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*WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN CARE?*

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*Leadership, Politics, Government, Worldview, Apologetics, Righteousness*

**Acts 17:28 NKJV**

For in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

**The Apostle Paul’s argument is simply this** – that there’s no place on earth, in life, where the Christian is not to be a Christian. That there’s no sphere of influence that the Christian is not to be engaged.

**Proverbs 29:2**

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;  
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

## **Jesus Christ Gave The Christian a Cultural Mandate**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **:14** “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **:15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## **OUR BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW ON POLITICS WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN CARE ?**

*DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN A HOSTILE AGE*

**1.) We have a responsibility to God**

*“Don’t be so heavenly minded that you are of no earthly good.”  
But I think that the modern day, 21<sup>st</sup> century church is so earthly minded that it is rarely  
heavenly good.*

**The Christian is to be a Public Witness in His World**  
(Everywhere, anywhere, because we care)

**There’s A Day Coming**

**2 Corinthians 5:9-11**

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.  
:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. :11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

As Believers, we come from a long-line of cultural crusaders.

**Here’s a few examples of God’s people influencing governments**

Daniel, Esther, Jeremiah, Isaiah, John the Baptist – even Paul used his political-civic opportunity to appeal to Caesar.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, :2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**WE PERSUADE MEN.  
NOT DICTATE. NOT COERCE. NOT PRESSURE,  
BUT BY PRESENTING A BETTER ARGUMENT**

Christian Pastors are Commanded to be the Cultural Watchmen on the Wall  
and Christians are to Follow Their Pastor’s Lead.

**Acts 20:26-27**

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. :27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the **whole counsel** of God.

**I’m Proud and Thankful - to be an American.**

**The Declaration of Independence**

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech...”

**Where Does This Freedom - Given to Us by God Apply?  
Where Does This Freedom - Given to Us by God Not Apply?**

## Righteous Acts Announce Our Faith

### Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. :10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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### 2.) We are the voice for good

Christian Influence Throughout History  
Cannot be ignored.

### Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no **revelation**, the people cast off restraint;

### Proverbs 29:18 NLT

When people do not accept **divine guidance**, they run wild.

### Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**.

We Speak Into Our Culture in Various Ways.  
**And voting is a very important way we speak.**

We're to Warn Our Culture / We're to be Salt and Light  
We're to be Defending the Defenseless / Economically Moral

**Isaiah 62:6**

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,

**Ephesians 6:10-14**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore,

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**3.) We are the keepers of civility**

If You Wanna Understand Christianity,  
Look at The Spirit of Christianity Which  
is Revealed in the Sermon on the Mount.

**( Matthew 5-7)**

**Matthew 5:3-9**

“Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. :4 Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. :5 Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. :6 Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. :7 Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. :8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God. :9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

**The Judeo-Christian Worldview has created the greatest** civilization,  
economy, liberty, compassion, freedom and religious tolerance  
in the history of mankind – why ?

Hospitals, Schools, Universities, Missionary Ventures

# OUR BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW ON POLITICS

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### 4.) We are to persuade our culture

Biblical faith, scientific logic & practical reason  
should never be in conflict if the Bible is your sourcebook.

#### **Acts 17:1-4**

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. :2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, :3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." :4 And some of them were persuaded;

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

**John Adams**

*Founding Father, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.  
2<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States*

"Providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as privilege and interest, of a Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

**John Jay**

*Founding Father, Chief Justice United States Supreme Court Oct. 12, 1816*

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

**Patrick Henry**

*Orator, Governor, Founding Father*

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## 5.) We are to obey God in all things

OTHER THAN GOD – GOVERNMENT DICTATES OUR LIVES.  
The United States of America Stands Alone.

That those who govern us do so by the consent of the governed.

“That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

***Abraham Lincoln***  
***16<sup>th</sup> President of The United States***

### **1 Corinthians 10:31**

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.

It's known as the American trinity  
and it's on every coin.

IN GOD WE TRUST // UNITY // LIBERTY

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

*End of Study*

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