

Getting Political

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Is it legal for churches to get political?

Churches tend to avoid political issues being fearful of losing their tax-exempt status. Those with that fear may avoid endorsing political parties or candidates.

- But that doesn't mean that they can't speak out for or against political issues.
- Way too many churches totally avoid political issues out of fear and the misguided idea of neutrality.

Should pastors address political issues from the pulpit?

This is something that seems to divide Christians...

From the 2025 State of Theology Survey published by Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research:

"Christians should not allow their religious beliefs to influence their political decisions."

Over half (54%) of US adults agreed with this statement. Filtered for those with Evangelical beliefs, the number dropped . . . but only to 29%.

- That means nearly 1 in 3 supposed Evangelicals does not believe that their religious beliefs should impact their political decisions.

Ironically, at the same time, 95% of the same group believe that:

"The Bible has the authority to tell us what we must do."

So, the Bible has the authority to tell us what to do—unless it's a political decision.

Why the inconsistency between the Bible's authority and politics?

This idea that our beliefs shouldn't impact our politics stems from the lie that there is such a thing as neutrality.

But there is no neutrality...

Matthew 12:30 – *Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

What is politics?

Politics is legislated morality. And morality is the result of your worldview.

- Leftists legalize the murder of unborn children, the genital mutilation of children and teens, and the perversion of marriage and sexuality because of their worldview (their religion).
- Leftists believe that absolute personal autonomy is the highest good, and they legislate in accordance with this belief.

Everyone has a religion, and it's folly to pretend otherwise.

So, how then should Christians regard politics?

Christians should apply our Christian beliefs to all aspects of our lives, even politics.

- We're to seek the good of the nation we're in using our influence as salt and light for such a time as this as we do the King's business until he returns.
- Our attitude should be: "Politics matters because policy impacts people and people matter."

What are some political issues about which Christians should not be neutral?

- Opposition to abortion (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6; Exodus 21:22-25; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5)
- Opposition to gay marriage (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)
- Opposition to socialism (Exodus 20:15, 17)
- Opposition to not being allowed to defend yourself and family (Luke 22:36, 1 Timothy 5:8)

Can Christians be too involved in politics?

We should not be obsessed with politics. Ultimately, we are to be heavenly minded, more concerned with the things of God than the things of this world (Colossians 3:1-2).

- As believers in Jesus Christ, we are all members of the same political party—monarchists who are waiting for their King to return (Rev 19:11-16).
- Christian Groups such as the New Apostolic Reformation (7 mountain mandate) are too involved in politics... they are post-millennial.

What should be the Christian's priority when it comes to politics?

The desire to clean up our culture should be lower priority than to help people to know the Lord. When people's hearts are changed by Christ, godly governments and institutions will follow.

How should Christians be involved in politics?

- Defend the issues that are biblical and expose the ones that are not.
- The Christian should not be disconnected from politics: we are commanded to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- Vote for candidates that advocate for the most biblical issues

Does God expect Christians to vote?

Even if our vote isn't counted by the worldly powers, how we vote does matter to God...

Ephesians 5:11 – have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

God, the Holy Spirit is restraining evil in this world and He is working through the church to do that.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

The Holy Spirit's ministry of restraining evil will end at the rapture of the church. But until then, we should work with the Spirit to restrain evil any way we can.

Is it important for Christians to be regarded as good citizens?

Certainly, as God's representatives on earth, Christians should be good citizens, and good citizens are expected to vote...

Titus 3:1 – Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work

How is voting a matter of good stewardship?

Not everyone has the opportunity to choose their leadership, it is a gift we should exercise...

1 Peter 4:10 – As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Can voting improve the condition of humanity on earth?

The evidence of sin's grip on this fallen world is everywhere. And much of the suffering on earth is because of godless leadership...

Proverbs 28:12 – When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

If enough Christians pray and vote to raise up godly leaders, the Lord will be moved to take action on our behalf.

Proverbs 14:34 – Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

How should Christians vote?

Christians should vote as led through prayer and study of both God's Word and the realities of the choices on the ballot.

- Candidates or proposals that violate the Bible's commands for life, family, marriage, or faith should never be supported

How should we apply Christian principles in the way we vote?

It is the duty and responsibility of every Christian to vote for leaders promoting the most Christian principles (and voting against those promoting antichrist principles). God is certainly in control, but that does not mean we should do nothing to further His will.

- Scripture reveals that God has been displeased with our choices of leadership at times (Hosea 8:4).

Is choosing the lesser of two evils a legitimate way to vote?

The lesser of two evils is a saying that expresses a comparison of two bad or undesirable choices. Neither option is good, but the lesser of two evils seems to be the better choice because it is the less detrimental of the two.

- The poor choice of candidates in an election is a choice involving two less-than-sinful options, it is not really speaking about true moral evil...

1 Thess 5:22 – Abstain from every form of evil

What is the prophetic significance of Christians refusing to get involved with politics?

It is yet one more manifestation of apostasy where Christians are compromising with the culture...

1 Timothy 4:1 – Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

Indeed, during the Tribulation, those who compromise with the culture of the Antichrist's government are lost:

Revelation 18:4 – Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Churches should weigh into politics, there is no neutrality.
- Vote, our choices matter to God.