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Choose Wisely!

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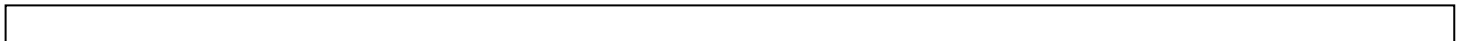
There is no greater need than for those who are members of the Lord's spiritual body to live genuine Christian lives in a world that is steeped in ignorance, darkness and sin. What is needed is a radiant light from Christians living right before God (Matt. 5:16). "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27). We need people in the church who "show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). People need to see that Christians are different (1 Pet. 4:4). Christians do not partake with anything that is evil (1 Thess. 5:22), but rather, that which is good (3 Jn. 11).

I say this because this November Christians will be voting for people running for office. I realize that it is not the responsibility of the church to be involved in politics. This does not mean that individual Christians cannot be involved in the political procedure. God reveals through Solomon that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33:12). Thus, God will either bless a nation or curse it based upon its righteousness. Righteousness is that which is morally right and correct. Moral issues should be of utmost concern to Christians in their determination of how to vote. The main factors will be who and what will lead this nation in the way of

righteousness. Remember, ten righteous people could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18:16; 19:24). It is time brothers and sisters to look to God and "stand in the gap" (Ezek 22:30) for that which is right in His sight or God will destroy us as a nation (Psalms 9:17).

With these thoughts in mind, how could a Christian vote for anyone who supports **abortions**? This practice degrades human life, whereas God reveals the value of human life, made man in His image (**Gen. 1:26-27**). From the very beginning of human history murder has been considered one of the greatest of crimes. The principle on which the act of taking the life of a human being was regarded by the Almighty as a capital offense is stated on its highest ground as an outrage on the likeness of God in man, to be punished (Gen 9:5-6). The scriptures teach the value of all human life and there is no distinction made between unborn babies and those born. God considered Jeremiah valuable and appointed him as a prophet while he was in his mother's womb (**Jer. 1:5**). Through the inspiration of Luke, God said Elizabeth had a baby in her womb (**Luke 1:41**). It was a baby that had life, not just a blob of lifeless tissue!

One of the most interesting Bible texts relating to the beginning of the human characteristic can be found in **Luke 1:36**. Mary was told that her cousin,



Elizabeth, had “conceived a son.” Elizabeth **conceived**, not a child or babe, but a son! Not only are the unborn human at conception, but God Almighty tells us that child’s gender **at conception**.

Some politicians will even support the ungodly action of partial birth abortions. These types of individuals will not uphold righteousness, but they are upholding ungodliness. Therefore, those who are Christians, following in Christ’s footsteps, doing God’s Will, will vote spiritually minded, and not carnal minded! (**Rom. 8:5-6**).

Another major issue of today is homosexuality, same sex marriages. The Bible is very clear on this subject. God’s plan for marriage and the family has not changed. Liberal critics try to degrade the concept of the traditional family. In the beginning God made one man and one woman, Adam and Eve. It was God who established the boundaries of marriage and the family (**Get. 2:24**). Look at **Genesis 19:4-7**, homosexuality on the part of the men of Sodom led to that city’s destruction. The men of Sodom clearly wanted to know the angels by having homosexual relations with them. The Lord said their sin was “very grievous” (**Get. 18:20**). The men of Sodom were destroyed because they were guilty of homosexual activities.

Homosexuality was strongly condemned in the Law of Moses (**Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Deut. 23:17-18**). We suggest that a reader would need help to misunderstand these passages. The inspired writer said of Judah, “And there were also sodomites in the land and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel” (**1 Kings 14:24**). Because of such abominations God destroyed the city of Jerusalem and Judah by the hand of the pagan king Nebuchadnezzar (**2 Kings 36:14-17**). Christ condemned homosexuality despite the claim of some to the contrary. Jesus specifically stated that God created male and female (**Matt. 19:4**). We find no mention of a third or fourth type of human sexual being. He condemned fornication (**Matt. 19:9**) and homosexuality is a form of

fornication.

In **Romans 1**, Paul spoke, by pen of inspiration, and said “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet” (**Rom. 1:26-27**). Observe that “**God gave them up**” to “**vile passions.**” The passions to which the heathen nations were given are declared to be vile and corrupted. Paul’s observation that homosexual activity goes “**against natural**” harks back to the creation model when God created the first human beings (**Gen 1:26**). Homosexual practices go against the natural pattern established by God when He created “**male and female**”. Therefore, homosexuality goes against the natural order of marriage. In **Romans 1:29**, it says that they were “Being filled with all unrighteousness ...” Then note **verse 32**, “Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Not only is God displeased with those who participate in homosexual behavior, but Paul indicates that He is equally displeased with those who are supportive of such conduct — even if they do not engage in the activity themselves.

The Christian, as he considers moral issues, cannot vote for these individuals. While there are many other important moral issues today, these (murder or abortion, same sex marriages and homosexuality) are a good start. As we decide whom we will vote for in the upcoming elections, let us always remember to uphold what is morally right in God’s sight by the way we cast our vote. Christian’s morals should reflect the character of Christ. Christians can know right from wrong by looking to the doctrine of Christ and living daily according to His teaching.

It is time to turn away from those who lower the moral standards of Christ! Turn from those who disregard sanctity of life! Turn away from those who pervert God’s marriage law! Turn away from those who grow fat on immorality! Turn away from sin and look to God! The choice is yours, God’s standard of morality or the worlds. **CHOOSE WISELY!** (**Josh. 24:5**).