



*In response to our current series, we want to offer additional resources and places to find information to aid you in voting in our general elections November 6th. If you have additional resources, please share them with Pastor Terry for consideration!*

### **Political & Voting Resources:**

**Christian Coalition** ... visit [www.cc.org/voterguides](http://www.cc.org/voterguides) to download federal and state election guides. Each guide is formatted to specific questions that are important to the Christian Coalition.

**American Family Association** ... visit [www.afaaction.net](http://www.afaaction.net) to download this associations detailed report card for each federal and state candidate. This report is based on issues that is important to the AFA. You may also visit [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net) for more general info.

**Politifact.com** ... This website is ran by the Tampa Bay Times as a truth meter for those running for office. You can track what a candidate says and how true it is. It also tracks the promises made by candidates in previous elections. There is an app available for those with smart phones.

**Mlive** ... visit [www.mlive.com/voterguide](http://www.mlive.com/voterguide) and enter your local information to view side-by-side comparisons of all races **and** issues on our ballot.



Pastor Terry | 10.21.12  
Part 1: Legislating Morality

*When you think of “politics,” what is the first thing that comes to your mind?*

*Do you believe we are a Christian nation or a nation founded on Christian principles?*

*What can we learn about **Jesus’ political views** as we see him practically ignore the **Roman** authority and speak against the **religious leaders** around him?*

*How is the role of government and the role of the church different?*

### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**

How is God challenging *your* political view?



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# Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

**Monday:** 10.22.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our church

**Passage:** Romans 13:1-7

**Insight:** We began a new teaching series yesterday on how we are to look at politics through a Christian perspective. Today's reading was written by Paul to a church that was located in the capital of the Roman empire.

As you read these words, what stands out to you that can be applied to our world today? What words do you find troubling or difficult to adopt? Why do you think that we are called to submit to all authority in this way?

**Tuesday:** 10.23.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Student Ministry (7-12)

**Passage:** 2 Samuel 15:1-15

**Insight:** Today's reading is a passage from David's rule over Israel where his son, Absalom, is positioning for political gain. Normally, a son would take over for his father and rule after his father has died. In this case, Absalom invests four years into convincing the people that David isn't interested in their needs but that if he were King, it would be different.

I read this and immediately it felt like our political system. We elect a President and spend 4 years convincing everyone he doesn't care about you. What stands out to you in this story?

**Wednesday:** 10.24.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Intercession (use the iPray Guide)

**Passage:** 1 Peter 2:13-17

**Insight:** I couldn't read this passage without considering it's author. Peter writes that we ought to submit ourselves to every authority no matter what. Is this the same person who years before tried to free Jesus by attacking one of the guards and cut off his ear? Peter is now proclaiming a new message ... one that speaks of peace and submission.

What stands out to you as you think about Peter's spiritual transformation? How does verse 15 motivate you to "do good" for others instead of depend on our government?

**Thursday:** 10.25.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Your School (teachers, admin, etc)

**Passage:** Daniel 6

**Insight:** One of my favorite stories from the Bible as a child was Daniel and the Lions Den. As you read it today, I hope that it is still as amazing as ever! We see a man who respects those in authority and is respected by those in authority ... but he knows his limitations, too. Daniel will not stop praying and seeking God—even in the face of certain death.

Daniel honors God and in return, God protects Daniel. What do we learn about the tension that exists between respecting authority and remaining faithful to the Lord?

**Friday:** 10.26.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Children's Ministry (baby - 6th gr)

**Passage:** Matthew 22:15-22

**Insight:** This Sunday, we will be looking at a particular aspect of politics ... taxes! Jesus was asked several times about his view on taxation to the Roman authorities and his answer is very revealing about how he views authority over us and finances in general.

As you read this passage today, what stands out to you as an application point? How do you presently view taxes and are you able to embrace Jesus' point of view?

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