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THE STEWARDSHIP OF A NATION

THE ROLE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHRISTIAN TO ELECT THOSE MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW TO PUBLIC OFFICE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHEN CHRISTIANS FAIL TO VOTE

The stewardship of a nation and the role in responsibility of the Christian to elect those most representative of a biblical worldview to public office.

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A Scriptural Montage

:1 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:

:2 When I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, :3 to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. :4 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. :5 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, :6 he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. :7 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other

side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell... :8 But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." :9 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, :10 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, :11 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ezekiel 3:17-19, Ezekiel 33:6, Joshua 24:15, 2 Corinthians 10:4-6

Voting in a Constitutional Republic

Is a privilege and an honor that carries with it a great responsibility. That those who participate in this self-form of government be (#1) knowledgeable of its origins and (#2) engaged in the defending of it.

John Adams: 'Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'

Elizabeth Willing Powel's question was: Well, Doctor Franklin, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" *"A republic, if you can keep it."*

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1.) We Disobey God's Command To Occupy

What about our Declaration of Independence?

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

"American Exceptionalism Broke the Chains of what was known as the Divine Right of the Kings' and Placed the power of Rule into the hands of the people. This is why we are a Constitutional Republic."

#1 The government is to serve you by - defending and protecting your Life.
#2 The government is to serve you by - defending and protecting your Liberty.
#3 The government is to serve you by - defending and protecting your Happiness.

A Parable for Our Day

Luke 19:11-13

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas (silver coins), and said to them, "Do business till I come.'

Luke 2:49b "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Deciding to "Not Get Involved" in your Cultural is not an opinion or luxury of the Christian. It is either an act of obedience or disobedience but to not act all is to act.

VOTING IS A GREAT GIFT GIVEN TO US BY OUR FOREFATHERS, By those in memorial, by veterans, by citizens who sacrificed (nylon stockings to cooking oil to time to pieces of gold).

"Who was it that spoke up against slavery? It was the Evangelical pastors in their generation, and they mobilized their churches to make a change away from slavery. The church should be the conscience of the community, sadly to many have abandoned that role."

Craig Huey, Political Researcher

A great part of being ready is being useful to your Master and being useful means, we are abiding in Christ – ready at the moment's notice to do His will.

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2.) We Surrender Hard Fought Territory

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

WAIT – what would that have looked like IF we had done this?

Excerpt from the Mayflower Compact

In the name of God, Amen... Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and for advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to

plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid.

Think of the good and wonderful things America has procured for her citizens and the world because of the vision and defense of WHAT THIS NATION STOOD FOR?

QUOTES FROM THE FOUNDERS HERE

Noted pollster Dr. George Barna recently conducted a <u>study</u> measuring likely voting trends among people of faith in the 2024 election.

- Less than 51% of people of faith are likely to vote in the 2024 election. That means almost half of all people of faith are unlikely to vote in the 2024 election.
- Barna found that 32 million Christians who regularly attend church are unlikely to vote this November.
- During the 2020 presidential election, the margin of victory in the nine swing states <u>was</u> roughly 600,000 votes.
- However, The Barna Poll projected that 5 million additional Christians would likely vote if their pastor encouraged them to do so.

Barna said, "These 32 million Christians sitting in the pews each week who refuse to vote are a gamechanger. It's low hanging fruit for pastors should they try to motivate their congregants to carry out their civic duty by honoring God through their influence for things that matter in our culture. If pastors simply encouraged their members to vote, it could make a major difference in the upcoming elections. Pastors have a First Amendment right and responsibility to speak about biblical issues and encourage members to vote.

True Biblical Christianity In History

has proven itself to be the single most powerful effect for good that the world has ever been seen. Education / Creativity / Industry / Medicine / Economics / Culture / Family.

What about our Unparallel Constitution of the United States?

The longest running, uninterrupted governing document in the history of mankind.

What about our Bill of Rights?

The Bill of Rights and...

lst. Among them is The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or **prohibiting the free exercise thereof**; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The Bill of Rights and... 2nd. Among them is The Second Amendment A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed upon.

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3.) We Retreat Because Of Fear

Just like the Account of David & Goliath – The Wicked Traffic in Exporting Fear.

Physically & Spiritually – Our nation is being defeated by the enemies of Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Happiness (Real Life)

The reason for this is fear and intimidation. Fear and intimidation are powerless unless they are allowed to take effect.

Acts 4:29-30

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

We know that from scripture - Satan is a fearmonger, an intimidator and a name caller. – "Get Over It"

In the 2020 presidential election, Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Victories in those states helped him secure 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232, thereby exceeding the 270 electoral votes required to clinch the presidency. The post-election data revealed that...

In the State of Arizona, 730,624 Evangelicals did not vote in the 2020 presidential election. Joe Biden became the President 10,457 votes.

In 2020 Georgia, had 1,349,454 Evangelicals who did not vote. Biden carried the state, by 11,779 votes.

In Michigan, in the 2020 presidential election 1,338,126 Evangelicals did not vote. Biden won the Michigan by 154,188 votes.

> In Pennsylvania, 1,494,611 Evangelicals did not vote. Biden won Pennsylvania by 80,555 votes.

In Wisconsin, 873,854 Evangelicals did not vote in the 2020 election. Biden won the state by 20,682 votes. In North Carolina, *the one swing state that Trump won in both 2016 and 2020* did so even though the state's Evangelicals did not vote. It has been calculated that for Trump to win in North Carolina in the 2024 election, there will have to be an Evangelical turn out of more than 74,500 out of the states 1,195,729 Christians.

