The Spiritual Life & Voting

Do they have anything to do with each other?

Colossians 3:17

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 Many Americans vote with nothing but emotion.

* Does voting count as a word or deed?
* Does my vote make a statement to the World of my belief system or my allegiance?
* Does my vote make a statement to the GOD to whom you serve?

**GOD allows governing authorities to exist.**

1. **Romans 13: 1-7** Be subject to the governing authorities. GOD allowed them to exist.
2. **What if Governing authorities fail by doing evil**, do we subject ourselves to them by doing evil?
* **Daniel 3** Three Hebrew men disobey evil establish by the authority of the day, by not worshipping an idol.

**We are blessed to choose our leaders and not have them chosen for US through heritance or domination.**

**To Whom much is given much is required !!!!!**

**Luke 12: 47-48 47**“The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. **48**But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked..

 Understand there are no perfect people or leaders

**Romans 3: 22-24 22**even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; **23**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24**being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Not: Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob(Israel),David, Peter, Paul

**Does GOD give us wisdom to select people to govern over us?**

**2 Peter 1:3 3**as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **I Say YES !!!!!**

**Pray to GOD that our *Leaders do the right things* and so we can have a *quiet & peaceful life***

**1 Timothy 2: 1-4**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, **2**for kings and all who are in ]authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+2%3A+1-4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29719c)]reverence. **3**For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4**who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**So what should we look for when trying to pick people to govern over us and help us to live quiet and peaceful lives?**

**Let’s look at a few things to help us make good judgements.**

1. **ABORTION: If the candidate supports abortion……NOT GOOD !!!**

**(** [**https://www.mdch.state.mi.us/osr/abortion/Tab\_US.asp**](https://www.mdch.state.mi.us/osr/abortion/Tab_US.asp) **)**

 **It has been disguised using these words: “A woman’s right to CHOOSE”**

**Proverbs 6: 16-19**

 **16**These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: **17**Aproud look, A lying tongue,

***Hands that shed innocent blood***, **18**A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

**19**A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

**Isaiah 49:1** Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; ***from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name.***

 **Genesis 25: 22-24 22**But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If *all is* well, why *am I like* this?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

1. And the Lord said to her:

“***Two nations are in your womb***,
***Two peoples shall be separated from your body***;
*One* people shall be stronger than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger.”

1. So when her days were fulfilled *for her* to ***give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb***
2. **Homosexual Rights (LGBTQ+) Beware**

**Romans 1:18-32**

1. **Racial divides (Building racial divides)**

**Marshall, you got to understand, that the way it is in this world.**

**1 Samuel 16: 2-7 Look at the heart**

**7But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at.** ***People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”***

1. **We were chosen to think and act different.**

**John 15: 18-20 18**“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. **19**If you were of the world, the world would love its own. ***Yet because you are not of the world****,* ***but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.***If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

1. **The weapons are the WORD, Thoughts, and our Deeds**

2 Corinthians 10: 4-6 **4For the *weapons of our warfare are not [***[***a***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%2010%3A4%2D6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28976a)***]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God*, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** **6**and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

1. **GOD doesn’t look at Ethnicity, Should we?**

 **Acts 10:34-36 34**Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **35**But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. **36**The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—

If GOD doesn’t use ethnicity as a factor, then neither should we.

\*\*When we select these kinds of people to rule over us, we are saying the same thing as:

**Matthew 27:19-25 HIS BLOOD be on us and on our children, but we want a quiet and peaceful life.**

Philippians 4:8 Think on these things

**8**Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.