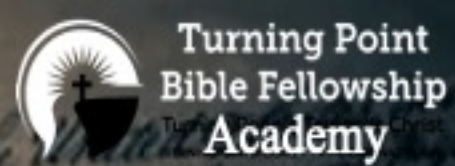


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The main idea ...



God created “government” to facilitate "order" with humans ruling with delegated authority while still submitting to Him to glorify and honor Him.

Some definitions ...

Politics: the activities associated with governing, deciding, ruling and submitting

Government: those authorized to govern, make decisions concerning others or rule

Rule: to exercise authority over

Rule (Heb): to have dominion (sovereignty/control) to operate in God's order AND facilitate the best in and from those under your authority

Some definitions ...

Submit: to yield to the authority or will of another

Submit (Grk): to willingly, sometimes obediently, line up under another often for advancement

Glorify: to acknowledge express, and even announce, the works and worth of another

Glorify/Honor (Grk/Heb): to add weight; to make heavy, to highlight as important, the main thing and priority

Honor: to regard and demonstrate respect

Four types of government ...

Self-government ... Genesis 1:26-31, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Matthew 16:27, Romans 13:1; 14:12, Revelation 20:11-15

Family government ... Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 13:1, 1 Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians 5:21-29;31,33; 6:1-4, Colossians 3:18-21,23

Church government ... Matthew 16:18-19, Mark 12:14-17, Romans 13:1,7, 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Civil government ... Mark 12:14-17, Romans 13:1-7 •

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Lets talk about it ...

**The government has legalized divorce.
Does that make it right?**

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Lets talk about it ...

Does the civil government have the authority to redefine and legalize same-same marriage? ... Why or why not?

Lets talk about it ...



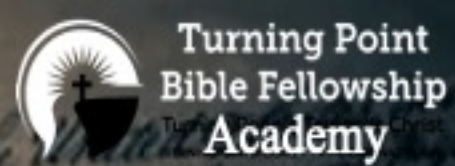
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Lets talk about it ...

**Why should Christians engage in politics--
meaning why should they understand issues,
candidates positions in or to discuss and vote?**

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we the people of the United States
do hereby declare our independence
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
who have together made the world and all things therein,
who have also given life and breath to all that live,
and who sit together to judge the world and all that therein are,
and who have promised the good things of heaven to all that truly love Him,
who have also promised to preserve the just in peace,
and give grace and comfort to all that truly repent,
and humbly do put their trust in Him,
and we the undersigned delegates, by virtue of the power
which we have received from the people of the United States,
do hereby certify that the following is the original and
only true and correct copy of the Declaration of Independence
of the United States of America as the same is contained
in the original copy deposited in the office of the
Secretary of State at Washington, this 4th day of September
1776.

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Lets talk about it ...



Do I vote for what advances God's kingdom agenda or another agenda?

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The main idea ...

When engaging in politics, we need to ensure our motives are to (1) Love and honor God, which is worship and (2) Love others, which is ministry.

Four types of government ...

When engaging in politics, we should pursue that which advances and doesn't hinder God's kingdom agenda of making disciples.

In engaging in politics, our motives should be ...

1. To do justly or act righteously
2. By loving mercy or acting with lovingkindness
3. While walking or living humbly in relationship with God.

Lets talk about it ...



How do I vote and discuss politics with a view of discipleship and heart of love?



Lets talk about it ...



Do I vote for what advances God's kingdom agenda or another agenda—like my race?



Lets talk about it ...



Do I vote for what advances God's kingdom agenda or another agenda—like my race?

Example - What about various discriminations?

Lets talk about it ...



Do I vote for what advances God's kingdom agenda or another agenda—like my race?

Example - What about helping the poor?

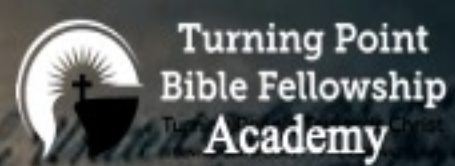
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Example - What about affirmative action?

