

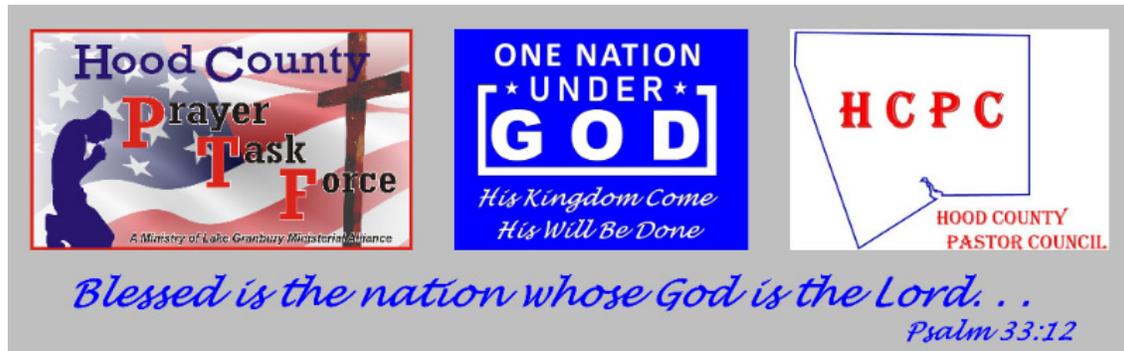
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ONE NATION UNDER GOD Devotional

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## How Can I Know Who to Vote For?

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word

Isaiah 66:2

### Reflections

Many people are confused about whom to vote for in the mid-term election on Tuesday. Politicians from both major political parties seem to be engrossed in mud-slinging and are providing very little substance about what they plan to do. Although I understand the dilemma, for the *biblical* Christian, this should *not* be a problem.

As we approach this election, I am reminded of a time about a year ago when I was with some folks just hangin' out. Several of us were believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Others weren't. They

### Challenge

Compare the available candidates voting records, pronouncements and lives with what you understand the *Bible* teaches. Vote for the one who matches best.

were atheists and agnostics. We were discussing various topics, including some that are sources of controversy these days. Suddenly, one of the people, whom I had thought was a solid, conservative Christian, said about the topic currently under discussion, "I don't care what the *Bible* says about \_\_\_\_\_, I believe \_\_\_\_\_."

Oops! Alarm bells began to sound in my head. God gave us His Word out of His great love for us, so we would know how to relate to Him, so we could know Him, have joy and peace and - yes - so we would know whom to vote for. I thought to myself, "You don't care what God has said in His Word! Are you wiser than He?"

Jesus cared a lot about what God's Word says. Listen to what He told Satan when tempted by the devil in the wilderness, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*" (Matthew 4:4) This means that people who want to please God must accept and *act on* what He says. It's called *obedience*.

Listen to what the Bible says about His Word: "*These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.*" (Isaiah 66:2) *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (Hebrews 4:12) "*I the LORD do not change. . .*" (Malachi 3:6a)

If we are to be the faithful servants God wants to use, we must read the Word, interact with it until we understand it and surrender our wills to God's revealed will as His Word sets it forth – even in our choice of whom to vote for! His Word is literally loaded with guidance for us! We should support those candidates that best conform to God's commands and to the principles He has given us.

[Click here](#) for the [Hood County Voters Guide](#) that will show you how local candidates replied to questions of interest to Christians.

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### For Discussion

What does the *Bible* say in context about morality and our social issues?

Not every issue is specifically addressed in the *Bible*. How can I understand how to apply the *Bible* to those issues?



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When God created the nation of Israel after their exodus from Egypt, He gave them what we call the Ten Commandments. Afterwards other laws were added. In addition, God has provided us in the *Bible* with many historical accounts of how He has acted so we can discern how to apply what He has said to our lives. He has provided sufficient guidance so that we may apply what He has said to every situation – even whom to vote for.

Whom should we vote for? Look for candidates whose voting records, pronouncements and lives reveal that they do indeed understand God's ways and live by them. We all know that there is no perfect candidate, but some will match up better to the Word of God than others. Vote for them!

## **Prayer**

Father, I set aside my desires regarding the election on Tuesday and will look to your Word for guidance. Reveal your will concerning the available candidates and I will vote that way. I ask this in the Name of your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ.

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