

## VOTE KINGDOM

*"It will be conceded that a Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them. Whenever he shall do that, he will not find himself voting for an unclean man, a dishonest man. If Christians would vote their duty to God at the polls, they would carry every election, and do it with ease. Their prodigious power would be quickly realized and recognized, and afterward there would be no unclean candidates upon any ticket, and graft would cease. If the Christians of America could be persuaded to vote God and a clean ticket, it would bring about a moral revolution that would be incalculably beneficent. It would save the country." Mark Twain Colliers magazine, September 2, 1904*

It should not be a surprise to us that our nation has slipped from a God centered focus to a secularism philosophy which states that religion is the enemy of true freedom. For the secular world, freedom means do what you want, when you want, and to whom you want without judgment or penalty. This has led us to abortion, same sex marriage, assisted suicide, attacks on religious liberty, and now trying to make pedophilia a disorder rather than a criminal act.

This has all happened because over 50 million Christians have stayed away from the public discourse of ideas and do not vote. We often confuse politics with civics. They have been told that politics is dirty, that we have a dual citizenship, many pastors won't speak of the evils that many now call good. So in our Christian absence in the world in which we live, those who would destroy faith and promote alternative life styles have gained control of government, education, media, economy, science and technology, and all forms of entertainment. All of these mediums attempt to marginalized the church and our home life and use their influence to alter all the other parts of our life against the founding principles of our nation. We need to understand the difference between electing politicians or electing statesman.

It would seem that all is lost. But it is not.

What is Christian Citizenship? As stated before we are first and foremost citizens of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. That citizenship does not stop as citizens of the United States of America; no our citizenship in the Kingdom spills over into our citizenship of this county. As such, our actions in life mirror our actions in Christ. So as Christian/American citizens we act right, love what is right, support what is right and good and oppose evil at all

levels. We must engage and act on all issues (including those that are secular), with scriptural truths. This means we work, play, pray, speak in the public discourse of ideas, vote and rest according to what our faith teaches us.

So Christian Citizenship requires us to act. We must equip members of our church with information about the attacks on religious liberty and issues that impact our families, culture and our nation. We must equip those who run for office with the Christian values on which this nation was built and we must pray for all leaders. We should always start the discussion on good and evil and be ready to defend good at all times. Christian Citizenship is faithful, courageous and committed to one nation under God.

***When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. Proverbs 29:2***

In order to live a moral and Jesus purpose life, we must recognize when we stand silent, when we stand and fight, and when we become the voice that leads others to the glory of God. To do that we must accept and nurture all of Jesus' teachings to the world hungry to find His Kingdom.

To live this moral and ethical life, through the teachings of the Gospel and to defend a culture that leads to service to others, trust in God, and faith in our Savior; means that we must insure that those who we pick to represent us in Congress are people of upright and good stature.

To that end we must:

- To bring people of faith from all Christian denominations, together to stand against the government intrusion into our churches positions on marriage, life, and family; VOTE KINGDOM.
- To understand the attacks against people of faith who donot want to violate their faith by participating in sacrilegious ceremonies and activities.
- Stopping the assaults on religious liberties which diminishes our culture, our Christian way of life and understanding what those assaults are.
- Living life for the Kingdom and understanding our responsibilities as Christians and actions in our everyday life and standing with God by voting Kingdom.
- Getting involved in the public discourse of ideas and supporting those platforms that protect faith. We voteKingdom and platforms that support Kingdom not candidates or political parties. It's about civics not politics.

We are the shepherds of our national direction and we will be judged by God for how we leave this nation to our children's children. To vote for anyone who supports same sex marriage, abortion, or the demeaning of our Christian life goes against all that we have been taught by God. We must "Vote Kingdom" because that action states for each individual that they accept the teachings of Jesus Christ.