

The Christian and the 2016 Election

In two days the 2016 election will finally be over! Who do you think will win? More importantly, how will you behave and treat others once it is over?

Let's just be honest about it, many of us are very emotional and passionate about this election. We are worried about. We really want Tuesday to go our way. This is obvious when you look at what disciples are posting on social media sites. For many they are using social media as a venue to promote a particular candidate and argue with others over the opposition. The devil is certainly aware of how emotional many of us are over this election and he will try to use this to divide and conquer us.

With that in mind, let's spend a few moments emphasizing some important things we need to remember as the day approached when we will be electing new leaders.

I. Remember to stay united!

- A. The unity we have as God's people is fragile. If we are not careful our attitude towards the outcome of the election can divide us as the family of God.
 - 1. Do you think God wants His people to be divided over politics? Of course not!
 - 2. As Christians we are part of something much bigger than political parties.
 - 3. We must stay united as a family regardless of the outcome Tuesday (1 Peter 2:9-10; John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3).
- B. According to Ephesians 4:4-6, as Christians we are bound by the...
 - 1. one body.
 - 2. one spirit.
 - 3. one hope.
 - 4. one Lord.
 - 5. one faith.
 - 6. one baptism.
 - 7. one God and Father.

II. You have influence!

- A. Every disciple has this.
 - 1. We need to remember this when on social media.
 - 2. We never need to debate politics on social media.
- B. It sends a bad message (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15; John 17:21).
 - 1. Instead stay away from politics on social media (Proverbs 17:14).
 - 2. Instead exercise discipline and restraint (Proverbs 17:27-28).
 - 3. Instead be wise and make the most of your time (Ephesians 5:15-17).

III. Remember who is in control!

- A. God is ultimately in control! See Psalm 47:8; 113:4-5; Daniel 4:17; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 17:14; 19:6. Remember this will help you sleep well Tuesday night regardless of what happens.
- B. Regardless of what happens, trust God because His cause will ultimately prevail!

Conclusion: As Tuesday approaches, where is your trust?