Christian Citizens have the duty to

VOTE UNDER GOD



"It will be conceded that a Christian's First... "-Mark Twain

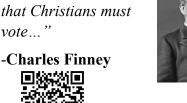


"Freedom is a fragile thing and is never ... " -Ronald Reagan





"The time has come that Christians must vote... "



"Now more than ever the people are responsible..." -James A. Garfield





[S]ecularists are wrong when they ask believers to..." **Barack Obama**



"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." -Psalm 33:12

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Not Voting is Tacit Approval of Evil

Our 2024 elections, whether at the state or national level, are genuinely one of the most critical elections of our lifetime. As Christians and Prolifers, we may not be thrilled with our choices for U.S. President -aHarris/Walz Administration or a Trump/Vance Administration - but these are the only viable choices.

"The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state and never its tool. If the Church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." By Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Over the last four years, the corruption of our culture has been accelerated, and those who commit evil acts feel emboldened to continue their actions without fear of reprisal.

As Christians, we respect the rule of law and parental rights and defend traditional family values and religious liberty; we must support those candidates whose policies most closely align with our values on these critical issues.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act" emphasizes the moral obligation to speak out against evil and to take action to stop it – that is to VOTE. This concept is often attributed to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor whom the Nazis executed. Silence in the face of evil has dangerous consequences. When we remain silent, by NOT VOTING, we essentially give tacit approval to the evil being committed.

As Christians, we have a duty and a responsibility to be good citizens. That means exercising our right to vote in every election. We are not always afforded the choice of a strong Christian candidate or even a candidate who may be as prolife as we are. But in almost every race, there is a candidate who will support policies more closely aligned with your values. Our refusal to VOTE, in effect, casts a VOTE for the candidates who will do our Nation the most significant harm.



<u>Here are three things you can do to make a profound</u> <u>difference in this vital election.</u>

1. <u>**Pray**</u> Without Ceasing—Commit to Praying Daily between now and November 5, 2024. Christian lawyer Michael Whitehead said, "If America is to be saved, saved Americans must lead the way."

- ⇒ The healing of our nation begins with the prayers of the church the ecclesia. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and search for Me, and turn from their wicked way, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Pray for God to forgive and restore His righteousness in this Nation.
- Pray for a great awakening in America.
- Pray for God to raise up elected officials with a zeal for truth and who walk in the fear of the Lord.
- Pay for elected leaders with a servant's heart, a clear conscience, and who walk in integrity.
- Pray for the election process to be fair, impartial, and free of corruption, and expose any attempts to steal the election at any level.

2. **Influence** by educating your family, friends, and coworkers on the candidates and the issues confronting our nation. Please commit to reaching five people you know to ensure they are:

- Supportive of the candidates who are most friendly to faith, family, and life.
- Registered to vote or have verified their registration is up to date.
- Encourage them to vote early, but make sure they vote.
- Handout prolife and profamily Voter Guides.
- Inspire them to influence five other like-minded people to do the same.
- 3. **Engage** going beyond influencing to leading others to be influencers.
- Host a weekly prayer meeting between now and the election.*
- Conduct a non-partisan voter registration drive at your church.*
- Host a Candidate meet and greet in your home or at your church.*
- Facilitate a Christian Citizenship study group*
- Get paid to go door-to-door by prolife groups like Susan B. Anthony and other conservative groups.*
- Volunteer for a Candidate's Campaign.*

*Foundation for Life and Greater Toledo Right to Life can provide resources and connections. Email ed@gtrtl.org or call him 419-353-1977.