Fear can cause you to panic and make bad choices or no decision (catatonic)

Revisiting Ezekiel In Our Modern Day

If a pastor sees evil or danger coming and does not speak up and speak out against it, and the church is not told about it, and the evil or danger comes and takes away even one person from among the congregation; I will require from that pastor his own blood - because he failed to warn the people of the coming evil or danger, he failed to be My watchman over My flock.'

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4.) We Condemn An Entire Generation

Deuteronomy 6:6 -7

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 11:18-20

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20a And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Woke Never Would Have Worked if We Had Taught Our Kids Truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Deuteronomy 32:7

"Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:

Psalms 71:18

Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

Psalms 145:4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

Joel 1:3 Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation.

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5.) We Reject The Reality Of Truth.

The Struggle Between Good & Evil Is real and it is obvious!

The truth is - there must be some form of government that man must live by. This is fundamental to the human machine. It is built into the very psyche of man - because it is the Will of God that man be under authority.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains to bring it to light

George Washington

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Jeremiah 29:7

And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

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6.) We Abandon Our Calling

We are called – under orders to obey heaven – period!

So we must never run away in the face of danger.

We have been called to war against spiritual forces

Jude 1:3b I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith

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7.) We Neglect Our Ministry

Matthew 10:16-20

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

There are Fewer Christians in America today than ever before, But - more Christians in Trouble in America than ever before?

"Because this lil' Light of mine and yours --- reveals the darkness"

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

If this town, your city – our country is going to see anything good – where will it need to come from? It will not be coming from the government or from a politician.

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8.) We Fail At Doing Righteousness

Well Church – I Am Not Going to Fail...

WE ARE UNDER ORDERS BY GOD TO EXPOSE WICKEDNESS - TO BLOW THE TRUMPET

Romans 1:18-30a

For the wrath (anger) of God is revealed (is falling) from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, (we hold these truths are self-evident) being understood by the things that are created, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse (no place to hide), 21 because, although they knew (about) God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile (emptied out – voided) in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be (experts) wise, they became fools (to ruin the taste, to become tasteless, to spit out), 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God...

WHEN CHRISTIANS DO GO AND VOTE

1.) We Take A Stand For What Is Good

Ephesians 6:10-14a

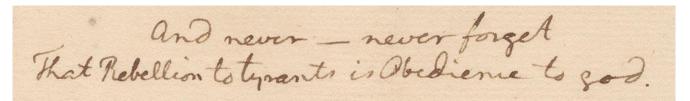
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14**a Stand therefore,

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.



WHEN CHRISTIANS DO GO AND VOTE

2.) We Advance The Will Of God.

Who believes that we should tell others about Jesus & His love for them ? (How do you plan on protecting that freedom?)

This Is His Will – The Big 10 Commandments

Confronting wickedness and evil in the bloodstained land // Establishment of righteousness

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3.) We Protect Those Who Cannot Defend Themselves

Proverbs 6:17b

The LORD hates hands that shed innocent blood,

Psalms 139:1-19a

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. 13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. 19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked,

Proverbs 31:8 KJV Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

Proverbs 31:8 NKJV Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all *who are* appointed to die.

> Proverbs 31:8 NLT Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

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4.) We Speak Hope To Others.

Election Encouragement Here.

"Jack – neither of these candidates represent my views – @ they never will" "Jack – neither of these candidates are born -again Christians – @ very few have" "Jack – neither of these candidates are pro-life enough for me – @ one 100% pro-death" "Jack – neither of these candidates worthy of my vote – @ do you know what voting is"

What About Marriage - Are You Perfect at Being Married?

Let us awaken then, and evince a different spirit, — a spirit that shall inspire the people with confidence in themselves and in us, — a spirit that will encourage them to persevere in this glorious struggle, until their rights and liberties shall be established on a rock. We have proclaimed to the world our determination "to die freemen, rather than live as slaves." We have appealed to Heaven for the justice of our cause, and in Heaven we have placed our trust. Numerous have been the manifestations of God's providence in sustaining us. In the gloomy period of adversity, we have had "our cloud by day and pillar of fire by night." We have been reduced to distress, and the arm of Omnipotence has raised us up. Let us still rely in humble confidence on Him who is mighty to save. Good tidings will soon arrive. We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection.

Samuel Adams An Impromptu Address to The Continental Congress. Friday September 26, 1777

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5.) We Uphold Good Laws & Change The Bad

Isaiah 10:1 NIV Woe to those who make unjust laws, (Woe) to those who issue oppressive decrees.

Isaiah 5:20 NIV Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

WHEN CHRISTIANS DO GO AND VOTE

6.) We Honor God For His Many Blessings

Numbers 6:24-26 KJV

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,

and give thee peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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7.) We Defend Our Nation

God invented BORDERS but Globalism leaves the door unlocked & open.

Acts 17:26-27a

From one mana he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. 27 "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God

(If you believe that Kamala has it correct – then don't be a hypocrite – just before bed-time, unlock your doors and windows and go to bed. -- In Fact, Put a Sign Out Front – Doors Unlocked)

By the way - Did you know that you have to show pictured ID to enter a Kamala Harris rally?

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8.) We Will Glorify God By Our Actions

We will all give an account to God in the Day of Judgement.

Pastor Jack - In My Dreams

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq7z6YwmNuo

Can You – Will You Say This Someday; "LORD, I did everything I could to stand for what You Love. LORD, I did everything I could to Protect the Preborn Babies. LORD, I stand before as a flawed vessel and Sinner, But I stand now before You – To Do Thy Will O' God

Innocent of the Blood of the Ignorant, The Unwilling, MY Enemies,

Under President Trump – Less Babies will be Murdered. Under a President Harris – More Babies will be in Danger.

https://www.frcaction.org/accomplishments

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