



The Truth

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“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

“Another GOP presidential debate is this Monday. What is it that the candidates are trying to get across in these performances? Mainly, that you can trust them to lead our country. So on what do we base that trust?” – Dave–



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Every Republican candidate is uniquely qualified to be our next

president. What’s that? You didn’t know that? Oh, well you must not have watched the last two debates. Just give each candidate one minute and he or she will try to convince you that they are the change we’ve been waiting for. Oh wait, that one’s already been taken.

How do I wade through all the hyperbole, character assassinations, media bias, and outright lies to determine who should be the next President of the United States?

It’s actually quite simple. He or she must be a servant leader. Too many politicians “use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh” and have no clue what it means to serve.

The first important act the President takes is the oath of office. Will our next president support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic?

If he or she is a political opportunist seeking fame, fortune, and power, then the answer is no. We already have someone like that in the White House right now.

Will he or she compromise on their beliefs to save their beliefs? Will he or she “abandon free market principles to save the free market” like our last president did?

Compromise for the sake of a short-lived victory and incrementally achieved goals never end up at its imagined destination. Compromise always ends up in compromise.

I want a president who understands that God’s law is supreme and who embraces the organic laws of the United States as consisting of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Ordinance of 1787: The Northwest Territorial Government, and the US Constitution. Why? Because then they will understand the genesis of our liberty.

This is the true law of the land that they must understand and defend.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Founders believed that only men of great honor and virtue would ever rule our new nation. The contest for the Presidency was never meant to be a combination of American Idol and Let's Make A Deal.

"I pray Heaven to bestow THE BEST OF BLESSINGS ON THIS HOUSE and All that shall hereafter Inhabit it, May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof." President John Adams, after moving into the newly constructed White House composed a prayer in a letter to his wife Abigail, dated November 2, 1800. The prayer was later engraved upon the mantel in the state dining room.

As you watch the debates this Monday, I encourage you to listen to each candidate to see if they exude a servant's heart. Are they humble when describing their abilities? While experience is a necessary qualification, it is far more important that our president have a biblical worldview. I would gladly take an amateur executive with a strong biblical worldview over a superstar executive with an ungodly worldview and record to prove it (ahem...Mitt Romney).

Our first president George Washington stated in his farewell address:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens."

Can you imagine the response if one of our candidates were to quote Washington and state that he or she will always rely on a biblical worldview to guide their decisions? I can already hear the cries of separation of church and state and the demands for the candidate to drop out of the race.

What if WE the People demanded that of our candidates? What if we sent Washington's quote and ask them to sign a pledge to embrace and support Washington's sentiments? Would the church then have someone to whom they could support?

FROM THE PULPIT

“No government rules except by the will of God. You are leaders, not only as a result of the greatest mandate the American people have ever given, but there is a mandate higher than the ballot box. You have responsibilities not only to all the people of America and to the peoples of the world, but you have also a great responsibility to the God of our fathers.” Billy Graham, 1965 Inaugural Sermon

How many elected representatives of our republican form of government believe they have a responsibility to Almighty God? Have you recently heard a politician speak such words? Have any of the current Republican candidates for President spoke in a similar manner? If so you will want to give such a candidate a close, hard look. He or she is on the right track.

When facing trial a second time, the apostles faced the high priest, sort of like our Supreme Court today (or at least as it is viewed by far too many Americans). The high priest scolded the apostles and reminded them they had been ordered not to preach in Jesus’ name and filling Jerusalem with the Doctrine of Christ. Peter and the other apostles answered:

“We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29b)

You might be thinking, that was meant for religious leaders not elected leaders. Fine, if that were true would to God our religious leaders of today adhere to those words! But God’s admonishment for man to obey Him is not restricted to religious leaders alone. If WE the People wish to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity” then we should heed God’s Words from the Prophet Jeremiah:

“But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’” (Jeremiah 7:23)

If we continue to elect godless men and women, should we then expect anything less than godless representation? If we continue to elect men and women who compromise on social issues, should we then expect anything less than compromising on the less difficult decisions? If a man or woman will compromise on the issue of life, rest assure that he or she will compromise on less sensitive issues such as taxes, our national debt, or the economy. Why should we expect anything more from such a person? We need a leader who would speak the following words about God:

“I have always taken Counsel of Him, and referred to Him my plans, and have never adopted a course of proceeding without being assured, as far as I could be, of His approbation.”

Abraham Lincoln

TO THE STREETS

Your assignment this week, should you agree to it, is to watch the debates on CNN Monday, September 12th beginning at 8pm ET. Take notes of the candidates' responses and particularly their demeanor while giving their answers. Obviously some candidates are more experienced in debating, but a man or woman speaking from his or her heart will give an answer that rings true.

Visit the candidates' websites and see where they stand on the issues that are near and dear to you. If their websites do not address a particular issue, call the campaign headquarters or email them to find out the candidates stand.

Do not be too hasty in making your decision on who you are going to support. Just because the candidates and the media are in a hurry to determine the outcome, that does not mean you have to be.

You do not have to decide until the day voting in your primary begins, and in the case of early voting, you still have time to make up your mind. This follows on the assumption that you are registered to vote and will participate in your state presidential primary. I believe that to be a safe assumption, no?

Be sure to volunteer in helping get out the vote, particularly if you have chosen a candidate to support. Supporting a candidate means more than just sending your money. Volunteer to walk your precinct and help register people to vote and follow up on election day to ensure they actually vote.

Keep up with Congress. They are a sneaky bunch and are constantly passing legislation of which most Americans are unaware. They are counting on your willful ignorance of their actions. They're hoping you're more excited about The X Factor than spending time doing your homework on the issues.

Eternal vigilance is our watch call. WE the People get the government we deserve. If all we use to decide upon a candidate is their propaganda and the endorsements of organizations we support, chances are very great that you will be disappointed come Summer 2013.

Posterity is counting on us. Let's not fail them!

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