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Are You Thankful for This?

Are you thankful for elections? No doubt every election brings certain pressures that you would probably rather not face. Do you avoid the topic completely? That doesn't seem advisable, so how much do you say, and what do you say? Just like an elected official who cannot make everyone happy, you may find yourself at election time in a similar situation with your church family. Some will think you say too much. Some will think you say too little. Some may not like what you say.

Our goal is to provide you with helpful resources and information to navigate the challenging waters of election season. We believe that God will grant you wisdom for addressing the issues and needs of the day. One thing we should be able to agree on for sure is that we should be a thankful people. "In everything give thanks" is the admonition of God's Word to us.

What are some things we can be thankful for during election season?

- That we live in a country that has been blessed with liberty and prosperity.
- That our standard of living allows us to support the work of world-wide missions.
- That as believers we have the ability to influence governmental policy by our vote and by our participation.
- That we have a number of believers who serve as elected officials in our legislature and in cities around our state.
- That there are believers who serve as staffers in the Capitol in Madison.
- That God has ordained government for our good (Romans 13).
- That when we pray for elected officials, we know we are praying in God's will (I Timothy 2:1-4).
- That as we live faithful lives as Christian citizens, God's sovereign will is going to be accomplished.
- That our hope is not in government or any elected official but in the God who created and controls the universe.



May you know God's blessing as you faithfully shepherd your flock in these challenging days.

For the gospel,



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P.S: We have a daily [Prayer Guide](#) leading up to the elections. For today, October 15, the prayer guide says: "Thank the Lord that as citizens in this country, we get to vote for those who govern. Pray that believers will vote in ways that reflect biblical values." Mark 9:29 reminds us that some things can be accomplished only through prayer. Our team is praying daily at 9:29 a.m. following this prayer guide. We encourage you to use the prayer guide and share it with your people to use as you deem fit.

P.P.S: Pray for those in Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida who are suffering from the devastation, destruction, and loss caused by the winds and flooding. The reports and videos are just heartbreaking. Pray for needs to be met and safety of relief workers. Pray that many will turn to the Lord as they are confronted with the brevity of life and loss of "stuff". Pray that God's people serving the relief effort will have many opportunities to share God's love with those in need.

P.P.P.S: Andrew T. Walker published an excellent article detailing three principles that should guide us as we vote 3 weeks from today. The article was published at World Opinions [HERE](#).