

**Choosing Civil Magistrates**

**1 Timothy 2:1-4**

**Mac Williams, Pastor**

**October 11, 2020**

**1. God calls and enables every believer to live the Christian life as a good \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.**

- a. Fighting the good fight of faith requires regular \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Fighting the good fight of faith requires giving \_\_\_\_\_ to God for what He has provided.
- c. Fighting the good fight of faith requires pursuing a life of godliness in \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- d. Fighting the good fight of faith includes a desire to see people of all sorts come to the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.

**2. In light of how God has called Christians to live, they should honor the Lord by seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ civil magistrates who allow them the freedom to serve Him.**

*“The privilege of election the people have, must not be exercised according to their whims but by the will and law of God.” - Thomas Hooker*

- a. Choose magistrates who have a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- b. Choose magistrates who give evidence of making \_\_\_\_\_ decisions on important issues.
- c. Choose magistrates who will make it possible to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life by upholding law and order.
- d. Choose magistrates who will uphold religious \_\_\_\_\_ so that Christians are allowed to pursue a life of godliness in all things.

*“Magistrates were appointed by God for the protection of \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the peace and decency of society.” - John Calvin*

*“America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.”  
- from “America the Beautiful” by Katharine Bates*