

Kingdom Citizen

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In the book of John chapter 17 we are told we are in the world, not of this world. When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord we are saved out of darkness and ushered into His kingdom. As kingdom citizens we are to affect this world for His glory.

Vote biblical principles. Our vote is our voice. Exercise/activate your faith for righteousness. The unity of Spirit-filled, Christ-minded individuals is a powerful force against evil.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

The United States of America was founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs, although it now seems we have departed from our founding values and away from God Almighty. The church has remained silent because we are afraid to be seen as too political. We bought into the notion that we are to separate our spiritual lives from our secular lives. God died on the cross to defeat death so that we could freely live as citizens of His Kingdom. We have no reason to walk in fear, yet we do. Meanwhile the devil has a foothold in our churches, schools, and government and we are failing to sound the trumpet on the evil that is happening all around us. We are called to be salt and light in our communities.

Matthew 5:13-16 NIV “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Many so-called churches have twisted the word of God to suit a narrative of being inclusive. They preach love and acceptance, which on the surface sounds wonderful. The truth in the Word of God is the truth He called us to live out, now and for all time. God is trying to wake up the church. He commands us to be humble. The opposite of being humble is being filled with pride. When we are filled with pride we are asking for trouble.

Proverbs 16:18-19 NASB 1995 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. ¹⁹ It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 22:4 Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

We need to pray that we stand firm against evil, to die to self and put God first in our lives, to live out our faith no matter the cost. Whether it be at work or school or how we vote, we should stand against unrighteousness and pray for the courage to live as Kingdom citizens every single day.

The true nature of worship is to seek God's face. The Christian walk is a life devoted to seeking God's presence and favor. Pursuing God is equivalent to developing an intimate relationship with Him

Psalms 63:1-3 NLT O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!

We are fortunate to live in the USA. We have a voice in our government and can choose to elect officials who will represent and protect Christian values. If only we do not neglect our civic duty. If people who profess to be Christian really live as citizens of God's Kingdom, in every area of their lives, they will have a positive impact on society. If Jesus Christ is Lord of your life, then He should influence everything you do - even your civic duty and how you vote.

Proverbs 28: 12 & 28, Proverb 29:2

When the righteous triumph, there is great elation;
but when the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding.

When the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding;
but when the wicked perish, the righteous thrive.

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice;
When the wicked rule, the people groan.