

1. **God established our Government. Romans 13:1**

- A. All governments including ours, are established by God.
- B. Part of our form of government is the responsibility to elect our leaders.



2. It is important for us **“to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”** 1 Timothy 2:2

- A. In the time of Paul the ability of Christians to participate in government was limited to just praying.
- B. This passage deals with our need to pray – and we must pray. However, in our society, Christians can do more than pray. We have the ability to affect who will be our rulers, by participating in the political process.
- C. Our rulers have a great affect on our ability “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”
- D. This passage implies that the ability “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” affects our ability to share Christ.

- E. Our ability to choose our leaders gives us the ability to pick leaders that would choose to assure our ability “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”
- F. The ultimate reason for Christians to do anything is because it pleases God.

3. **Jesus calls us to be salt and light. Matthew 5:13-15**

- A. Jesus calls us to make a difference in society. As stated earlier the ability to share the gospel is enhanced by our ability to live in a peaceful and quiet community. Therefore those who make the laws create a community that is peaceful and quiet. Affecting the outcome of political decisions affects our ability to live quiet and peaceful lives.
- B. Jesus calls us to witness to others around us. So even if you do not get involved in organized politics you should still speak the truth in love with others in the community.



4. **We are to “Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.”** Isaiah 1

- A. The ability to seek justice requires that government knows what is right and wrong.
- B. By electing people who know that difference we affect justice.
- C. In speaking out against unjust laws and unhealthy practices to encourage the oppressed.

5. **We are to defend the cause of the poor and needy as that is what it means to know the Lord. Jeremiah 22:15-16**

- A. Society has a role in the cause of the poor and needy.
- B. Passing laws that properly defend the cause of the poor and needy is improved when we are involved.

6. **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalms 33:12**

If we are a nation whose God is the Lord we must elect individuals for whom God is the Lord.

7. **Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Proverbs 14:34**

If a nation is to be righteous it must have righteous leaders and people.

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

- A. It is certain that we need to have righteous leaders if we do not want to be groaning.
- B. In America if righteous people do not vote and are not involved then the wicked will rule.



9. **Our God is a God of Involvement... So we must be a people of Involvement.**

A. **God is A God of Involvement**

- 1. “He **raises up the poor, lifts the needy, and will guard the feet of his faithful ones.**” 1 Samuel 2
- 2. “**He sets on high** those who are lowly, and those who mourn are **lifted to safety.** He **saves the needy from the sword** of their mouth and **from the hand** of the mighty.” Job 5: 11, 15
- 3. “Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, **I will now arise,**” says the LORD; “**I will place him in the safety for which he longs.**” Psalms 12:5
- 4. “**I was ready to be sought** by those who did not ask for me; **I was ready to be found** by those who did not seek me. I said, “**Here am I, here am I,**” to a nation that was not called by my name. I **spread out my hands all the day** to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;” Isaiah 65:1-2
- 5. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! **How often would**

I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! See, your house is left to you desolate.” Matthew 23:37-38.

6. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8



**B. We must be a people of involvement**

1. We are **made in God’s image**. Genesis 1:26
2. Why are we to be holy? **Because He is holy**. Leviticus 19:2
3. Why are we to be forgiving? **Because He is forgiving**. Ephesians 4:32
4. Why are we to be loving? **Because He is loving**. John 13:34
5. Why are we to be caring? **Because He is caring**. 1 Peter 5:7, Mathew 6: 25-33
6. Why are we to be humble? **Because He is humble**. Matthew 11:29
7. Why are we to be involved? **Because He is involved**. Deuteronomy 32: 9-14

**10. How can Christians be involved?**

- A. Vote
1. Vote your biblical values.
  2. Be informed about the candidates.

3. Use Exodus 18:21 as your guide.
- B. Participate in political parties.
1. Become a convention delegate.
    - a. Select candidates.
    - b. Establish party platform.
  2. Run for political party office.
  3. Volunteer to do work.
    - a. Put up yard signs.
    - b. Do phoning.
    - c. Drop literature.
    - d. Go door to door
  4. Contribute financially.
- C. Help candidates run for office.
1. Serve on campaign committee.
  2. Volunteer to do work.
    - a. Put up yard signs.
    - b. Make phone calls.
    - c. Drop literature.
    - d. Go door to door with candidate.
    - e. Host a meet-the-candidate event at your home.
    - f. Help raise money.
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    - b. Help with mailings.
    - c. Help raise money.
    - d. Pass out literature.
    - e. Go door to door.
    - f. Get out others to vote.
    - g. Run a voter registration drive in your church.
    - h. Start a civic activity group in your church.
    - i. Testify at the legislature.
    - j. Write letters to the editor.
    - k. Call into talk radio shows.

1. Invite others to volunteer.
2. Contribute financially.
3. Attend rallies.



**E. Run for Office.** (Godly leaders require godly candidates.)

1. School Board.
2. City Office.
3. County Office.
4. State Representative or Senator.
5. Governor or Statewide office.
6. District Judge.
7. Minnesota Supreme Court Justice.
8. Federal Office.



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