

## Consider Your Vote Carefully

Various Scriptures

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**God blesses those that acknowledge and obey Him and judges those who do not.**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others... (Matthew 5:13-16)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

I have given them your Word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:14-17)

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

### **Regarding the Economy**

*Do they believe in redistribution of wealth, penalizing the successful and profiting the lazy?*

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” (2 Thessalonians 3:6-10)

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If

that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:25-32)

Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with [water and abundant produce]; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God... You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God. (Deuteronomy 8:6-20)

God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change—he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God. (Psalm 55:19)

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

## **Regarding the Nation of Israel**

*Are they supportive, neutral or antagonistic to Israel?*

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:2-3)

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 7:6)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6a)

## Regarding Human Sexuality

*How many genders do they believe there are?*

*Can your candidate define what a man or a woman is?*

*Should biological males be allowed into private female spaces?*

*Should biological males be allowed to compete against females in athletics?*

*Should anyone (let alone children) be encouraged to take powerful hormone changing drugs or be surgically altered so that they will never be able to have children?*

*Should parents have knowledge of such desires and procedures kept from them?*

God created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created. (Genesis 5:2)

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. (Genesis 1:27-28)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother’s womb.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!

Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,  
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out

before a single day had passed. (Psalm 139:13-16)

A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this. (Deuteronomy 22:5)

“Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’”  
(Romans 9:20b)

*Should LGBTQ alternative lifestyles be celebrated and affirmed as normal and appropriate?*

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral ... nor men who have sex with men. (1 Corinthians 6:9)

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be

wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. (Romans 1:21-27)

...he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly... This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. (2 Peter 2:6, 10)

*Should marriage be limited to one man and one woman or should anyone who “loves” someone else be allowed to marry them?*

*Do they support the Defense of Marriage Act or the so called Respect of Marriage Act.*

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘woman,’  
for she was taken out of man.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. (Genesis 2:20b-24)

## **Regarding Human Life**

*Do they believe in a woman's right to choose or in the sanctity of human life?*

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. (Deuteronomy 18:9-12)

They sacrificed their sons  
and their daughters to demons.

They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters,  
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was desecrated by their blood.  
They defiled themselves by what they did;  
by their deeds they prostituted themselves.  
Therefore the Lord was angry with his people  
and abhorred his inheritance. (Psalm 106:37-40)

## **Regarding Public Education**

*Do children belong to the state or to their parents?*

*Should Parents or “the enlightened State” and teachers be in charge of what is taught to children?*

*Should parents be allowed options for higher-quality schooling that may align better with their values (charter/vouchers/home-schooling) or should they be forced to submit their children to monopolized indoctrination as practiced in the public schools?*

*Should children be taught about sex in schools at all and especially about practices that are deviant from God’s design?*

*Should drag-queen story hours be a part of a child’s life-experience?*

*Should the focus of public schools be the ABC’s or CRT and LGBTQ.*

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (Psalm 34:11)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. (Luke 17:1-2)

## **Regarding law and order...**

*Believe that laws one does not like can and should be ignored?*

*It is right and appropriate to riot and destroy other people’s property when unhappy about some aspect of society?*

*Have more sympathy for the criminals or for the victims of crime?*

*Believe in low or no bail for criminals allowing them back on the street in hours?*

*Believe in stiff or lenient sentencing for criminals?*

*Believe that so-called lesser crimes like shoplifting should not be prosecuted?*

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness... (Isaiah 5:20)

Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit. (Exodus 23:2-3)

Therefore the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked hem in the righteous,  
so that justice is perverted. (Habakkuk 1:4)

The Lord is slow to anger but great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished. (Nahum 1:3a)

Show no pity. You must purge from Israel the guilt of shedding innocent blood... (Deuteronomy 19:13)

*Believe that people should be held responsible for the sins of their ancestors?*

Parents are not to be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their parents; each will die for their own sin. (Deuteronomy 24:16)

*Believe foreign nationals should be allowed to ignore our immigration laws?*

*Believe those here illegally should be entitled to government benefits?*

*Believe foreign nationals should be allowed to vote.*

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 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. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Romans 13:1-7)

*Believe it appropriate for judges to make rulings on the basis of their political agendas rather than accurately determining the intent of the laws passed by the Legislative branch?*

*Believe in court packing (adding to the number of justices on a court) to make it easier to achieve political goals?*

*See the constitution as the safeguard it is intended to be for all rather than a roadblock to change?*

### **Regarding Religious Liberty**

*Do they support the "separation of church" and state or freedom of religion?*

But [Peter and John] replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:19-20)

***Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*** – President John Adams 1798

*"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers. National prosperity can neither be obtained nor preserved without the favor of Providence."* – John Jay, First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

### **Regarding Free Speech**

*Believe that unpopular, divisive and even offensive speech should be disallowed?*

*Believe that it is right and proper for dissenting views to government and policies be silenced?*

The first to state his case seems right, until his opponent begins to cross-examine him. (Proverbs 18:17)

### **Regarding the Environment**

*Believe man can and is irreparably damaging the planet and drastic measures must be taken to avert catastrophe?*

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare... But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13)