You Asked For It Week 1 | Elections

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. [Psalm 33:12]

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. [Romans 13:1]

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. [Romans 13:6-7]

God & Government

"No matter who holds office, our God still holds the world."

1. Vote

"We do not have a government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." [Thomas Jefferson]

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. [Proverbs 29:2]

"You are the salt of the earth." [Matthew 5:13]

"Good government cannot save us, but bad government can destroy us."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven... [Acts 2:14]

2. Stand

Love one another...understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [Romans 13:8,11]

Religious Freedom

Marriage & Family

"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons, and your daughters, your wives and your homes." [Nehemiah 4:14]

SERMON NOTES

So God created man in His own image... [Genesis 1:27]

3. Shine

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth...You're here to be light, bringing out the Godcolors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand." [Matthew 5:13-16 MSG]

Salt: preserves the society Light: reveals the solution

"Christianity can survive without America, but America cannot survive without Christianity."

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me." [John 17:20-23]

"You may find hundreds of fault-finders among professed Christians; but all of their criticism will not lead one solitary soul to Jesus." [D. L. Moody]

4. Pray

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people–for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives, in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

The most powerful way to preserve your country is to pray for your country.

A Prayer For America

"God, I pray for the United States and for protection over those running for office. Our nation needs Jesus-show us mercy and turn this nation back to you. Raise up leaders during this election who help us live peaceful, godly lives. I pray for policies that will protect your church and the most vulnerable in our society. Help me represent you through my words and actions. Send revival to America. In Jesus name, amen."