Christian Civics

Elections

Submit for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men ("to every human creation").

Describe the humanly created process that puts authorities over you in the United States.

List some issues important to voters in the United States.

Why doesn't our church offer a voting guide to its members?

<u>Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6.</u>

Explain each of the four things we are urged to make for everyone.

How do you apply each of those four things to *kings and all those in authority*?

What is the purpose behind those prayers?

This is good… What is *this*?

What does God our Savior want?

What is the truth?

Within these verses find church and state and the roles of each.

A fellow citizen is a devout follower of Buddhism.

How do I view that person's rights as an American citizen?

How do we view that person's needs as a church?

What does 1 Timothy 2 teach you as you view any upcoming election?

<u>Read the following statements from Proverbs.</u> What does each statement have to do with elections?

"Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings. It is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive the oppressed of their rights…Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (31:3-5,8-9)

A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them. (20:26)

Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool – how much worse lying lips to a ruler! (17:7)

By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down. (29:4)

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. (21:1)