

God's Word and Your Vote (Part 3): Issues



The Introduction

- ❖ **The BIG Idea:** For God's glory, you should vote responsibly.
 - *God's Glory* ~ What does the **Bible** say about God and government? → The **Why?**
 - *Responsibly* ~ What laws does the U.S. **Constitution** allow at Federal, State, and Local levels? → The **What?**
 - *Vote* ~ How *should* Christians vote on the particular issues, *responsibly* considering what the Bible and Constitution dictate? → The **How?**

The Issues and Your Vote

❖ Overall Principles and Considerations

- Salt and Light

- **Biblical Axiom:** "Who we *are* (Christians and Americans) should determine *what* we do—belief determines behavior... including how we vote!" → *Principles* (Biblical and Constitutional) vs *Pragmatics* (unintended consequences spiral...)

- **** Our Priorities for the Issues:**
 - 1) Biblical: Morally Commanded? God honoring? Permissible? Practical? (**MSA!**—Moral)
 - 2) Constitutional: Allowed? What level of Government? ("Legal")?
 - NB: *Unlimited King* and *Limited Government* (Federalism and Separation of Powers)

❖ The Issues: Life

- Abortion
- Capital Punishment/Crime
- War
- Marriage
- Healthcare

❖ The Issues: Liberty

- Education

- Freedom of Religion

➤ Freedom of Speech

➤ 2nd Amendment

❖ **The Issues: Property** (Pursuit of Happiness)

The Conclusion

❖ **So What?**

❖ **Final:** We are *responsible* and *accountable* to God!

➤ Importance of foundational documents: Bible and Constitution

➤ **Biblical Axiom:** Who we *are* should determine what we *do*!

➤ For God's glory, we should vote responsibly!

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