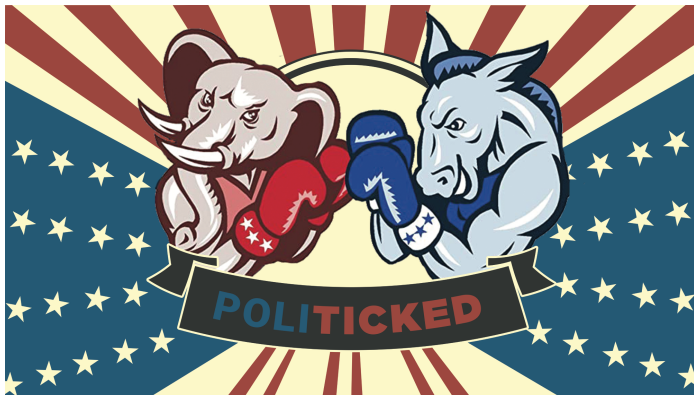


TAKE HOME SHEET



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Some passages to guide us, as we prepare for the coming election...

¹ I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵ For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-5 (NLT)

¹² What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance. ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race.

¹⁴ From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. ¹⁵ He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do. ¹⁶ The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior. ¹⁷ Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory—for all its strength, it cannot save you. ¹⁸ But the LORD

watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. ¹⁹ He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. ²⁰ We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield. ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. ²² Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

Psalms 33:12-22 (NLT)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." ²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 (NLT)

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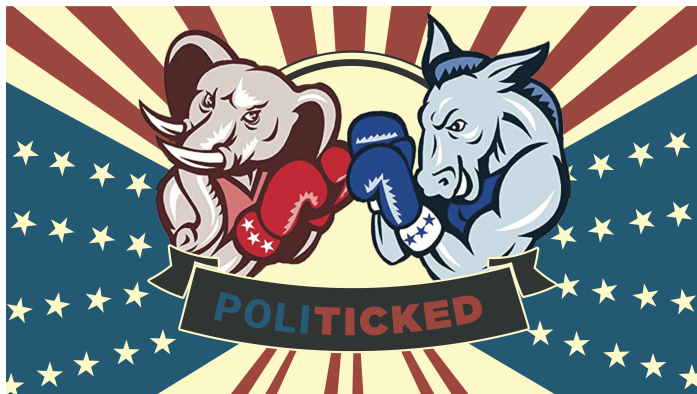
NASB – New American Standard Bible

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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Politics (def): the art or science for guiding and influencing government. [Merriam-Webster]

But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
 1 Timothy 1:5 (NASB)

Followers of Jesus owe their primary allegiance to God and His kingdom.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. ¹³ For the Lord’s sake, respect all human authority—whether the king as head of state, ¹⁴ or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

1 Peter 2:9-14 (NIV)

No form of government, party, interest group or candidate is fully trustworthy.

³ Don’t put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them. ⁵ But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God. ⁶ He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever. ⁷ He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners. ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. The LORD loves the godly. ⁹ The LORD protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 146:3-10 (NLT)

Our faith should guide our every decision, including political ones.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

⁹ This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)

Some action steps...

Pray. Really pray!

Get informed beyond the hype. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

Proverbs 24:3 (TLB)

Take faith-full action.