God's Word and Your Vote (Part 3): Issues



The Introduction

*	The BIG Ide	a: For	God's glory,	you should	vote	responsibly	/.
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~ What does the **Bible** say about God and government? → The **Why?** ➤ God's Glory

> Responsibly ~ What laws does the U.S. **Constitution** allow at Federal, State, and Local levels? -> The **What?**

> Vote ~ How should Christians vote on the particular issues, responsibly considering what the Bible and

Constitution dictate? → The *How*?

The Issues and Your Vote

Overall Princip	les and Con	siderations
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- > The Eternal Law of God
- > Salt and Light
- > The "Spectrum" (W. Grudem, Politics According to the Bible)
 - Very Clear Position
 - Agree on the Goal
 - Disagree on an Issue, not because we disagree on the Result → Disagree on the Relevant Facts
- United States "Public Policy"
- >> Biblical Axiom: "Who we are (Christians and Americans) should determine what we do—belief determines behavior... including how we vote!" -> Principles (Biblical and Constitutional) vs Pragmatics (unintended consequences spiral...)
- ** Our Priorities for the Issues:
 - 1) Biblical: Morally Commanded? God honoring? Permissible? Practical? (MSA!—Moral)
 - 2) Constitutional: Allowed? What level of Government? ("Legal")?
 - NB: Unlimited King and Limited Government (Federalism and Separation of Powers)
- The Issues: Life

*	The Issues: Liberty The Issues: Property (Pursuit of Happiness)
	e Conclusion So What?
*	 Final: We are responsible and accountable to God! ➤ Importance of foundational documents: Bible and Constitution ➤ Biblical Axiom: Who we are should determine what we do! ➤ For God's glory, we should vote responsibly!

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