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Thoughts on Politics

Our 2024 Presidential election is nearly upon us. It is not the job of ministers to tell people who to vote for, so if you expected to find some kind of voting suggestions in this article, you will be disappointed. But I do want to share a few thoughts about the American political scene these days and some general thoughts about politics and Christianity.

First, the Bible says nothing about politics. There were no Democrats or Republicans in the days of Paul and Peter or Moses or Isaiah. In Biblical times nations were ruled by kings and emperors – in other words, dictators. Voting was not done or even considered. Christians, being a tiny minority in the New Testament days, had little influence over the reins of power, but in truth hardly anybody else did either. The king set the agenda and woe to that person who opposed or spoke out against the king. Paul instructed believers to pray for political leaders, writing: **"First of all... supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks (should) be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."** Paul

seemed to be saying: "Pray that our leaders would leave us in peace to serve Jesus without interference or persecution."

Things have changed since then. Today in America and in many nations, common, ordinary citizens are given the right to vote for who will lead them, at local and national levels. If we do not like the way our current president is doing his job, we can vote for a new person to step in and take over, and the same with Congressmen and Senators. Ordinary schoolteachers, plumbers, department store clerks, and pastors have been given a voice in our government.

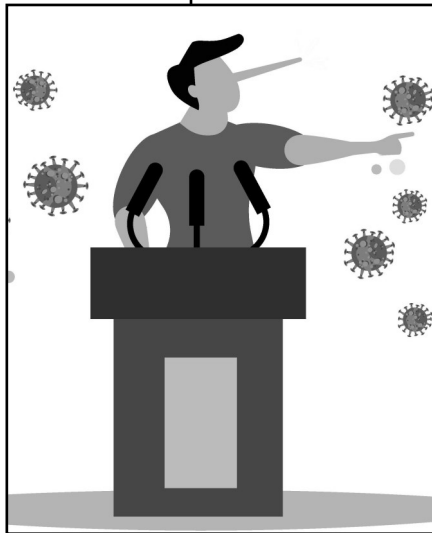
Some Christians are not comfortable with any kind of significant involvement in the political process. They consider

politics a dirty business (which it often is) and think themselves above the fray. Let the ungodly argue about immigration, taxation, inflation, and abortion. They are so busy praying, attending church events, and winning souls they have no time for such a carnal business as politics.

I have never felt that way. If Christians excuse themselves from the political process, and refuse to ever watch political news, read political articles, and consider the current political issues, we leave politics to the ungodly, the hardcore secularists who never pray, never read the Scriptures, and have no clue

what goes on in evangelical churches every Sunday. These are the folks who end up setting the pace and the course of our nation.

And it is primarily these secularists who are the ones who have decided that it is perfectly fine for males to dress up like women and play women's sports with the ladies, and dress and undress in their locker rooms. These are the people who have renamed "abortion" **"reproductive freedom"** and think it a good thing for drag queens to come to our public schools and read stories to our children. And if we stay home from the voting booths and refuse all participation in "dirty politics" we can expect more of the same, in greater and greater measures.



Christian Involvement in Politics

For us to hide our light under a basket and refuse to ever participate in politics or even seek to learn what is happening in our nation, politically, is a terrible act of irresponsibility. The anointed men of God throughout the Bible were keenly aware of the sins of their society, and they were not timid about speaking up. And our Lord Jesus did the same. He stated: **"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil."** (John 7:7).

Keeping informed about the political scene, speaking up about the sins of our nation, and promoting those whose policies best reflect our own Biblical values, is just as much a part of Christian responsibility as attending church. (Ok, maybe not just as much, but still pretty important.) Most of the presidents we elect and the congressmen and senators we vote for are not going to be on-fire, Spirit-filled, Bible-reading, praise-singing Christians like we are. But that is no reason for us to refuse to vote. Let us read our Bibles and vote for those who best represent Scriptural policies and morals. And if it must be, let us choose between the lesser of two evils. Because of Jesus Christ our Savior and inspired by His Spirit in us, let us be salt and light to our generation.

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