

## **“Your Bible. Your Vote.,” by Dr. Chris Jones**

In our fast-paced world, where decisions shape the future, the act of voting stands as a cornerstone of democracy. Arkansans are people of deep faith. My faith is Christianity and The Bible is my guide, so allow me to speak from my guide. The Bible, while not explicitly mentioning modern electoral processes, offers profound guidance on the principles that should guide believers in their civic duties.

First and foremost, the Bible emphasizes the importance of justice and righteousness. Proverbs 29:2 states, "When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." This verse underscores the impact of leadership on the wellbeing of society. As voters, Christians are called to seek leaders who embody righteousness, fairness, and integrity.

Additionally, the Bible encourages participation in societal affairs. Romans 13:1-7 highlights the role of governing authorities as ordained by God, and it calls believers to respect and engage with these institutions. By voting, Christians fulfill their role in selecting leaders who will uphold justice and promote the common good.

Moreover, the principle of loving one's neighbor, as taught in Matthew 22:39, extends to the political realm. Voting is an opportunity to advocate for policies that protect the vulnerable, promote peace, and ensure equitable treatment for all. It is a tangible way to express love and concern for the broader community.

In this election season, let us remember our responsibility as stewards of God's creation. We are called to be informed, prayerful, and active participants in the electoral process. Let our votes reflect our commitment to justice, compassion, and the values we hold dear.

### **Arkansas, follow your faith!**

Engage in the electoral process with a heart grounded in biblical principles. Research the candidates, seek wise counsel (and listen), pray for discernment, and cast your vote. Your participation is not just a civic duty but a divine opportunity to influence society for the better. **Let your voice be heard and vote with faith and conviction.**

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