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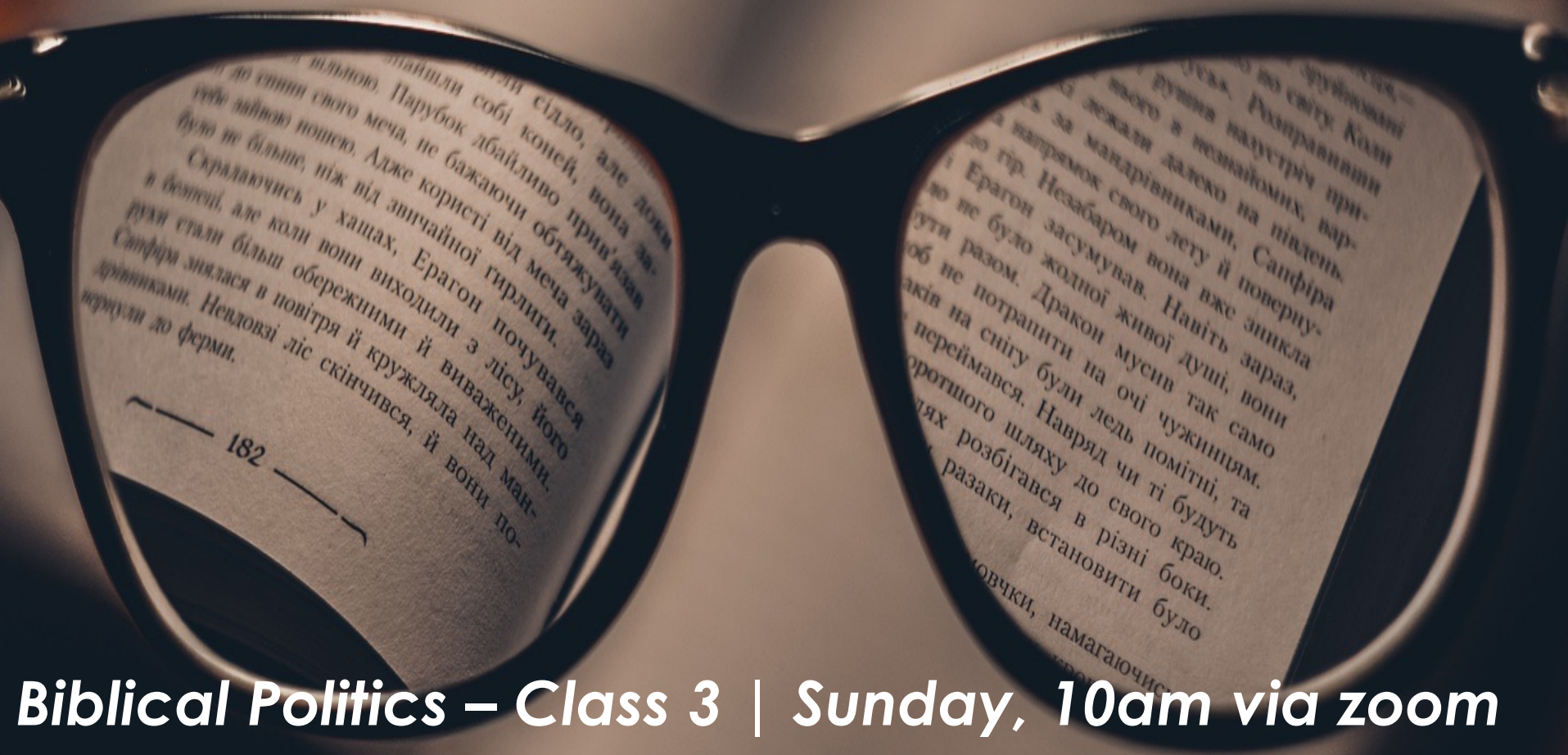
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How well can you see?

What are the real issues, as God sees them,
that I should respond to?



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The main idea ...



The visible issue is not always the real issue and the media perspectives are not always God's perspective.

- **We need to see clearly to choose clearly!** •

More than one side ...

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” He said, “No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant (Joshua 5:13-14, NASB)?”

- **There is a battle; it’s spiritual, not just physical.**
- **Humans naturally think of two sides—us vs. them, but God has His own side.**
- **Submission to the Lord helps us see clearly to choose a truthful and righteous response.**

Choose biblical convictions and compassion

“Sanctify them in truth; Your word is truth (John 17:17, NASB).”

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; **but speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15, NASB).”*

- **Form biblical convictions to make and share biblically informed decisions--but always with compassion**

Lets talk about it ...

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Concerning the issue of immigration ...

Should they be deported, penalized or granted citizenship?

What's a biblical position and how do we share and show it with compassion?

Lets talk about it ...

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Concerning the issue of policing ...

Should they be de-funded, removed or left alone?

What's a biblical position and how do we share and show it with compassion?

Lets talk about it ...

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Concerning the issue of taxation ...

Should the wealthy pay more or just their share?

What's a biblical position and how do we share and show it with compassion?

Lets talk about it ...

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Concerning the issue of abortion ...

Should judges/congress be pro-life or pro-choice?

What's a biblical position and how do we share and show it with compassion?

Lets talk about it ...

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Concerning the issue of racism ...

Is racism systemic or just with individuals?

What's a biblical position and how do we share and show it with compassion?

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WHERE DO YOU STAND?

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

What's your conviction?

AND

Where's your compassion?

