

Something to Pray About

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Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go. —Joshua 1:9 GNT

Politics & Liberty

I grew up in the era of “Watergate,” so I know what it’s like to be totally disillusioned with an elected official. Watching political candidates’ commercials greatly irritated me back when I still had TV service. I could not stand the talks by candidates either, because they mostly excoriated their opponent, but told me little to nothing about what they believed in or planned to do when in office. If you have ever watched the movie “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” then you know the kind of elected official I would dearly love to have in Congress, but despair of ever seeing.

Taking all that in, along with financial shenanigans, sexual scandals, partisan politics, payouts to cronies, and general disregard of our nation’s constitution, and the fact that it cost so much money to run for office, politics seems totally corrupted and unredeemable. Yet, politics is not a dirty word. It is the price of freedom.

Though I’d like to put my head in the sand and ignore the whole mess, I know that if I want to keep my freedoms, I MUST VOTE! And when selfish, self-centered, self-indulgent, socialistic, idiots make it into office despite my vote, I MUST LEARN TO PROTEST, too!

It is way past time that Christian Americans became more active and more vocal in the political arena—locally and nationally. DO NOT REFUSE TO VOTE just because you aren’t enthused by any of the candidates. This is a time to pick the lesser evil as best you can, and then hound the ones who get into office to be better representatives of the people—all the people of the United States, not just me and my neighbors or special friends.

This country continues to slide down a slippery slope toward less and less freedom, and more and more intrusive government, and bigger and bigger government, when all the government was meant to do was to protect us from enemies foreign and domestic AND allow us, as individuals and groups, to live our lives according to our beliefs and consciences, while working to better our lives. Notice the word “working.” We each have a right to “work” towards our own personal American dream. We do not have the right to steal from or rely on other people’s work and be handed the American dream.

It is particularly frightening to see our freedoms of speech and religion being eroded more each day. We need to step up and become more visible as Christians at work and in the public square. If you can talk about your favorite movie with a stranger or co-worker; then you can talk about the sermon you heard in church. If you can talk about the novel you read, then you can talk about the Bible passages that brought a new insight to you during your devotions. If you can speak about your battle with cancer, you can speak about what Jesus has done for you. If you can worship and pray to Jesus in the church, then you can pray in Jesus name in public, too.

Study the history of democracy. Without the foundation of Christianity and Judaism upon which our freedoms are based, there would have never been a United States of America. And without the

knowledge of God as the ultimate authority, the only authority left is government—or whoever is the most powerful at the moment. Do you really want to leave your freedom and fate in the hands of anyone other than God, who loves you enough to have sent His Son to die for you? We need a government to insure peace and justice and property rights, but we do not want to be enslaved by it. Choose wisely on November 4th. VOTE! †