

## **Should the Church and Christians Stay Out of Politics? Reality Check, Pt. 4**

**Ephesians 5:15**, *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

**Deuteronomy 1:13**, *Choose some wise, understanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you.”*

**Acts 5:29**, *Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”*

### **1. Objections to The Church and Christians Being Involved in Politics:**

- Separation of Church and State
- Churches Should Just Preach the Gospel and Plant Churches
- You Can't Legislate Morality
- How Can a Christian Vote for a Specific Candidate?

### **2. Why Should Christians Be Involved in Politics?**

- **Jesus Was Involved in POLITICS**

**Mark 8:15**, *“Be careful,” Jesus warned them. “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.”*

- **We Are Blessed to Vote for Our LEADERS**

**Exodus 18:20**, *Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. **21** But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. **22** Have them serve as judges for the*

*people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.*

- **God Established Governments to Protect the INNOCENT**

**Proverbs 14:34**, *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.*

### **3. Issues That Matter Most to Me:**

- **Religious Freedom:**

- **Democrats: Restrict**
- **Republicans: Unrestricted**

**Acts 4:18**, *Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. **19** But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! **20** As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”*

- **Redefining the Family:**

- **Democrats: Favor It**
- **Republicans: Oppose It**

**Mark 10:5**, ... *Jesus replied. **6** “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ **7** ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, **8** and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.*

- **Abortion:**
  - **Democrats: Limitless**
  - **Republicans: Restricted**

**Psalm 139:13**, *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

- **Children Transitioning:**
  - **Democrats: Support and Pay for It**
  - **Republicans: Oppose It**

**Genesis 1:27**, *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

- **Morality: Right/Wrong**
  - **Democrats: Evolving**
  - **Conservative: Conservative**

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

- **Border Security:**
  - **Democrats: Oppose It**
  - **Republicans: Favor It**

**Nehemiah 4:8**, *They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.*

- **Support for Police:**
  - **Democrats: Defund**
  - **Republicans: Respect**

**Titus 3:1**, *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,*

**Romans 13:4**, *For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

- **Judges at Every Level:**
  - **Democrats: Activist**
  - **Republicans: Conservative**

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**Ecclesiastes 10:2**, *The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left.*

- **Women's Sports:**
  - **Democrats: Open to All**
  - **Republicans: Women Only**
- **School Choice:**
  - **Democrats: Oppose It**
  - **Republicans: Favor It**

#### **4. After the Election – How Will I Respond?**

**1 Timothy 2:1**, *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—* **2** *for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.* **3** *This is good, and pleases God our Savior,* **4** *who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*