

## *Before You Vote...*

### **Two simple questions to start an interesting conversation...**

- Would you vote for Donald Trump if he were the Democratic nominee?
- Would you vote for Joe Biden if he were the Republican nominee?

**Are you willing to challenge your own approach to voting? If so, read [Before You Vote: Seven Questions Every Christian Should Ask](#), by David Platt.**

- [35 minute podcast](#) about the book with the author.

### *The Seven Questions from the Book:*

1. ***Does God call me to vote?*** God calls us to steward our vote for the sake of his commands, including his commands to do justice, subject ourselves to and support government, seek the welfare of our nation, and love our neighbors as ourselves.
2. ***Who has my heart?*** The most important decision we can make is to yield our hearts to Jesus, placing all our trust, allegiance, and hope in him alone.
3. ***What does my neighbor need?*** The driving force in how we vote is supreme love for God and selfless love for others, both in our nation and throughout the world.
4. ***What is the Christian position?*** We work to know the Christian position on issues that are clear according to God's Word in order to form a Christian position on less clear issues that require our wisdom.
5. ***How do I weigh the issues?*** Before voting, we weigh issues in terms of factors like biblical clarity and practical consequences.
6. ***Am I eager to maintain unity in the church?*** No matter how we vote, we are eager to maintain the unity of the church around Jesus and his Word, not around our personal political convictions.
7. ***So how do I vote?*** By weighing both biblical clarity and practical consequences of at least seven issues: Domestic Policy, Economic, Environmental, Foreign Policy and National Security, Healthcare, Immigration, Personal Character and Morality, Social.

### **Tools to help answer question #7:**

- [www.isidewith.com](http://www.isidewith.com): Tool to help determine which party you most closely align with.
- Gospel Coalition summary of the [Democratic Platform](#).
- Gospel Coalition summary of the [Republican Platform](#).

[Let's pray together](#) with this fantastic, simple, humbling, non-partisan prayer guide.