

A Christian Citizen's Responsibility – Part 2

Living in the Spirit – Part 8

Life Church St. Louis – November 6, 2016

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1. What is the candidate's policy on _____?

Luke 1:43-44 (NIV) But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

1A. Abortion is the shedding of _____

Psalm 106:37-38 (NIV) They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.

1B. God _____ nations that shed innocent blood

Psalm 106:39-41 (NIV) They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves. Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. He handed them over to the nations, and their foes ruled over them.

2. What is the candidate's policy on the _____

Isaiah 1:23, 26 (NIV) Your rulers are rebels, companions of thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them. ... I will restore your judges as in days of old, your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

2A. Judges are to judge _____

Psalm 82:1-2 (NIV) God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the "gods": "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?"

2B. Judges are to defend and rescue the _____

Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV) Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

3. What is the candidate's policy on _____ freedom

Isaiah 10:1-2 (NIV) Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.

3A. Churches must be allowed to _____ freely

Exodus 8:1 (NIV) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

3B. Christians must be allowed to _____ their faith

Romans 13:3-4 (NIV) For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Pray about the verses and teachings in the message. Share with others.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Study Guide

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Intro. What are some wrong reasons to base your voting on?

According to 1 Timothy 2:1-4, what government policies should Christians vote for?

How can the Bible help us determine which are the most important issues to base our votes on?

1A. In what ways does Luke 1:43-44 teach that an unborn baby is a person?

1B. How is abortion today the same as the sacrifice of children to idols (Psalm 106:37-38)?

1C. What is God's attitude toward people and nations that shed innocent blood (Psalm 106:39-41)?

1D. Why is abortion different than other issues people may be concerned about (Genesis 9:5-6)?

1E. Besides opposing abortion politically, how can Christians reduce its prevalence in our nation?

2A. What are God's standards for judges, especially for the Supreme Court justices (Isaiah 1:23, 26)?

2B. How has the modern Supreme Court usurped unconstitutional power? Why is the next President's policy on the Supreme Court more important than in any other election in decades?

2C. How would God judge many of the modern Supreme Court's decisions (Psalm 82:1-2)?

2D. What type of candidates should the next President nominate (Psalm 82:3-4)?

2E. How can the judicial system be used to persecute and silence the church and believers?

3A. Why is religious freedom an important issue in this election (Isaiah 10:1-2)?

3B. Why must the church fight to maintain religious freedom in America (Exodus 8:1)?

3C. Why must government regulation of religious freedom outside of the church stop (Romans 13:3-4)?

3D. Why is it imperative for Christians to vote for candidates that support the biblical position on these issues?