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Politics and the Church

Politics seem to be getting more divisive, and at the same time to be showing up everywhere. How should we as Christians think about politics and our faith? What principles does God's Word give us to direct our political activity?

God expects me to honor my authorities (1 Peter 2:13-17)

- A. God commands submission
- B. God commands honor

It is wrong for a Christian to publicly mock, disrespect, or hate a public official. While this all too common in the public sphere, it has no place in the life of a Bible-obedient believer.

Nations matter to God (and so they should matter to us)

- A. God pays attention to nations in the Old Testament (Isaiah 13-23).
- B. There will be nations in the millennium (Zechariah 14:16-19).
- C. Nations will exist in the eternal state (Revelation 21:24-27).

I have a responsibility to my country

- A. To pray for my leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4)**
- B. To fulfill my civic duty (Matthew 22:15-22)**
- C. To seek the welfare of the city (Jeremiah 29:4-14)**

**We should be concerned with the morality of our nation
(Proverbs 14:34)**

We must be willing to distinguish issues that are of critical moral importance (abortion, gender identity) and those that are based on principles of God's Word and a worldview informed by God's Word (gun rights, minimum wage).

My primary allegiance is to God's kingdom

- A. My love for the lost should influence how I think about politics (1 Corinthians 9:19-22).**
- B. My love for Christians should influence how I think about politics (Romans 14:17).**