



# The Truth

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“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

“The GOP presidential race is on to win over the evangelical vote and garner endorsements from those who are and those who fashion themselves leaders of the evangelical movement. Evangelicals should vote only for those whom they vet through the word of God, not the word of man.” –Dave–



How do I as an evangelical decide for whom I will vote? It might be

better to cover how I did in the 2008 election. I voted for John McCain and I have never felt so nauseated in my life. I clearly chose “the lesser of two evils” because I was voting against Barack Obama more than I was voting for Senator McCain. I based my vote on political pragmatism instead of [personal piety](#).

Please understand that I am not saying I consider myself too pure for the rest of you or that I think I’ve arrived in my quest for holiness. I am far from that. My great journey in the political landscape is one of trying to discern God’s will through studying His Word, listening to the Holy Spirit, and seeking counsel from those I know put the authority of Scripture over their lives first.

My struggle with pragmatism is best seen in a blog post I wrote on May 6, 2010 titled [“Pragmatism Is An Illusion.”](#) I wrote:

*Political pragmatism tells us we can rescue our nation if we only elect the right people; part of that is true. However, if your heart is blinded by what you see then your mind will be tricked to see for what you hope.*

Therein lies our great struggle. We so hope that our beloved nation will be saved from the ravages of Communism, Socialism, and Obama that we will overlook the glaring ungodliness of candidates who are even pro-choice, such as Rudy Giuliani, and still endorse such a person. And this is done by people we are supposedly safe to follow.

I am determined to vote only for a candidate I know that my God will be pleased with me doing so. I do not want to have to find myself standing before a Holy God using my political pragmatism as an excuse for voting for someone I know I was not free to do so.

I answer to God and not to man. So I must vote with that knowledge.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**The Founders would be appalled at how lenient Americans have become with their vote. Its sacredness was bought through the blood of hundreds of thousands of freedom fighters and should not be given lightly.**

*“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”* John Jay, in a letter to Pennsylvania State Representative John Murray, dated October 12, 1816.

Would our Founders be satisfied with voting for the lesser of two evils? Would they consider that a prudent approach to electing those who represent us in our republican form of government? Would a Rudy Giuliani be the type of candidate our first Supreme Court Justice John Jay would consider it his “duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer” a candidate who is pro-choice and pro-same sex marriage?

What about a candidate running today who supported and campaigned for Rudy Giuliani? Should we look at such a candidate with a suspecting eye? Governor Rick Perry is such a man. Now Perry has vowed to a group of more than 200 conservative evangelical leaders that he will pick a pro-life Vice President, but I would love to hear Governor Perry’s reasons today why he supported and campaigned for Rudy over all the other candidates in 2008.

Be sure that his supporting Giuliani does not automatically eliminate him from my list as it has with others. I stand guilty of supporting a man I did not believe in and I have since repented of my ways. We grow over the years and change our way of thinking. It’s called living life.

That being said I want to be sure that if I decide to vote for any of the candidates in the current GOP field, that I will consider them closely through a biblical lens and not a pragmatic one.

The most sacred thing you have as an American citizen is your vote. Others from around the world do not enjoy the freedoms we have, including the right to vote. And as a Christian, I should prefer a Christian who will take his or her constitutional oath as a solemn vow.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“The church must take right ground in regard to politics . . . The time has come for Christians to vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics, or the Lord will curse them . . . God cannot sustain this free and blessed country that we love and pray for, unless the Church will take right ground. Politics are part of religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to God . . . God will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics.” Charles G. Finney, *Lectures on Revivals of Religion*, 1835

There are churches today preaching and advocating for the separation of church and state. Many do so for fear of the ACLU and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. These churches that do so fail in Paul’s admonition to Timothy:

**“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)**

Perhaps some of these churches are ignorant of our duties as American citizens:

**“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.” (Romans 13:1)**

Now the above verse has been so misused by pastors and Christian leaders that we are to the point that we are told to support the godless man in the White House today. What most Americans fail to realize, particularly Christians, is that WE the People are the governing authorities. We enumerate powers to those we elect as outlined in our US and state constitutions. If an elected leader fails to support and defend the very constitution they solemnly swear an oath to, then as the governing authorities we must remove them from office and replace them with someone who will.

Let me help you help your pastors. Introduce or reintroduce them to a founding father by the name of John Witherspoon. He was a signatory of the Declaration of Independence as a representative of New Jersey. During this time, Dr. Witherspoon was president of the College of New Jersey, known today as Princeton University. Dr. Witherspoon was also an evangelical Presbyterian minister. Dr. Witherspoon taught his students biblical principles of government. Witherspoon said this about how we select our leaders:

***“The people in general ought to have regard to the moral character of those whom they invest with authority either in the legislative, executive, or judicial branches.”***

Would to God that our pastors will take up this mantle and teach their flocks the biblical principles of government!

# TO THE STREETS

You are just one citizen; does your vote really count? It counts if it is counted and it is counted if you vote. It is as simple as that. Your responsibility is not only in voting but also in being knowledgeable on who and for what you vote. If it is our duty to prefer and vote for Christians to represent us, then it is incumbent upon us to be informed on the candidates and issues. Here are some practical steps:

1. Read the party platform of the party with which you are affiliated. If you support a party that advocates godless government then you must leave that party.
2. Find out if the candidates not only support the party platform, but also and more importantly know the platform. In 1996 the GOP candidate Senator Bob Dole of Kansas not only did not [support](#) the platform, but also admitted he had not read the whole platform. Because of that I voted for Alan Keyes. I should have done the same thing in 2008.
3. Watch the presidential debates. As much as these debates can be terribly run by the certain networks it still gives you a feel for the candidates. Of course one should not base his or her vote solely on a candidate's debate performance but it is just one more nugget of needed information.
4. Read the [US Constitution](#). If you expect your elected official to support and defend this important document, is it too much to ask you to actually have read it? And while you're at it, read our nation's birth certificate...the [Declaration of Independence](#). There are many so-called constitutional lawyers and experts who believe the Declaration of Independence is not part of the organic law of the land. This is stunning to me in that [US Code](#) declares the Declaration of Independence as part of The Organic Laws of the United States of America.
5. It is important to pay close attention to local and state elections. Many abusive laws and legislators are elected because citizens do not follow these issues closely. I am guilty of this. I have purposed in my heart to pay closer attention between now and November 2012 to local and state elections so I am not relying on my local voter guide to help me make important decisions. This is not being a good steward of my precious voting right.

It will take work on our part as citizens who call ourselves Christians to elect morally upright representatives. This means we have to invest some of our precious time to become informed. You would do it if you knew your freedom depended upon it. Well, it does!

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