

The Election

A Voters Guide to Who, What, Why and How to Choose

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1. Vote

Leaders are elected not by the majority but by the majority who vote

Jeremiah 29:1 Now these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...

⁷ 'And seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Luke 3:18 So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.

¹⁹ But when Herod the tetrarch was reproved by him on account of Herodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which Herod had done,

²⁰ he added this also to them all, that he locked John up in prison.

2. Prepare the heart with God's word, prayer and council

Matthew 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,

² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

3. Join in with national repentance

2 Chronicles 7:11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

¹³ "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

¹⁴ and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

4. Free yourself from tribalism

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

¹⁵ and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

5. Prioritize the issues using the Bible

Exodus 20:1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol...

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...

⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy...

¹² "Honor your father and your mother....

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet ...

Romans 13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

6. Ask God for His wisdom and will

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

⁸ *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

7. Seek Godly council

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance, the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory.

8. Trust and Worship God - He is sovereign

Acts 4:23 And when they had been released, they went to their own *companions*, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

²⁴ And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

²⁵ who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things?

²⁶ 'The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord, and against His Christ.'

²⁷ "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

²⁸ to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

²⁹ "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence,

9. Rejoice and cry with God - leaders impact society

Proverbs 11:11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.

Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, *even* through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."

⁵ But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity, and do not spare.

10. Don't let the election impede the higher priorities

Matthew 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

11. Stay humble

1 Corinthians 8:1 ...knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.