



VOTING WITH BIBLICAL WISDOM

A Guide to Aligning Your Ballot with Scripture

Though our true citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20), God calls us to faithful stewardship here on Earth (Jeremiah 29:7). Fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) includes active, faithful civic engagement - for "the people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Daniel 11:32). Let these Biblical truths guide your heart, mind, and ballot.

REVIEW ELECTED OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES	☐ Get a copy of the Sample Ballot for your County ☐ https://www.lakevotes.gov/162/Look-Up-My-Voter-Information ☐ https://elections.sumtercountyfl.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/34 ☐ Review the BALLOT GUIDE: OVERVIEW OF ELECTED OFFICES
VET THE CANDIDATES	☐ Use the CANDIDATE VETTING WORKSHEET to evaluate candidate character and integrity, morality and Biblical priorities. ☐ Research ☐ Examine Official Voting Records & Platforms: Look beyond campaign ads. Review past voting records in the U.S. House, Florida Legislature, or local government to see if actions match public promises. ☐ Listen to Debates Unedited: Watch long-form interviews or primary debates to observe candidate temperament, humility, and response under pressure. ☐ Seek Local & Community Insights: Attend town hall meetings and candidate forums. Consult trusted local community leaders, pastors, faith-based groups you know and trust, or non-partisan civic guides that highlight candidate positions.
PRAY	☐ Am I allowing my party to shape my faith, or is my faith shaping my political views? In Matthew 6:33 Jesus reminds us to 'seek first the kingdom of God...' <i>No earthly political party represents the kingdom perfectly; our hope is in Jesus.</i> ☐ Do the candidates show a commitment to truth, personal integrity, and servant leadership? Exodus 18:21 'Select capable men...' <i>Character matters.</i> ☐ Have I sought wisdom and guidance? James 1:5 'If any of you lacks wisdom...'

Lord, grant me discernment and wisdom as I cast my vote. Align my heart with Your Word and help me pursue justice, love mercy and walk humbly. May my actions reflect Your love and honor Your name above all else.

CANDIDATE VETTING WORKSHEET | OFFICE:

Biblical Standard	Key Evaluation Questions	Candidate:	Candidate:	Candidate:
Integrity & Character <i>Exodus 18:21, Galatians 5:22–23</i>	Do they demonstrate honesty, transparency, and personal accountability?			
	Do they avoid personal arrogance, deceptive claims, or unbridled anger?			
	When challenged or proven wrong, do they own their mistakes with humility?			
Sanctity of Life & Human Dignity <i>Psalms 139:13–16, Genesis 1:27</i>	Do they support laws protecting unborn life?			
	Do they advocate for vulnerable populations (e.g., the elderly, the disabled, and children experiencing homelessness, displacement, or family instability)?			
	Do their policies honor human dignity across society?			
Justice & Care for the Vulnerable <i>Proverbs 31:8–9, Micah 6:8</i>	Do they propose concrete, actionable policies to support struggling widows and families, strengthen foster care systems, and ease cost-of-living burdens?			
	Do they protect equal justice under the law without partiality or favoritism?			
	Do they work to prevent exploitation and corruption?			
Religious Freedom & Conscience <i>1 Timothy 2:1–2, Acts 5:29</i>	Will they protect the First Amendment, God-given liberty of churches, faith-based charities, Christian schools and Christian values?			
	Do they defend parental rights in education and moral upbringing?			
	Do they oppose state mandates that force citizens to violate their conscience?			
Wise Stewardship & Stability <i>Romans 13:1–4, Luke 14:28</i>	Do they demonstrate disciplined, responsible fiscal management (spending/taxes)?			
	Do they support law enforcement while promoting genuine restoration and public peace?			
	Do their long-term policies build sustainable economic opportunities for families?			
Scoring Legend		Total (out of 15)		

- 1 = Poor / Disagree: Significant concern; platform or track record conflicts with principle.
 2 = Fair / Mixed: Weak commitment, inconsistent voting record, or ambiguous platform.
 3 = Good / Consistent: Clear agreement; platform and track record consistently align with principle.

Note: No candidate is perfect or will match every value. Our job as Christians is faithful stewardship at the ballot box (*Micah 6:8*); God's job is the outcome (*Proverbs 16:3, 9*). Do your research, pray, vote, and trust Him.

Does casting my ballot for this candidate allow me to maintain a clear conscience before God?

'So then each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.' Romans 14:12