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# "Questions Re: the Christian Ballot Box"

# I. A Christian's Responsibility

- **A) Glory of God** ... 1 Corinthians 10:31 ... Jonah 3:10 4:3 What brings honor to God? What magnifies God's Name & Person most?
- B) Prioritize what God Prioritizes
  - 1) Justice, Mercy ... Micah 6:8; Matthew 23:23
  - 2) Life ... Proverbs 24:11-12
  - 3) Promoting Christian Principles of Morality & Practice James 1:27
- C) Seek welfare of place/country you live

Jeremiah 29:7 1 Peter 1:1

► Which vote is most likely to prioritize what God prioritizes, align with biblical \_\_\_\_\_ of right and wrong, promote Christian righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_ and bring the most good to this nation?

#### II. A Christian's Freedom

- A) A Christian's Heritage ... John 8:36 Galatians 5:1
- 1) No work is required to enter into salvation or remain saved
- 2) A Christian is free not to vote

Wrong logic:

1 Peter 2:13-14 to **→** "you have to vote"

- a) A Christian is free
- b) A Christian's allegiance is to God, and his actions are to attest to another world

### B) A Christian's Privilege

Is it a sin not to vote?

\* Deciding to do nothing \_\_\_\_ be morally \_\_\_\_ see James 4:17

Obadiah 1:11

## III. A Christian's Dilemma

- Should we try to influence the outcome of the election?
- I feel like I have to decide between the "The Lesser of Two Evils?"
- I can't vote for a morally compromised person
- My vote doesn't count anyway ... why should I bother?
- Beware of Consequentialism
- Staying True to Conscience?
- Abstaining from Voting?
- Two Party Trap?
- Can I vote for Policy rather than Person?
- How does this advantage me?
- How would God have me to vote?

Voting = Act of Worship & Exercise in Trust → Psalm 22:8 & Dan 4:17

