

## **VOTE AGAINST GOD?**

Three days away. The vote of your lifetime. More at stake in this election than any other, due to the stark contrast between two major parties vying for electoral college votes. Never has the choice been more clear. It's light or darkness, unity or division, liberty or tyranny.

**1- RANK YOUR VOTES** - How do you face a critical decision? Many people start with a simple list of pros and cons. Be sure to weight each item, so you can rank them in order of priority. As you assign weights of 1 or 3 or 5, etc, as you add them up this yields a numerical score. For this election, start by jotting down a list of issues and concerns important to you.

Consider why you believe what you do about each concern. First, note what Scripture says about that issue. Truth is "that which corresponds to reality, as perceived by God." Your starting point must be what God says about something, because only He knows all things. He wrote down what He wants you to know, giving you the basic principles for all of life's decisions.

**2- VOTE FOR LIFE!** - There should be no question that your priority in voting is the sanctity of human life. Every other issue extends from this. Consider: God is your Creator. The Bible begins and ends with God's plan for human life. In between is how Christ works it out. God created the universe, then put mankind on planet Earth, to personally represent Him.

As the crown of creation, we are the stewards of all that He made. God gives life, and the penalty for disobeying Him was death. His commands extend from His holy character. God designed His people to be like Him: "*you must be holy, for I am holy*" (Leviticus 11:44). Every command of God presupposes His view of the primacy of the sanctity of human life. There is no argument for any abortion that overcomes the plain statements of Scripture.

**3- POLICY NOT PERSONALITY** - The old saying goes: "Average people talk about events. Above-average people talk about concepts. Below-average people talk about other people." If your reasons for voting a certain way boil down to whether or not you "like" someone, do you think life is like social media? You've been led by media propagandists to think the way they tell you, rather than thinking for yourself. You're thinking emotionally, not factually.

Personalities can even mask the real agenda of the powers that be behind a candidate. You want to know what they will really do if you vote for them to run your life. Start with voter guides that list what Scripture says, then compares the policy positions of the parties. FRCAction.org and WellVersedWorld.org and MyFaithVotes.org offer several useful resources.

**4- VOTE GOD'S VALUES!** - A common management tool is to seek 80 percent consensus for decisions. Reagan famously said, "My 80 percent friend is not my 20 percent enemy." Reality says you rarely find 100 percent agreement in anything, let alone a perfect person. Get close to 80 percent, and you'd better make that work. You cannot let personality trump positions. What people really believe, demonstrated in what they really do, is what will really matter.

When you compare the platforms of parties with Scripture, it will be clear what God values vs what politicians value. And remember, in this general election, only two parties have any chance at electoral college votes. Democracy as majority rule deforms into mob rule, with an elite telling you what to do. Libertarianism as a system can't offer practical solutions for the self-government of society (as it didn't do much for the French Revolution). America's founders wisely chose a "constitutional republic" of representative government for good reason. Biblical reasons.

**5- DON'T VOTE AGAINST GOD** - The Ten Commandments provide a succinct guide to life, as "*Love God with all your heart and mind and will, and your neighbor as yourself.*" It's God's character expressed as His expectations of you. Don't vote against God in an election!

America has nearly four years of unprecedented progress on major issues that Christians have been praying about for more than 50 years. We've seen how following Constitutional rights and responsibilities leads to light and liberty. In contrast, we've been given glimpses of the darkness, division and deceit of identity politics, cancel culture, thought crimes, burning, looting, mayhem and murder. All displayed in cities controlled by the left wing for decades. What's next?

Don't vote against God in your life. Receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, then live out His light and life, through yours, according to His Word, all by His power within you. Your life will shine God's values, as written in Scripture - and you won't be found voting against God! ☐