

## **Politics: reconcilable differences**

**I. Introduction-** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. .Romans 12:18 & 21

Reconcilable; to restore to friendship or harmony, reconciled the factions, settle, resolve

Irreconcilable; impossible to reconcile

Differences; the quality or state of being dissimilar or different

the difference between right and wrong

an instance of being unlike or distinct in nature, form, or quality

Divorce; the action or an instance of legally dissolving a marriage, or relationship

### **II. Three foundational truths-**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,* John 8:31

Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* John 14:6

#### **A. The political divisions and strife in the United States are destroying our country**

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. Mk 3:24

#### **B. Political Problems are caused by spiritual forces-**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 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 firm. Eph 6:12

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Galatians 5:7

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

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**Politics**; the art or science of guiding or influencing governmental policy

#### **C. We are no longer a nation under God**

"You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath. Exodus 20:3

Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man. Romans 1:21

### **III. Acknowledge God as God -**

#### **A. The foundation of the United States was firmly set on God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ-**

"One nation under God" Pledge of allegiance

"in God we trust." Motto printed on our money

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." George Washington

"The only assurance of our nation's safety is to lay our foundation in morality and religion." Abraham Lincoln

"The Bible, and especially the New Testament should] be read and taught as a divine revelation in the schools" Supreme Court in 1844

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Adams

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

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." President Ronald Reagan

#### **B. The foundations have been destroyed-**

1. The canceled, the woke, the reconstruction movements and the educational system

Behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart; if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:2

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. Isa 59:14

#### **C. We have stopped loving and following God and we reaping curses.**

if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 28:1

if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. Deuteronomy 28:15

#### **D. Evidence of our rejection of God by shown by fruit of our mouths and our actions-**

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:19

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7

#### **IV. God says that hope and change starts with His people-**

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. II Chronicles 7:13

Jesus began to preach, saying, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Mathew 4:17*

Repent; to change one's mind, to turn and go an other way

to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

#### **A. God saves us and equips us to change our world-**

1. We are loved and saved to grown and to transformed-

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Activist; a person who uses or supports strong actions in support of or opposition to one side of a controversial issue

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Mathew 6:33

By this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him. I John 2:3

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Exodus 20:7

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#### **B. Vote biblically not politically-**

1. Obey God not man on the issues-

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.

Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him. Deuteronomy 30:19

Democracy; a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Prov 14:12

The serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Geneis 3:4

2. How should we select candidates to support and vote for?

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:19

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3. The bottom line-

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5