

**The Role Christians Should Play in Politics and Government and Why**

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Christians should play an active role in politics and government as a way to show God's love and grace. By engaging in a field that is full of evil and corruption in a Godly manner, a Christian can show others the goodness and peace that is found in Christ and perhaps succeed in tearing down an evil within the world, such as abortion. This paper will explain through scripture and reasoning why Christians should engage in politics and with their government.

Romans chapter thirteen verses three and four say the following:

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. (KJV)

These verses very clearly state that citizens are to do good and respect their leaders. It is also a command for leaders to do good. It could be reasonably inferred that these verses go both ways, meaning that if a ruler ceases to be a terror to evil works and instead is a terror to good works, a Christian should take action. Therefore, a Christian should engage in politics in order to do good things, prevent evil things from being done, and be a "revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Romans 13:4, KJV). Engaging in politics is a way to spread the gospel through actions taken by the Christian and through words, as a Christian who engages in politics will likely be making speeches.

If a Christian does choose to engage in politics, he must remember to do so in a Christ-like manner. The most important thing is showing God's love, not changing the government. That is,

not to discount the importance of bettering the government, but it is most important to change the government while being a witness for Christ. As Matthew chapter five, verse fourteen says, “ye are the light of the world” (KJV). Christians are called to be examples and witnesses of Christ in order to bring others to the light (Matthew 5:16).

Engaging in politics is a good way for a Christian to show the love of Christ to others. Whether voting, running for office, or advocating for a Godly candidate, it is important that Christians have an impact on the political nature of their country. Christians are called to be a light in the darkness, and being a good example for Christ in the very dark world of politics is a great way to do just that.