

Questions Christians Should Ask Before Voting in 2016

Questions based on a handout created by John Stemberger, Florida Family Policy Council

- 1) Have you taken time to seek the Lord's guidance while you prayerfully consider all the candidates?
- 2) Do you think that each vote really matters or are you casting your vote as if it's just one of several million votes? If you knew that your one vote would be the deciding vote to elect your candidate would you still vote the same way?
- 3) Is your vote focused on yourself, your own personal needs or on the greater good of the country and the future of our keiki?
- 4) Does your candidate surround themselves with individuals who live according to a biblical worldview? We understand that not everyone has the same faith. If the candidate has no faith, or their faith is different than your own, does the candidate surround themselves with people of sound moral character and integrity who can hold them accountable?
- 5) Have you taken the time to read their official personal testimonies and strategic plans (available on their official websites) for the country or are you relying on what the news and social media is reporting?
- 6) Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, does your candidate intend to protect Biblical values, such as protection of life, marriage and religious liberty?
- 7) For the presidential elections, have you considered the impact of the Supreme Court decisions that will affect us over the next 25-30 years, knowing that the next president will potentially select 2-4 justices? Do you know who the candidate is considering as potential replacements?
- 8) What is more important to you? The personality of the candidate or the platform and their probable policies? If these are equally important to you, how will the personality of the candidate affect the way they establish and create policies?
- 9) Does your candidate personally support religious liberty? Will they protect pastors, Christians and churches and their ability to speak and act freely in accordance with their deeply held religious convictions without threat of government interference or punishment?
- 10) If you are considering voting for a third party candidate have you considered the practical, logical and strategic outcome of your vote? Have you considered the history and impact of those who voted for third-party candidate Ross Perot in 1992 where Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush by a slim margin? Or in 2000 where votes for third-party Ralph Nader gave George W Bush the victory over Al Gore by 537 votes in Florida?