

WISDOM FROM OUR FOREFATHERS

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." James Madison

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." President John Adams

"The deterioration of every government begins with the decay of the principles on which it was founded." -- Montesquieu

Register to Vote!

Then carefully consider:

1. Does the candidate align himself/herself with God's biblical standards?
2. Have the candidates' campaign speeches aligned with his/her voting record?
3. Will the initiative/proposition have an affect upon God's standards?

An uneducated vote is a wasted vote!

God's Word exhorts us to vote and gives instructions on what we should seek in our selection of leaders.

Exodus 18:21: *"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."*
Proverbs 14:34, *"Righteousness exalts a nation." Righteousness comes when godly leaders are elected who enact righteous policies.*

As Christians it is our duty to elect leaders who reflect God's values.

ABORTION:

Scripture assures us that life begins at conception.

Psalm 139:13: *"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb".* **Psalm 139: 14-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 1:4, Deut. 5:17**

Should a woman have control over the life in her body? Ezekiel 18:4 *"For every living soul belongs to Me, the father as well as the son— both alike belong to Me."*
I Peter 2:16: *"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil."*

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Should a child who might be born deformed or retarded be aborted?

Exodus 4:11: *"The Lord said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"*

Romans 9:20: *"But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to Him who formed it, 'Why did You make me like this?'"*

Should a child conceived as a result of rape or incest be aborted?

Deuteronomy 24:16: *"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their fathers; each is to die for his own sin."* **Ezekiel 18:20**

Does the candidate/proposition support a women's choice or the baby's life?

EDUCATION:

Parents/Grandparents have the primary responsibility to teach their children. We can delegate specific duties to teachers, but parents remain responsible for what is taught.

Psalm : 78 :5: *"He commanded our fathers that they should teach them (commandments) to their children...."*

Proverbs 22:6 , Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Psalm 78:5-7, Titus 2 :1-8

Does the candidate/proposition promote giving parents the choice to decide where their child should go to school?

Are your values being taught and enforced or are they being subverted? Are your rights as a parent being supported or abused?

HOMOSEXUALITY:

God opposes homosexual behavior

I Corinthians 6:9-10: *"Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God."*

Romans 1:18-27, 32

Does the candidate/proposition support or endorse the homosexual movement?

JUDICIAL SELECTION:

Appoint judges and officers who pursue only justice

Deuteronomy 16:18-20: *"You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God is giving you...and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe...."* **I Samuel 16:7**

Will the judge you vote for support and interpret the law

according to our Constitution or use the position to make laws based on his/her own personal philosophy? What are his/her core values that might influence judgments?

MARRIAGE:

God gives a wife to a husband and a husband to a wife. They are to receive one another as God's unique provision to meet their mutual needs and to procreate.

Genesis 2:24: *"For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh."*

Matthew 19:5, Ephesians 5:31

Does the candidate/proposition support the definition of marriage as only between one man and one woman?

PORNOGRAPHY:

God warns us to avoid the temptation of sexual sins.

Romans 12:1 *"Present your bodies a living holy sacrifice, acceptable to God...."*

Matthew 5:28 *"but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart."*

Romans 13:13-14, I Corinthians 6:13b, Revelation 2:20-23

Will the candidate/proposition strive to remove pornography from our community?

WELFARE:

It is the responsibility of believers (not government institutions) to help the poor and widows and orphans.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8: *"If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother; but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks."*

James 1:27: *"This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress...."* **James 2:15-16**

Does the candidate/proposition support a larger state/federal welfare system, or is he/she pursuing ideas to make the system more workable – more responsible – less abused.?