

POLITICS AND THE CHURCH

What Biblical values inform our political views as transformed followers of Christ?

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-25; Leviticus 18; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4

In Genesis 2, God created marriage as the primary human relationship and a reflection of His covenant love for His people. The family, ordained by God, is the foundational structure of society. Marriage is designed for the exclusive union of one man and one woman, with sexual activity reserved for that relationship.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY

Genesis 18:17-21; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 127:3-5, 128:1-6; Proverbs 1:8-9

In Deuteronomy 6, God assigns parents the responsibility to teach and train their children. Parents are to impart Biblical wisdom and guide their kids in truth. We should vote to protect the freedom to raise our children according to Biblical values. Children are a gift from the Lord, and it is the parent's duty, not the government's, to raise them.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6; Psalm 8:4-6, 139:13-16; Proverbs 6:17

All human life is sacred, created by God in His image, and holds immense value. This includes pre-born babies, the elderly, the physically or mentally challenged, and every stage of life from conception to natural death. We are called to love every human life because God loves every human life. As followers of Jesus, we must uphold this same standard, valuing all life as He does.

ISRAEL

Genesis 12:3; Psalm 122:7; Exodus 20:2

Our partnership with Israel is essential, as the nation has a right to exist and defend itself against terrorism and attacks (Genesis 12:3; Psalm 122:7). Israel holds a special place in God's heart, chosen as His treasured possession. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 reminds us that God chose Israel not because of their size but because of His love and His promise to their ancestors.

SEXUALITY

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18-24; Leviticus 18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:2; Hebrews 13:4

God designed marriage to be the union of one man and one woman, with sexual activity meant only for that relationship. All sexual and gender-related behavior should align with God's unchanging design. While we are called to love and care for everyone, we must not affirm lifestyles that go against Biblical Truth, trusting God to transform us all through the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2).

FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND SPEECH

Matthew 22:15-22; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Acts 5:29

Jesus made a clear distinction between the role of government and the role of the Church, teaching us to give to Caesar what bears his image, meaning we should pay our taxes. We are to give to God what is His—our lives, as created in His image and called to be His followers. Our government, through the First Amendment and Bill of Rights, guarantees freedom of religion and speech. The Bible instructs us to always be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15).

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Genesis 28:11-14; Deuteronomy 25:13-15; Proverbs 11:11, 22:7; Luke 14:28-30, Matthew 6:21

Our relationship with finances is a reflection of our heart condition (Matthew 6:21), and the Bible teaches us to manage our resources wisely. In Genesis 28:11-14, God promises blessings, but we are called to be good stewards of those blessings. Deuteronomy 25:13-15 and Proverbs 11:1 stress honesty in financial dealings, warning against deceit. Luke 14:28-30 reminds us to plan and budget carefully, ensuring that we have the means to complete what we begin, avoiding debt and mismanagement.

IMMIGRATION

Romans 13:1-7; Leviticus 19:33-34; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Zechariah 7:10

Scripture teaches that God expects us to obey the laws of the government, including immigration laws, unless those laws force us to disobey God (Acts 5:29). While entering a country unlawfully is wrong, illegal immigrants are still individuals made in God's image, deserving of compassion and dignity. As Christians, we are called to separate our view of the illegal act from our treatment of illegal immigrants, showing love and rejecting hatred or violence.

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