

"Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly." – Micah 6:8

Faithful Citizenship Begins with Being Informed

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love not only with our words but with our actions. One of the ways we honor God and love our neighbors is by becoming informed, engaged, and compassionate citizens.

Election seasons often bring loud voices, competing promises, and difficult decisions. Rather than relying on headlines, social media posts, or political advertisements, Christians are called to seek truth with wisdom and discernment.

Scripture reminds us:

"The simple believe everything, but the prudent give thought to their steps." — Proverbs 14:15. What steps will you take in this election that is different from before? Will you stand up for what is just, what is right and what is true? Not just for the majority, but for those who have been denied a voice.

Being informed is an act of stewardship. Before casting your vote:

- Learn about the issues that affect your community.
- Read proposed ballot measures for yourself. Watching commercials that engage your emotions and mislead your mind is not the way to go.
- Research on where candidates stand on topics that impact education, healthcare, housing, justice, creation care, and the well-being of vulnerable people.
- Ask how policies will affect your neighbors, not only yourself.

Our faith calls us beyond partisanship. Jesus teaches us to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40), to seek justice (Isaiah 1:17), and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31). Those values should guide our civic engagement. What better way to show our love of God than to live just lives.

This Week's Act of Justice

Choose one issue or one race on your upcoming ballot and spend 30 minutes learning about it from multiple reliable sources. Read directly from official candidate websites, local news organizations, and trusted nonpartisan voter resources. Pray for wisdom before making your decision.

Prayer

God of wisdom, give us discerning hearts and open minds. Help us to seek truth rather than division, justice rather than convenience, and love rather than fear. May our voices, our votes, and our actions reflect Your kingdom, where every person is valued and every neighbor is loved. In Christ's name, Amen.

Remember: Voting is one expression of faithful citizenship. Continue honoring your neighbors by listening well, serving generously, advocating for justice, and working for the common good every day—not just on Election Day.

Small acts become movements when faithful people act together.

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