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Introduction

The upcoming election is potentially the most hotly contested in national history. So much is at stake, and social media is heating up with debates and discussions where many of us are participating. How do you fight for your candidate without losing your soul? How do you expose public lies without losing your testimony? Can a local church be non-partisan yet help the nation make the right choices? It is all possible but it requires much wisdom. And where do we get that? (Psalm 119:98-100)

BIBLICAL GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS REGARDING POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

1. For the Church as a whole (John 18:36; Matthew 22:20-21)

- As an organization, the local Church must always be non-partisan. We must never enter the snake pit of partisan politics, i.e., imitating the INC “command vote” or endorsing political candidates. This holds true for any denomination or association we are part of. We will publicly dissociate from them if we need to.
- To be non-partisan does not exclude efforts to help others develop an informed choice, like giving guidelines for choosing candidates and fighting historical revisionism and false propaganda. To be non-partisan doesn't mean being uncaring or uninvolved.

2. For the Believer as an individual (Titus 3:1-7)

- As the “scattered Church,” individual believers can be as vocal and open as they want about their personal choices for elected positions. They can protest, express their opinions, gather for mass assembly, and march on the streets, if need be. The most crucial guideline will always be how they manage their Christian testimony through it all: “speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.” (Titus 3:2)



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BIBLICAL GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES

(The same principles apply from the President to Barangay officials)

LET'S LEARN FROM GOD'S CHOICES: What kind of person did God put into national leadership? (Psalm 78:70-72)

1. A History of Care

“He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob, his people.” (v. 70-71)

- Does the aspirant have a track record of selfless service? Did he stand out in comparison to others in those earlier days? Does he stand out in contrast to other aspirants in that area right now?

2. A Heart with Character

“With upright heart he shepherded them...” (v. 72)

- Primary: INTEGRITY
 - With Money
 - With Time
 - With Public Statements
 - With Moral Standards
- Bottom line: Don't select someone God already told us He hates. The fewer boxes from this list of seven that the aspirant ticks off, the better: Proverbs 6:16-19.

3. A “Hand” of Competence

“...and guided them with his skillful hand.” (v. 72)

- Primary: TRACK RECORD OF PERFORMANCE
Examine the track record of an existing public servant. If never yet in public office, see how well he performed in similar functions.

Final Thoughts

Proverbs 29:2 says, “When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.” Don't ever say you have just one voice in the hubbub of this upcoming election. If your voice says the right things, it can bless many. But not, you can lose your testimony.

Most of all, don't ever say you have just one vote. What if 50 million other voters said the same thing and didn't participate or never studied their choices diligently? A national disaster will be upon us not just for the next six years but with repercussions for decades to come. Ask God for wisdom in prayer, then go to God's Word to hear His voice. Speak wisely and vote wisely! God bless your decisions and choices. ■

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