

How Then Shall We Vote? Part 1

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Matthew 20:17-27 ESV

Dr. Ricky Temple, Savannah, GA asked:

1. Can you be a Democrat and be a Christian?
2. Can you be a Republican and be a Christian?
3. Can you be an Independent and be a Christian?
4. Can you be a non-voter and be a Christian?

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1. The scene is political
2. The scene is manipulative
3. The scene is revealing
4. The scene is controlling

Here is where Christians often make their mistake...

1. We think we are always right
2. We think we are to make others right (**triumphalism**)
3. We think to be right means to never back down

Vs. 25 – But Jesus...

Vs. 26 – It shall not be among you.

What to look for in a leader:

1. A Servant's heart

The leader seeks to assure that the needs of the followers are being met. In short, how are the "least of these" served within the society (Greenleaf, 1970).

Servant leadership begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead... The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant - first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test... is: do those served to grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society; will they benefit, or, at least, will they not be further deprived? (Greenleaf, 1970, p. 15)

The goal of servant leadership is to help others become better people and servants to others (Burns, 1978). Like spiritual leadership, there is deep emotional connection between the leader and the followers. The three core values: humility, clarity, and veracity, resonate with the context of "serve to serve first" (Fry, 2003).

2. **A generous spirit**
3. **A sacrificial posture**

FactorPoints

Worship - I want to lead by serving the Lord with gladness (**Psalm 100:2 ESV**)

Learn - A heart that can be taught, is a heart that can serve, with **faithfulness and fruitfulness (Psalm 119:33-40 ESV)**

Serve - When a true servant is blessed, all are blessed (**Proverbs 17:2 ESV**)