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Series: "Politics (Yeah, We're Going to Go There!)"

Message #1 – What Kind of Political Animal Does God Ride? Is God a Democrat/Republican/Libertarian/Green/Communist/or....?

Whichever parties are "in power", _____!
Proverbs 21:1; Psalm 47:8; Joshua 5:13-15; Revelation 19:11-16

Q. Is God "for" a) the Democrats, b) the Republicans, c) other: _____?

A. _____...in fact, _____ them/us all!

The Real Question is: are ___ on ___ side?

Until Jesus returns as The Victor, we live as _____ citizens.

→ With our _____ citizenship being _____...
Philippians 3:20; Acts 4:18-20

→ ...but also called by God to be honorable citizens on earth!
Romans 13:1-7; Daniel 2:20-21; Deuteronomy 17:18-20

- The one governing ultimately gains authority _____...
- ...trusted by God with some of HIS authority that He places on his/her desk to steward/manage wisely for God...
- ...and is therefore _____...
- ...and should use power _____...

Government officials are _____ servants...
...to do us good...
...to punish those who do wrong...
...to govern as God's servants.

How then should we "regular citizens" live politically?

Action #1: We should _____ (not just against!) those in office
1 Timothy 2:1-4

Action #2: We work & vote for _____ of _____
Proverbs 29:2; Deuteronomy 1:13

Have I earnestly, thoughtfully prayed about this choice?
Does this person exhibit Godly character throughout life?
Does he/she have love for God and a servant heart?
Is this person wise, discerning, well-informed on issues?
Do I have a sense that this is the best of those running?

Action #3: We work & vote for _____ of _____

Am I aware of what God says about this issue?
Have I earnestly, thoughtfully prayed about this issue?
Is my opinion based on my desire or God's?
What do other wise believers say about this?
Is this the most loving thing for others as well as me?
In this dual-citizenship, am I representing God well?

Remember:

After every election, _____!
Proverbs 3:5-6

Key: God is still in control; none of the above, He is above; we, His; dual, primary, in Heaven; from God; accountable to God; as God directs; God's; pray for; people, Godly character; issues, Godly principles; God will still be in control