



How to Represent the Kingdom in this Election Season

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i. We represent the kingdom of heaven

Philippians 3:20... our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 2:9 ... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God...

2 Corinthians 5:20 ... we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

ii. As heaven's representatives we seek the wellbeing of the kingdom of heaven and of America

Matthew 6:33 "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...

Proverbs 11:11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted...

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

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...

... ⁷ '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.'

I. Vote

A. Vote applying these considerations (regarding all candidates):

1. There are no perfect candidates; vote anyway

As an illustration consider that God voted for David (1 Samuel 16)

2. We may need to move past the person to their platform

3. We may need to move past who most promotes our values to who least opposes our values

4. Seek godly council and pray for wisdom

B. Vote applying God's ten priorities for a society in their prioritized order (regarding all candidates)

1. The Bible implies a prioritized order of God's Ten Priorities

a. The prophets' warnings to Israel and to the nations as well as New Testament warnings show a prioritized order

b. **Matthew 22:35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

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."

c. **Matthew 23:23** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; ...

d. **1 Corinthians 5:11** ... I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

2. God's ten priorities for a society in their prioritized order:

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.

I. ³ **"You shall have no other gods before Me.**

___A trust in God, not secularism, naturalism or syncretism

II. ⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself an idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

___A focus on God not creation or any part of it

III. ⁷ **"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

___Honorable language regarding God

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

⁹ "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

¹¹ "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

___The protection of worship and work

V. ¹² "**Honor your father and your mother**, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

- ___Honor and protection of the biblical family structure
- ___Honor of motherhood as well as equality rights
- ___Fatherlessness mitigation policies
- ___Adoption policies to protect children

VI. ¹³ "**You shall not murder.**

- ___The honoring of the sanctity of every human life
- ___Protection of the unborn and the elderly
- ___Protection of the climate
- ___Protection through military strength, wise deployment and diplomacy
- ___Protection through strong homeland security
- ___Protection through good and accessible health care
- ___Protection through wise mitigation of pandemics
- ___Protection through good and just law enforcement
- ___Protection through just courts (including capital punishment issues)
- ___Protection through the mitigation of racism and racially based violence
- ___Protection through wise gun laws
- ___Global aid and diplomacy regarding poverty and hunger, genocide, refugee care, totalitarian oppression, terrorism, slavery and human trafficking

VII. ¹⁴ "**You shall not commit adultery.**

- ___Policies honoring, protecting and promoting biblical marriage
- ___Moral policies regarding: LGBTQ issues, marriage and divorce, spouse abuse, marriage penalty laws, prostitution and pornography

VIII. ¹⁵ "**You shall not steal.**

- ___The protection of personal property and prosperity through laws and policies regarding the following issues:
 - ___National debt reduction
 - ___Capitalism, socialism and economic growth
 - ___Work, welfare, reparations and poverty mitigation
 - ___Corporate taxation
 - ___Corporate environmental regulations
 - ___Trade policies and agreements
 - ___Personal taxation, wealth redistribution and tax loopholes
 - ___Laws and law enforcement
 - ___Immigration and boarder policies

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

X. ¹⁷ "**You shall not covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

- ___Wise leadership regarding "the wealth gap"
- ___The mitigation of theft and rioting