people around us feel this way whenever humanly possible, to make someone else feel known and unapologetically loved.



1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

