

Election 2012 in Biblical Perspective

"Five Critical Issues"

Five Mistakes we must avoid

1. The state should compel people to acknowledge and serve God
2. The state must exclude religion from the public square
3. The church and Christians should not be engaged politically
4. Letting the world define how the church and believers get involved in the political process.
5. Engaging in the political process as a substitute for Gospel evangelism and discipleship

Five Key Passages

1. Romans 1:1–7
2. I Peter 2:13–17
3. I Timothy 2:1–2
4. Jeremiah 29:1–9
5. I Samuel 8:4–18

A BIBLICAL PROFILE OF GOVERNMENT

1. Government/State is designed, designated and appointed by God for assigned purposes
2. Limited in Scope, Responsibility and Authority
3. Civil Magistrate is to be supported by fair taxation and revenue/fees
4. Promote common good with benevolent policy
5. Protect & defend with the Sword if necessary

FIVE PRINCIPLES ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

1. Kingdom perspective—dual citizenship acknowledging the supremacy of Christ and His Kingdom
2. Honor and Respect to the Civil Magistrate
3. Pay taxes submit to governing authorities
4. Participate and Pray
5. Promote and propagate the Common Good

FIVE ESSENTIALS ON VOTING

(Investigate—Informed—Intercession)

1. Character
2. Content
3. Competency
4. Consider
5. Community

FIVE CRUCIAL ISSUES—2012

- 1. First Liberty—Freedom of Religion
 - Our first freedom is not the freedom of church or the freedom of worship but the freedom of religion
 - By policy there is a present initiative to redefine the freedom of religion as the freedom of worship/church

- 2. Sacred Foundations (Ethics & Morals)
 - Ethics are prescriptive of how we ought to live
 - Morals are descriptive of how we do live
 - Ethics should direct morality not morality define ethics
 - a) Sanctity of Life (Abortion/Infanticide/Euthanasia)
 - b) Sanctity of Marriage/Family
 - c) Sanctity of Sexuality (Monogamous/Heterosexual/Marital)

- 3. Capitalism
 - Dignity of work and accountability to work
 - Create wealth and jobs for others

- 4. Political Self-Control (Law & Economics)
 - Self-control within the boundaries of the Constitution and not circumvent the constitution by executive fiat
 - Self control to live within our means and cease the present policy of future generational theft and slavery
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| U.S. National Debt | 16,350,000,000,000 |
| U.S. Tax Revenue | 2,170,000,000,000 |
| U.S. Budget & Expenditures | 3,820,000,000,000 |
| U.S. New Debt | 1,650,000,000,000 |
| U.S. New Debt Total | 18,000,000,000,000 |

Divide the U.S. fiscal picture by 100,000,000 (drop 8 zeros) and look at it as if it were a family portfolio

Family Present Debt	163,500
Family Revenue	21,700
Family Budget & Expenditures	38,200
Family New Debt	16,500
Family New Debt Total	180,000

- 5. Idolatry of State-ism
 - I Samuel 8:18 “In the Government we trust”
When you choose to serve and trust the king then you will become slaves to that king and government where you have put your hope.