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The main idea ...

WHERE DO YOU STAND?



**Followers of Christ need to have compassion
AND conviction—especially concerning political
issues.**

Love God and others

“And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37-40, NASB).”

- **Loving God means living with convictions**
- **Loving others means living with compassion**

It's both/and; not either/or

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16, NASB).”

- **God wants His followers professing the truth **AND** doing so with, in and through agape-love**

Conviction – professing the truth

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:15-16, NASB).”

- **Gk: Speaking = professing (confessing claims)**
- **Gk: Love = unconditionally seeking another’s highest good**
- **Professing is claiming and communicating**
- **Professing truth includes voting, advocating and protesting—making known what should not be hidden**

Compassion – sympathizing with the suffering

- **Professing in love is communicating conviction with context, compassion, carefulness and clarity**

Where do you stand?



Concerning legalizing marijuana ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning gun ownership regulation ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction? •

Where do you stand?



Concerning immigration regulation ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning police funding ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning access to healthcare ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction? •

Where do you stand?



Concerning regulating governing officials ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning race relations ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning health issues ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction? •

Where do you stand?



Concerning COVID-19 mask requirements ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
2. What's the truth to form a conviction?

Where do you stand?



Concerning abortion ...

1. What should we know to be compassionate?
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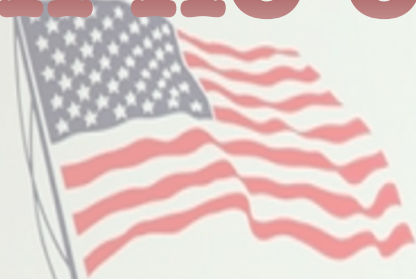
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Choosing candidates when no one fully aligns



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Choosing a candidate

“The king’s heart is [like] channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes (Proverbs 21:1, NASB).”

- **What truths about God should we remember when choosing candidates?**

POLLSTAR
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Choosing a candidate

“The king’s heart is [like] channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes (Proverbs 21:1, NASB).”

- **Choose with submission and openness to God’s will and capability.**
 - God can use a Saul to prepare for a David.
 - God can change a Nebuchadnezzar.
 - God can remove a Belshazzar.
 - God can use a Cyrus to liberate.
 - God can change a Manasseh's 2nd term.

Choosing a candidate

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you (Psalm 32:8, NASB).”

- **How can prayer help us choose a candidate?**

BLACK HAWK COUNTY

Choosing a candidate

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- **Choose by voting prayerfully.**
 - Ask God for which candidate to vote.
 - Ask God how to vote on the position.
 - Note: God’s answers align with His word.

Choosing a candidate

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you (Psalm 32:8, NASB).”

- **What are challenges to praying for which candidate to vote?**

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Choosing a candidate

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you (Psalm 32:8, NASB).”

➤ **Challenges include:**

- Difficulties in discerning God’s voice
- Difficulties in silencing internal thoughts, emotions and anxieties
- Difficulties in filtering external voices & events

Choosing a candidate

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth (John 17:17, NASB).”

- **How do you convert your biblically informed convictions into a candidate choice?**



Choosing a candidate

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- **Choose by voting biblically.**
 - Which positions align with my biblically informed convictions?
 - Which candidates share more of my biblically informed convictions?
 - Which candidates are aligned with my prioritized biblically informed convictions?
 - Which candidates share more of my positions when combined under biblical priorities—like loving/honoring God and loving/helping others?

Choosing a candidate

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20, NASB).”

- **How do you prepare for the next election and generation concerning candidate selection?**

Choosing a candidate

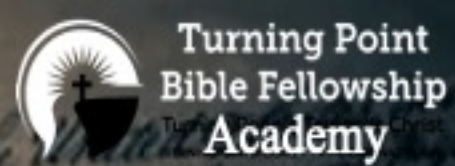
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➤ Make disciples who live by the 7 biblical practices:

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4. Displaying the fruit of the Spirit
5. Fellowshiping with the saints
6. Resolving conflict as a peacemaker
7. Modeling God’s love and worshipping Him

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we the people of the United States
do hereby declare our independence
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby adopt this Declaration of Independence.

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AFTER
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What's my next move?

After voting, then what?

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20, NASB).”

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- **No matter the outcome of the election, the Lord Jesus Christ still has all authority!**

What does that mean?

After voting, then what?

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- **No matter the outcome of the election, the command to love remains.**

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“He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8, NASB)?”

AFTER

- **No matter the outcome of the election, God’s requirement on how to live remains.**

THE

What does that mean?

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After voting, then what?

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God
(Matthew 5:9, NASB).”*

AFTER

- No matter the outcome of the election, we are to be peacemakers.

THE

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