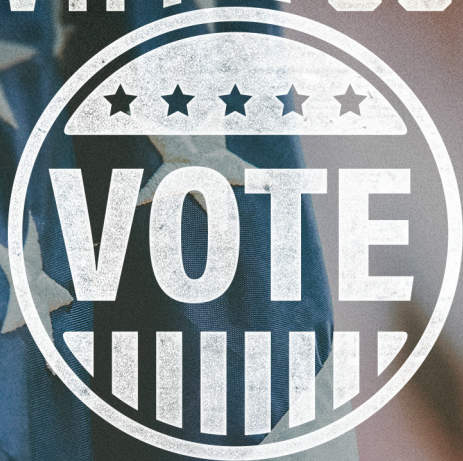


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WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS

A Biblical Perspective for the Soul of America

Since our country's earliest days, we have had the privilege of being able to vote. Through the political process, we have a voice in helping to choose which candidates and policies we believe are best for the good of our nation and are honoring to God. All through Scripture, we read repeatedly about how God used His people to speak truth to power and influence government. Today, the right to vote allows us the opportunity to do that as well. No aspect of society should be viewed as being beyond our faith's influence.

Historically, pastors have played a critical role in teaching how faith should shape our politics. During the decades before and after the Revolutionary War in colonial America, many pastors understood their duty to stand in the pulpit and use God's Word as the lens through which they were to speak to the issues, policies,

and even the candidates of their day. Many of these sermons are recorded in a two-volume set titled *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era, 1730–1805*.¹

These pastors wanted their people to be biblically literate so that they could make intelligent decisions about political candidates and social issues based on how they aligned—or didn't align—with the Bible, which is the source of all truth.

Today, we are called to view everything in our world through the lens of the Bible. God's Word is the standard by which we must evaluate all things, and that includes matters in the political realm. It includes identifying the problems we see in the culture around us and offering the solutions to those problems. Through our votes, we can be an influence for righteousness—we can let God's voice be heard in today's culture.