

Why Christians Should Be Involved in Government and Social Issues

Government is ordained by God and changed by God:

Romans 13:1-4: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Colossians 1:16-20: God created everything in Heaven and earth. He made the things that we can see and the things we can't see -- kings, kingdoms, rulers and authorities.

Daniel 2:21: He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Scripture commands believers to be involved in the selection of government officials:

1 Timothy 2:1-14: First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.

Acts 1:14: ...all continued with one accord in prayer.

Matthew 28: 18-20...Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[1] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"In prayer the church has received power to rule the world. The church is always the little flock. But if it would stay together on its knees, it would dominate the world politics -- from the prayer room."

O. Hallesby

There are consequences for not participating in government:

Proverbs 29:2: When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.

There are consequences for believers who do not act on biblical principles:

Matthew 5:13: You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

James 4:17: Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

There are blessings when people pray and follow God's directions:

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