

The Biblical Call To Vote



"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work"

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (2)Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. (3)For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

ROMANS 13:4-7 (ESV)

"(4) for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. (5)Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. (6)For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. (7) Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed."

MATTHEW 22:21 (ESV)

"...Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

MATTHEW 5:16 (ESV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

CHRISTIANS ARE TO 'ENGAGE' CIVICALLY

- To trend/influence our culture towards Christ and His righteousness
- To *restrain* evil
- Through the filter/lens of biblical truth

1 PETER 2:12 (ESV)

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

ROMANS 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

COLOSSIANS 2:9 (ESV)

"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."

GENESIS 12:3 (ESV)

"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

GENESIS 1:27 (ESV)

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

PSALM 127:3 (ESV)

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward."