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What does God have to say about Government?

Biblical Principles of Public Policy





Responsible Christian Citizenship

We are dedicated to preserving traditional values in the public arena. This means engaging in politics. But what is politics? Politics is a public conversation about important issues leading to decisions that will profoundly affect every aspect of our lives. Being a responsible Christian citizen means engaging in this conversation. We can have a positive influence on the policies that affect the faith community. Far better that we participate than do nothing.

There's a direct connection between modern day issues and the guidance in God's Word. The Bible has a lot to say about our responsibility and our relationship to earthly authorities.

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" — Philippians 3:20 (ESV)

We live our daily lives as part of a God-given stewardship. As citizens of two kingdoms, Heaven and Earth, it is our responsibility to be engaged with both. Christians are blessed with the privileges and responsibilities of both kingdoms!





"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." — 2 Corinthians 5:20a (ESV)

How do we become excellent ambassadors? For our values to be represented, we need a vibrant grassroots network supporting elected and appointed leaders who share core principles rooted in Judeo-Christian values.

Stewards of a Great Legacy

America's founders have given us a great legacy. It is our duty to preserve it. We must ensure time-honored values are passed on to the next generation and that civil leaders respect them. Instead of getting angry or complaining, we're dedicated to working with those who uphold life, family, freedom, and limited government. We are ambassadors for Christ. It is not only our privilege to vote and be involved, it is our duty.

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" — 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

Key Historic Quotes

"...civil liberty cannot be long preserved without virtue. A Republic must either preserve its virtue or lose its liberty." — John Witherspoon, 1783

"...religion [is] the basis and foundation of government...

Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." — James Madison, 1785

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men. ...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions...with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence..." — The Declaration of Independence, 1776

The Proper Role of Government

In America, we are blessed with a rare and wonderful Judeo-Christian heritage that enshrined a limited form of government in the U.S. Constitution. Our leaders serve an important Godgiven role, but we must work to protect the inherent rights of each citizen from being infringed by the state.

"God is the Judge: He brings down one and exalts another."

— Psalm 75:7 (CSB)



"For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."

— Romans 13:3-4 (ESV)

A Biblical View of Government

All human authority flows from God. Government was important enough to God for Him to clearly instruct us about it. He has set up civil leaders for His purposes and He commands us to pray for, give thanks for, respect, and honor all authority figures, even when we disagree with them.

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." — Romans 13:1 (ESV)



"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." — 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)

Even so, our highest obligation is to God's ultimate authority. We cannot follow laws that would require us to disobey God.

"Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'" — Acts 5:29 (ESV)

This is why we strive to have an impact in our government and establish our nation in a Biblical framework. By protecting religious liberty, we can live peaceful lives that honor Him.

Key Issues at Stake

We are standing at a crossroads. If people of faith do not engage and virtue is not upheld, we may very well lose our liberties. This is not about a political party or individual candidate—it is about fundamental truths. It is our duty to ensure the faith community is represented. This means supporting candidates who stand for life, natural marriage, freedom of education, parental rights, and limited government.

The Sanctity of Life

The Bible tells us that even before birth God has a design and plan for each person. We are made in His image. We must protect the most vulnerable and their God-given right to life from conception through every stage of life. Life is sacred.

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." — Psalm 139:13, 15-16 (ESV)



"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." — Psalm 127:3 (ESV)

"Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter."

— Proverbs 24:11 (ESV)

Educational Freedom & Parental Rights

God has established that parents are responsible for their children's upbringing. This is why we support parental rights in schooling and encourage citizens to run for school board.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

— Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)



The Michigan Constitution affirms the authority of parents:

"It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children." (Section 380.10)

Marriage & Family

God gives us a clear picture of what His intentions are for marriage, family, and sexuality. We uphold these truths and honor the God who made us by living according to His design.

"He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." — Matthew 19:4b-6 (ESV)

"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." — Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)