

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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Well, the primary election is upon us. It's time to once again, go cast our ballot. I've heard people say, "It really doesn't matter?" Well, it really does. This is one of your freedoms in the United States of America, to vote. We all have seen that every vote counts and how is your vote going to count if you don't do it? In this day and time, we have so many outlets to find out information. Take some time to research the candidates. It really is not how sweet they are; or I went to school with them; or I feel sorry for them. We vote because we really think they can do the best job to represent us. They have the same beliefs I do; they are respectful; they think for themselves, etc. No one is perfect. There was only one perfect one and He was crucified. Pray about your choices and decisions. This is serious. We have some real problems in our world today and it starts at the ground level. Keep that in mind!

As the school year also begins next week, keep in mind all of these horrible things we have been hearing about what is being taught in some schools. As parents and grandparents, we need to be involved in our children's schools. Yes, the teachers sometimes spend more time with our children than we do and that can be scary. What can we do? Stay involved. Make sure you stay involved in your children's

education. If you see or hear something you don't approve of, speak up and say something about it. These are our children and our responsibility. Yes, it is much easier to send them off to school, give them a tablet or their phone when they come home and leave it at that. Ask questions! Be involved in their lives and find out what is going on! School boards are not dictators... they work for us. Get involved, stand up and speak up! Again, trouble starts at the ground level!

As our world continues to decay, we seem to be sitting back and watching. It's time for us as Christians to stand up and speak up! We are the salt of the earth and many of us have lost our saltiness. We need to get on fire for Christ. It's time for us, as Christians, to work hard sharing the gospel of Christ. For without Him, we are nothing. Ultimately, God is in control and I know the end of the story, I'm Heaven bound. We have lost the sanctity of the home and parents have lost the desire to parent. It is your responsibility to raise that child. As each day passes, I find myself continuing to look up to feel the peace that only the Lord can provide. I invite you to enjoy the peace that only the Lord can provide today!

Have a blessed week!

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