

“Clarity for Christian Citizens in the Vote” (Selected Texts)

Introduction

Thesis: I want you to consider with me 6 guiding principles for voting so that there is clarity entering the polls.

I. Be encouraged to _____ .

II. Be led to _____ .

III. Be looking at _____ .

IV. Be concerned for what _____ .

V. Be dependent upon our _____ .

VI. Be prepared to _____ .

Conclusion

Texts:

Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Romans 13:1-4 ¹Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴for it is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a servant of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

James 1:5 ⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 ¹First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, *and* thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, ²for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Philippians 1:12 ¹²Now I want you to know, brothers *and sisters*, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

Matthew 12:33-35 ³³"Either assume the tree *to be* good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree *to be* bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express *any* good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. ³⁵The good person brings out of *his* good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of *his* evil treasure evil things.

1 Timothy 3:14-15 ¹⁴I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; ¹⁵but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one should act in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

Proverbs 21:1

¹The king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He pleases.