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Guidelines & Questions for Choosing Your Representatives in Government

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There are a some highly important criteria to utilize as guidelines when choosing the people who will represent us in civil government. This is abundantly evident from the present condition of our nation and many of the states. Most of what a person does in public office flows from their beliefs and convictions on these matters:



1. Their beliefs and convictions about the **sanctity of human life**;
2. Their position on **abortion** and other devaluations of human life;
3. Their beliefs and convictions about **marriage** (one man, one woman), **family, and parental authority, rights and responsibilities**;
4. Their beliefs and convictions about the **constitution and rule of law**;
5. Their understanding of the **purpose of civil government** and any **limits to its power**.

A simple way to put this is: Is the person **pro-life, pro-marriage, pro-family, pro-constitution, and pro-rule of law**?

To go deeper, think more like God thinks, and represent Him in these matters, consider these questions about candidates for political office:

- Does he reverently fear God?
- Does he recognize accountability to God?
- Does he recognize that *all* men are created equal, and respect all citizens, regardless of their religious beliefs, male or female, age, color, or economic status?
- Does he recognize which rights are unalienable, and is he committed to preserving those rights (e.g., life, freedom of religion, rights of conscience, property)?
- Does he believe civil government should not interfere in matters of religion, conscience, the mind, and education?
- Does he believe the purpose of civil government is to encourage good behavior and punish evil behavior?

- Does he believe that the first purpose of civil government is to protect human life (including preborn and newly born children), and always punish those who deliberately take another's life?
- Does he believe that marriage and family are sacred institutions created by God, and are the relational and social foundation of society, which government is to protect?
- Does he believe that God created us "male and female," and will he stand against efforts to negate, alter, mutilate or otherwise destroy God-given identity of male or female?
- Will he do only "righteousness and justice," not take a bribe, and not do or support any injustice? (Deuteronomy 16:16-20)
- If elected, will he faithfully keep his oath to uphold the constitution by fulfilling his duties and not exceeding the bounds of his authority? (mostly from chapter 9, *Fire At The Founding*).

Any candidate that meets all of these criteria would be a "minister of God" in civil government, and if we chose such men, we could have good government and peaceful order (Romans 13:1-4).

PRAY that pastors and Christians will seek wisdom from the Word of God regarding public policy issues, civil government, and choosing who will represent them in government. And then **VOTE** accordingly!

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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