



How to Represent the Kingdom

in this Election Season, part 2

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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;

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

Jeremiah 29:7 '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 and their probable cabinets and appointees, esp. judicial):

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 and their probable cabinets and appointees, esp. judicial):

1. The Bible implies a prioritized order of the ten

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."

2. God's ten priorities for a society in 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 another god, 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

__Sex change 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

__Nation building

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.

Oversight policies re government and corporations

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