

# HONORING GOD 2018

*Will you honor God with your vote this Election Day?*

## 5 REASONS WHY I AS A CHRISTIAN SHOULD CARE ABOUT GOVERNMENT AND ABOUT VOTING

### 1 GOVERNMENT WAS INSTITUTED BY GOD.

Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2 show us that government was instituted by God, **created with a purpose and responsibility:** *to punish evil and reward those who do good.* Government is God's societal institution of justice, a value so important to God, His Son died on the Cross to satisfy its requirements.

### 2 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE MINISTERS OF GOD.

Romans 13 calls government officials *ministers of God*, meaning they are, in effect, servants of the Lord. **Just as pastors are ministers of the church, elected officials are ministers of God in government;** and they have a job to do for Him. This should change the way we view our elected officials. This is why the Bible calls us to pray, submit, and honor those in authority. (1 Tim 2, Rom 13, 1 Pet 2)

### 3 GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROPERLY DO ITS JOB WITHOUT THE CHURCH.

How do governments of the world determine good and evil? Left on their own, governments often get it wrong. **Government needs the church to provide a standard** and to give sound counsel on what the Lord has called good and evil. (1 Tim 3:15b)

### 4 LAW MATTERS.

The law has never been able to save, *but it is a moral teacher and shaper of culture.* The law has never been able to save (Gal. 2:16, 3:11, 4-5), but it is a moral teacher and revealer of God's righteousness. Good leaders will pass laws that reflect God's standards, guiding society toward what is right—laws that protect people by punishing evil and that make it easier to pursue righteousness.

### 5 YOU GET TO CHOOSE.

As Americans, we get to choose our *ministers* of government. As Christians we also know what God expects of government. He also expects us to be good stewards of this opportunity and select the best possible qualified individuals to serve as ministers in government. **Our right to vote is a gift God has given us to use to honor Him.** (Matt 25: 14-30)

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### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

You can register online at

**<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterToVote>**

### **KNOW WHERE TO VOTE**

Find your polling place online at

**<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/FindMyPollingPlace>**

### **REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT**

You may request an absentee ballot at

**<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>**

### **VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

STATEWIDE on November 6, 2018.

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**<https://wifamilycouncil.org/election-central/>**

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