

## HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST DURING AN ELECTION

Contrasting How God & Politics Have Very Different Values

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*“Do not conform yourselves to be like the people of this world. Instead be transformed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be **ABLE TO DECIDE** what God wants for you, and you’ll know what is good and pleasing to him, and what is his perfect will.” Romans 12:2*

### GOAL: For you to be able to say . . .

*“We have conducted ourselves in the world...with holiness and sincerity from God. And we’ve been guided by God’s grace, not by the human wisdom of this world.”*  
2 Corinthians 1:12

God: *“I don’t think the way you think! And the way I work is very different from the way you work! For just as the heavens soar high above the earth, so the way that I work far surpasses the way you work, and the things I value are way beyond what you value.”* Isaiah 55:8-9

*“God has shown us that the world’s wisdom is foolishness!”* 1 Corinthians 1:20

## 1. The World: Politics is the driving force in everything

### JESUS:

*“God’s intent was that THROUGH THE CHURCH his manifold wisdom will be made known.”* Ephesians 3:10

*“God has put everything under the authority of Christ, and he gave Christ this authority FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS CHURCH!”* Ephesians 1:22

Jesus promised: *“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, and the gates of hell will not overcome it!”* Matthew 16:18

*“Christ LOVES THE CHURCH and GAVE HIMSELF FOR THE CHURCH to make it belong to God . . . HE DIED FOR THE CHURCH so that he could GIVE THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF as a beautiful bride.”* Ephesians 5:25,27

*“The church is not peripheral to the world; THE WORLD IS PERIPHERAL TO THE CHURCH! The church is Christ’s Body, in which he speaks and acts, and by which he fills everything with his presence.”* Ephesians 1:23 (The Message)

## 2. Politicians: We’ll solve all your problems & save the world.

### JESUS:

*“Do not put your trust in princes, who are mortal men. They cannot save you.”*  
Psalm 146:3 (NCV)

God: *“Anyone who turns away from trusting me to put their trust in a human being will be cursed. They’ll dry up like a bush in the desert with no hope for their future.”*  
Jeremiah 17:5

## 3. Politics: Votes & money come by creating division & fear.

### JESUS:

*“Make every effort to preserve the unity (in the church) which the Spirit gives us. Bind yourselves together with peace. We are all one Body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future.”*  
Ephesians 4:3-4 (NLT)

*“I beg you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ to not argue among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so there won’t be divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”* 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

*“Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with.”* Romans 14:1 (The Message)

*“Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him... By persisting in divisiveness, he cuts himself off from fellowship.”* Titus 3:10-11 (NIV/The Message)

## 4. Politics: Results matter more than character in a leader.

### JESUS:

*“A wise person’s HEART will lead in the right way. But the HEART of a fool will always lead in the wrong way.”* Ecclesiastes 10:2

*“Some day there will be a king who rules with integrity, and national leaders who govern with justice. Each of them will be like a shelter from the wind and provide safe covering in storms. They will refresh others like streams flowing in a desert, and the cool shadow of a giant rock in a hot, barren land. Their eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people. They will NOT be rash and reckless hotheads. Instead they will act with understanding and they will say what they mean. In that day, ungodly fools will no longer be called great and scoundrels won’t be given positions of honor. A foolish leader speaks foolishly and thinks up new ways to do mischief. What he does AND what he says are BOTH an insult to the Lord! He never feeds the hungry or gives thirsty people anything to drink. The scoundrel’s methods are wicked. He constantly lies, is cruel and unmoved by the pleas of the poor and hurting, and he denies them justice and their rights. But a good leader plans good things to do good, and those good things make him a good leader.”*  
Isaiah 32:1-8 (GNT/NCV/NLT)

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