

"DOES MY VOTE MATTER TO GOD?"

I Tim. 2:1-4

1. We belong to _____. I Cor. 6:19,20 - "you are not your own; you were bought at a price." If we belong to Him, and we aren't our own, then MY idea about my vote isn't as important as _____ idea about my vote!

2. God is interested in _____ part of our lives, and _____ part of our lives is to glorify Him. I Cor. 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

If whatever we do is to bring glory to God, then our _____ should bring glory to God.

3. We are choosing our _____. Rom. 13:4 - our leaders are our servants, our ministers.

Prov. 29:2 (KJV) - "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn."

By the way – don't vote based on personalities – vote on _____.

4. Righteousness exalts a nation - Prov. 14:34 - "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach (disgrace) to any people."

The responsibility is ours - II Chron. 7:14 - "If My people, who are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

We have an on-going responsibility to our leaders - I Tim. 2:1-4 _____
"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

"First of all" – our _____ priority – not just in election year

Petitions – carries with it a sense of need for God's _____

Prayers – idea of intensity and _____ on God

Intercessions – used of communication between friends, in behalf of someone

Giving of thanks – for the freedoms we still enjoy

When Paul wrote this, Nero was emperor, and was killing Christians in droves.

"peaceful" – inward peace

"quiet" – free from disturbance

Because God wants people to know Him and grow in His Truth!

