

## Voting

### **Intro:**

- ⇒ As a pastor I cannot tell you directly who to vote for but I can show you from the scriptures how you should vote.
- ⇒ In fact, it is my duty to do so because I am to preach and teach the whole counsel of God.
- ⇒ Government is one of the three institutions ordained by Almighty the others being the family and the church.
  - **Scriptures on Government**
    - **Romans 13:1-7**
    - **1 Peter 2:13-14**
    - **1 Timothy 2:1-4**
      - We are commanded to pray for our leaders.
      - We are pray for them to be saved.
    - **Acts 5:29**
      - When the law goes against what God says then to obey God.
- ⇒ **I. Economic Issues Vs. Moral Issues**
  - Often people will vote for a candidate based on whether or not that person promise to put more money in their pockets.
    - Promises to improve the economy so people will be able obtain more material things.
    - Often this is done without any regard to the candidate's character or stand on moral issues.
  - **Scriptures**
    - **Matthew 6:33**
      - God promises if put Him first, obey Him, live for Him then he will provide our material needs.
    - **Proverbs 14:34**
      - Notice what makes a nation great.
      - Not its economic wealth.
      - Although I do believe a righteous nation will receive the blessings of God of which economic wealth is one.
    - **Psalm 101**
      - Psalm of David, king of Israel and talks about a leader should be a person of character.
- ⇒ **II. How to Vote.**
  - Vote for candidate that is saved.
  - If none of candidates saved then vote for one of good moral character.
  - Vote for candidate who takes Biblical stand on the issues whether the candidate realizes it or not.
  - Biblical Stands
    - Against Abortion
    - For Capital Punishment (the death penalty) – 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder.

- Against Government Inference of the family.
  - I.e. spanking children for discipline and calling it child abuse.
- Against Government forcing beliefs on the family.
  - I.e. Using public schools to support homosexuality.
- For Home Schooling
- For putting prayer and ten commandments back in the public schools
- Against the legalization of drugs
- Against the legalization of gambling.
- For the closing of bars and liquor stores on Sundays.
- Against same sex marriages.
- **Foreign Policy.**
  - Pro-Israel Position.