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## Introduction

It's only four days until the new leader of the free world will be elected into office. This unfathomable responsibility will soon fall upon the shoulders of either a man or a woman.

Never in her history has America had an election like this one. For over 18 months we have all witnessed the ups and downs and the accusations fly from both main Presidential leaders, their surrogates and Campaigns! Even the most liberal of liberals have been shocked at some point!

This bizarre pantomime has played out before our very eyes in a totally 'unbiased' media, and it is now safe to say, we are ALL ready for the election.

From a Christian perspective, leadership of any nation is of paramount importance. America is probably one of the most important. Therefore, in this issue we aim not to try to sway you either way, persuade you to vote for one candidate over the other, but instead we will examine the importance of leadership, what God looks for in a leader and why it is imperative that you have YOUR voice heard on November 8<sup>th</sup>...

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# Why Vote?

One thing that we have heard consistently from the people is, *why should I vote? Or I don't like either candidate.* I guess this is powerful argument, but just how important is personality when voting for a leader?

Firstly, there is a difference between personality and character. Whilst personality can 'reflect' parts of a person's character, it only forms a small part of the entire being. Character is way deeper. Character denotes the mental and moral qualities that are distinctive to any individual. Therefore, the true character of an individual can be determined if it is weighed against the 'policies' that they support, the laws they want to pass and impose on others and how that person or persons have acted in the past.

One of the most important issues for believers is the subject of Abortion. This subject alone above all others reflects man's belief that sanctity of life ought to be protected for the unborn. If you believe in God and that all life is precious, it is safe to assume that you will be pro-life. That means that all life is precious from the moment of conception and every effort should be done by government to protect the unborn, who is vulnerable, precious and does not have a voice during the first 9 months of life in the womb. The unborn life should be protected at all costs even to the cost of the mother's life and/or even if the baby is medically classified as deformed. On the other hand, some of our society struggles with this and believe that up to a certain point a baby can be aborted perhaps to save the mother's life, if a woman has been raped or there is a medical reason with the baby. Then there is the pro-abortion lobby who believe that the woman has the right unequivocally to put her life before the unborn, even up until the time of birth and that abortion can be performed at any point in the pregnancy. Then there are those that are undecided and in the middle of the road. They believe that before a certain time in the pregnancy a baby can be aborted, because of social issues or some medical condition but not in the third trimester.

Legislation has been argued and fought over for many years, and set against a Constitution that promotes freedom of expression, it can be difficult to strike a balance. However, it is safe to say that the bible is certain about God's position. ALL life is precious.

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14*

When electing a President there are so many social and economic issues to consider also and this in turn can help you to determine the character of a person. Is the person a good steward of money? What social changes do they promote that would help the American people, and so on and so forth. Policies are only good and will bear good fruit, if they are employed once a person is in power. Therefore, probably one of the most important questions you must ask yourself when

you vote is this, can I *trust* this person? Will this person follow-through with their promises? If you can answer this question positively, then you have your candidate!

## In God, We Trust?

So, what does God say about leadership and how did He choose those best to lead. There have been many leaders in the bible but perhaps the most well-known is King David. David was chosen and anointed to lead when he was still a young child, a shepherd boy. The most unlikely choice in man's eyes was the perfect choice in God's eyes. Singled-out for greatness, David as a young boy slew the giant Goliath and sealed his place in history with man. However, as King, he made mistakes, big ones! How could this man possibly be a great leader? Well great leaders are only human beings at the end of the day. They are flawed, just like you and I, however Acts 13:22 gives us the answer as to why God chose David:

*“After removing Saul, He made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”*

God knew David's heart. He knew he would get the job done – no matter what! Therefore, trustworthiness and commitment is very important in any leader. It is what most relationships are based on and the President of the United States holds not only the entire nation in his/her hands, but the world.

*In God We Trust* is one of the greatest pillars of American society. It appears on our currency everyday! It is a constant and a reminder that God is everywhere, whether we are conscious of Him or not and He sees and hears everything. Therefore, ask yourself this question, does your President ‘consult’ with God? Maybe he or she holds God or His people with derision? Perhaps your candidate believes he or she is God!

Whatever your answer to these questions and more there is one thing that cannot be disputed.

**WHEN AMERICA IS STRONG THE WORLD IS A SAFER PLACE**

Happy voting on Tues!

