

What does the Bible say about political involvement?

Is There Not a Cause?!

I Samuel 17:29



"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." (Samuel Adams)

Eternal vigilance in the truth is the price of liberty. (John 8:32)

"Let not your children curse you for giving up those rights and prostrating those institutions which your fathers delivered to you." (Mathias Burnett, Congregational Pastor)

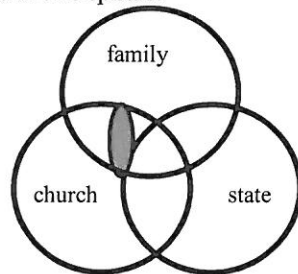
"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (Daniel 3:17-18)

Our hope is not in politics; it is in God. And He wants us to stand.

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A righteous man runs to his responsibilities!
**Biblical Basis for a Christian's Involvement
in Civil Government!**

1. **There is no power but of God (Rom. 13:1).**
The sphere ("jurisdiction") of civil government is ordained of God; it is therefore good. A godly man runs to his responsibilities in all of his God-placed spheres. The scriptures do not excuse him from his responsibilities in this sphere.



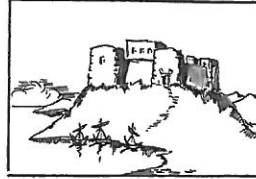
2. **When the righteous are in authority ("government"), the people rejoice (Pro. 29:2).**

Our civil government is "of the people." Who should be in authority?!



3. **Pray...that ye may lead a quiet and peaceable life...**
(I Tim. 2:1-3).
“God won’t do for you what you can do for yourself”
(Ex. 4:2).

4. **Ye are the salt [and light] of the earth** (Mt. 5:13-16).
Salt retards corruption which is the essence of good law.
“Light” is in the context of a city.



5. **Filthy dreamers...despise** (“disesteem”) **dominion**
 (“government”) (Jude 8).
Government is not to be disesteemed, set aside.
6. **Her husband is seated in the gate** (Pro. 31:23).
The virtuous woman has a politically-active husband.
7. **When I went out to the gate through the city**
(Job 29:7).

The godliest of men were active politically, including Job, Joseph, Moses, David, and Daniel (Ez. 14:14). Paul did not cease being a Roman citizen or cease fulfilling his responsibilities of Roman citizenship after becoming a Christian (Acts 21:39; 25:6-11). He did not deny his privilege of citizenship which he should have if he refused its responsibility.

8. **Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s** (Lk. 20:25).
Does our Caesar call for our involvement?



9. **Blessed are the peacemakers** (Mt. 5:9).
Can I be a better peacemaker by not having a strong national defense (Mt. 12:19)? Can I better provide for my family by not protecting them physically (I Tim. 4:8)? Did Christ tell the believing centurion to resign from the military (Lk. 7:1-20) or did John the Baptist tell believing soldiers to resign (Lk. 3:14)? Did Paul tell the believing centurion Cornelius to resign (Acts 10)?

Christian Responsibilities to Civil Government!

1. Do and be righteous (Pro. 4:23; 14:34).
2. Be informed (Pro. 18:15; 19:2; 24:4; Ho. 4:6).
3. Pray for those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-2).
4. Build strong families (Pro. 14:1; Gen. 18:19). The strength of a nation is the strength of its families.
5. Build strong local churches (Mt. 16:18; Heb. 10:24-25). The hope of America continues to be changed lives resulting from the preaching of the Word of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. Politics is not **the** solution to our problems, but it is part of the solution when Christians, in obedience to the Word of God, are involved in the community. Our position politically is similar to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's in Daniel 3:17 and 18.
6. Maintain law and order immediately around you and in your larger community (Pro. 24:11-12).
7. Require civil government to be righteous (Pro. 14:34). Who is going to be in charge?!
8. Vote (Pro. 19:2).
9. Be involved in a special project. Give time, energy, and money (Pro. 22:29; 31:33; Esther 4:14; Acts 13:36).



TASK BREAKDOWN (bases to cover)

1. legislator befrienders (535) _____
2. bill reviewer _____
3. briefing writer _____
4. staffer contact _____
5. congressmen contact _____
6. identifier of congressmen _____
7. organizations contact _____
8. Department of Education contact _____
9. executive branch contact _____
10. minutemen-lobbyists _____
11. lobbying rules specialist _____
12. media scout _____
13. media specialist and contact person _____
14. we-the-people motivator _____
15. fund raiser (legal battles, election)/foundations contact _____
16. platform, position paper developer _____
17. prayer director _____
18. Bible research committee chairman _____
19. heritage-documents research director _____
20. publications director _____
21. monthly papers/instruction chairman _____
22. pastor and friend to legislators _____
23. preacher regainer _____
24. elections director _____

- 25. strategy council chairman _____
- 26. scholarly research contact _____
- 27. youth enlister _____
- 28. Washington conference director _____
- 29. personnel director _____
- 30. state leadership developer _____
- 31. regional telephone director, communications _____
- 32. American heritage vision promoter _____
- 33. preacher before committees _____
- 34. coordinator (I Sam. 3:13) _____
- 35. other: technology, bureaucracy, courts, attorneys _____
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- 36. _____
- 37. _____
- 38. _____