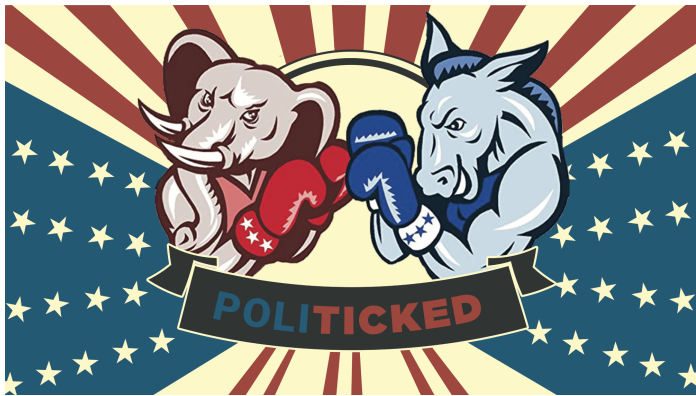


TAKE HOME SHEET



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Here is a guide to help us remember who we are and what God expects of us, as citizens of His kingdom.

¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. ²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. ²² "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17:1-26 (NLT)

² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 4:2-4 (NLT)

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

Ephesians 1:21-22 (NLT)

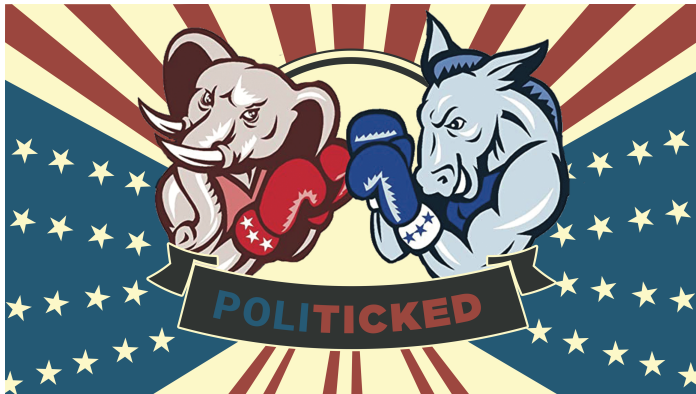
BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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If you and I follow Jesus, we have our marching orders right now:

...as Christ's soldier, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army.
2 Timothy 2:4 (TLB)

1. Build unity within Jesus' church.

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1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.
Romans 14:1 (MSG)

Partnership Agreement of New Hope:
In the essentials, we agree with each other.
In the non-essentials, we accept each other.
In all issues, we love each other.

2. Pursue peace with all people.

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.
Hebrews 12:14 (NLT)

“Work at” – to follow hard; aggressively

3. Search for common ground to help people find Jesus.

²² *Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.*
²³ *I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.*
1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NLT)