

Election Results?

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It is now Wednesday after November's election day. The votes are in, the dust has cleared, and the victors have been announced. **But America remains divided.** Christians need to remember that politics and politicians will not resolve our nation's issues. At best, they are the pawns of those with money, influence and power. At worst, they are crooks who are stealing from the masses while putting on a good face. There may be an honest politician out there, but he or she would be hard to discern.

It is the Christian's duty to be **loyal to God and Christ first (Acts 5:29)** and party affiliations fall into the category of freedom of choice, but one must choose wisely.

It is the Christian's duty to **obey the laws of the land** because *"there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God"* (**Romans 13:1**). God has used some of the most morally corrupt men in the world to accomplish His purposes — just think of Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, Nero, Caiaphas the high priest, etc. — so don't think God needs your candidate to accomplish His will. He is far above and beyond that, thank the Lord!

It is the Christian's duty to **pray for our country's leaders — all of them**, 1 Timothy 2:1-4. *"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* The true purpose of government in God's scheme is to provide a peaceful environment wherein the Gospel message of eternal salvation can be shared with the lost. Everything else is trivial in comparison.

It is the Christian's duty to **be cool, calm and collected**, Matthew 6:25. *"Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life,..."* The unbelievers of the world may wring their hands in fear, or anger, or disgust. You and I should do our best to vote conscientiously, with moral principles in mind, and then leave the rest to God.

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