

HONORING GOD

Will you honor God with your vote this election day?

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

1 GOVERNMENT WAS INSTITUTED BY GOD

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2 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE MINISTERS OF GOD

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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.

4 LAW MATTERS

The law has never been able to save, and we are free from the penalty of sin. But the moral law comes from the character and nature of God, standing as a teacher and shaper of culture. Godly leaders pass laws that help guide society to see what is right and to protect people by making it more difficult to sin.

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