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Combating a spirit of “I’m not going to vote”

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I volunteer with numbers of others at a calling center twice a week, surveying potential voters to help identify “values voters.” Now, I’m not alarmed or surprised by the huge number of people that hang up on us. We all grow weary of phone calls that seek donations or want to ask questions regarding what we think or feel, etc..

However, what concerns me are the numbers of people that show cynicism or disinterest. It concerns me when I hear people who don’t even know who’s running for President or U.S. Senate.

Several reasons are cited.

Here are just a few samples

of what some are saying and my response.

Email #1:

“All I can say is find me an honest man that I can vote for.”

My comment: We will always be dealing with an imperfect system and imperfect candidates, and we ourselves are imperfect. That shouldn’t keep us from voting – our right and privilege as a citizen. The vast majority of nations that have existed down through the ages have operated under tyranny – authoritative governments where the people have no vote. The privilege of voting still exists. Shame on us if we don’t exercise this precious right available only to a very small percentage of people in the entire world. Hundreds of thousands have laid down their lives that we might live in freedom! That freedom includes the right to vote!

Email #2:

“What about when both candidates are ungodly, and one is a socialist and one is a cultist?”

My comment: Borrowing a quote from a Summit Ministries article:

“As Jeremiah 29:4-7 reminds us, we are to seek the welfare of our city — of our most immediate communities.

In other words, we are to be preserving agents, not just of cultures, but also of good political processes. And in our own republic, sometimes preserving the political process involves voting against someone as much as voting for someone. Therefore, if a candidate would not be our first choice to fill a political position, we can vote for that candidate in the hope that a worse candidate does not win.”

If you had a doctor and you were facing a major surgery and the surgeon recommended by other professionals was a member of a cult, would you avoid him as a surgeon?

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“I’m not intending to vote Republican in this election. I think the party is more about compromise and politics than doing what is right. I do, however, intend to vote. But I’m voting for a party of principle: The Constitution Party.”

My comment: It is very, very late in America. There are many regarded Christians such as Dr. Jim Dobson and Gary Bauer who have been stating that this is no time for Christians to not vote but also not a time to throw away their vote.

There is much at stake:

- Traditional Marriage
- Sanctity of Life
- Religious Freedom
- The Economy and Jobs
- Opposing Islamofascism

- Support of our ally, Israel
- Appointments made to the U.S. Supreme Court or other federal courts

To suggest that there isn’t a clear difference between the two candidates and the positions they espouse is simply not presenting the facts that are before us.

If individuals who care about the sanctity of life and traditional marriage and who realize that America is not far from losing its Constitutional moorings don’t vote or throw their vote away on a third party candidate who isn’t going to win, they’re doing a disservice to those who come after them.

According to the organization United in Purpose, “of the 60 million Christians in the U.S., only 30 million of them vote in any given election or are even registered to vote. Our research has shown that it only takes 5 million votes to decide an election. We believe that if Christian voters will make their voices heard on Election Day, we can bring about positive change in America. Our nation was founded on Biblical principles, but God has been expunged from our

culture, and as a consequence, our nation is in an ethical and moral mess.”

What happens if Christians stay home on Election Day? Conversely, what can happen if God’s people go to the polls and vote their values?

To find out, order the powerful free DVD, “Why Christians Must Vote.”

We are making available free of charge this 20 minute DVD, “Why Christians Must Vote,” taken from the two hour DVD “One Nation Under God with David Barton.

To request your complimentary DVD “Why Christians Must Vote” call us at 888-733-2326.

We urge you to order this and show it to your friends and family, Sunday School class or church group. Once you view this powerful DVD for yourself, we believe you will definitely want to share it with others.

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