First I'll address why many Christians and others do not vote.

- <u>We are in the world but not of the world, John 17:16</u>.and they believe as believers they should not participate in the world.
- <u>Separation of church and state</u>. The phrase "separation of church and state." was written in a letter in 1802 by Thomas Jefferson to a group of baptist men. The meaning of the letter was to explain that the government should not have influence over the church. It was not applying that the government need not be subject to God's moral laws preached within the church.

Reasons to vote.

- God told mankind at creation to multiply and <u>subdue</u> the land, and have dominion over the things in the earth, <u>Genesis 1:28</u>. He gave mankind a order and a responsibility to fill.
- Jesus spoke the parable of <u>the servants entrusted with the masters money</u>, the servants were told to trade or occupy until the masters return. Whereby, Christians may not be of the world, we are in the world and we need to participate in the world's system.
- The example of Peter instructed to pay taxes by Jesus, Matthew 17:24-27. Jesus first acknowledged to Peter that the children of God were free of this, however He then stated that not to offend them *(the non-believers of the world)*, to pay the required tax. Jesus told Peter to take part in the world's system.
- Christians are called to to be ambassadors for Christ, 2nd Corinthians 5:20. We are to bring light to a darkened world, while proclaiming the Gospel.
- The Lord's prayer gives us the example that, His will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Matthew 6:10. We are to always pray this, knowing that righteousness is His will.
- There are two kingdoms (*governments*), the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Either the devil is influencing our government or God is influencing our government,

When the **righteous** are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn, Proverbs 29:2.

• It is the Christian's duty to pray and have influence that righteousness be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world, is that good men do nothing."

- Edmund Burke (1729-1797) -

Conclusion: All citizens should exercise their right to vote, and vote biblical values. To learn more about the candidates, go to https://www.myfaithvotes.org/

