


Biblical Civics 101

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Biblical Civics 101 ~ Part 2

Let's Do This!


Levels of Involvement for
the obedient Christian

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Opportunities

- Level 1 – Foundation on God's Word.
- Level 2 – Register to vote.
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- Level 4 – Influence others.
- Level 5 – Support specific candidates.
- Level 6 – Serve in government.



Surround it all ...


Serve in gov't. <small>Employee, Volunteer, Elected official</small>
Support <small>specific candidates</small>
Influence <small>Public, Political party, Like-minded voters</small>
Vote Well <small>every election</small>
Register to Vote <small>bare minimum</small>
Knowing God's Word

with Prayer.
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Level 1 – God’s Word

- Biblical values are based on ... The Bible.
- Faith in Jesus Christ is the first step.
- God’s Word changes ...
 - Our values to God’s values.
 - Our character to God’s character.
- **Biblical truth must guide our values, vote, & volunteering!**
- Changed Christians change culture.
- **Foundation:** Read & memorize God’s Word.




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Level 2 – Register to Vote

- **1st Obligation:** Voter registration.
 - **Fact:** Voter registration is not automatic.
 - **Fact:** Voter registration is your responsibility.
 - **Fact:** Voter registrations do not expire over time.
 - **Fact:** Moving outside your county voids registration.
 - **Fact:** Jury duty cannot be avoided by not registering.

“An election is coming, how do I prepare?”





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Level 3 – Prepare Early

- Know the races - Get a sample ballot.
 - Internet – www.tarrantcounty.com
 - Telephone – County Elections (817-831-8683).
- Research the candidates or issues.
 - Ask friends and groups with a Biblically-based perspective.
 - Every data source has a bias – *know their bias.*
 - Ask the candidates – *telephone, email, or social media.*
 - Search the web.
 - Review the endorsements (research them).
 - Verify that a candidate is serious. **← More later!**

Key: Which candidate best follows Biblical principles?


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Level 3 – Decide

- Ignore ...
 - Candidate name order on ballot – first or last.
 - Candidate gender – gender bias.
 - Candidate name – sounds familiar, famous, or likable.
- Don't skip a race because no candidate is good enough.
 - One of the candidates will win the election.
 - The lesser of two evils is the better choice.
- Vote every race on the ballot.
- Help others - Share your list.

When are elections held?



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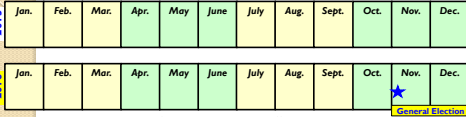
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General Election (even years)

2015	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.

- Purpose: Elect U.S., Texas, & county offices.
- Need to know:
 - Straight-party voting is allowed.
 - Candidate information is easy to obtain for major offices.

Why do the major parties have only one candidate each?



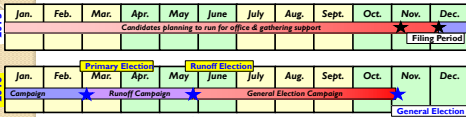
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Party Primary (even years)

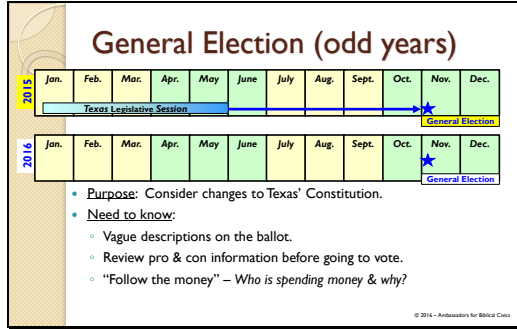
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- Purpose: Pick a single General Election candidate (Rep & Dem).
 - Select a candidate to represent the party's values.
 - Party primaries protect voters from being short-changed.
- Need to know:
 - Voting establishes your party affiliation.
 - Primary voting provides you an opportunity to influence your party.

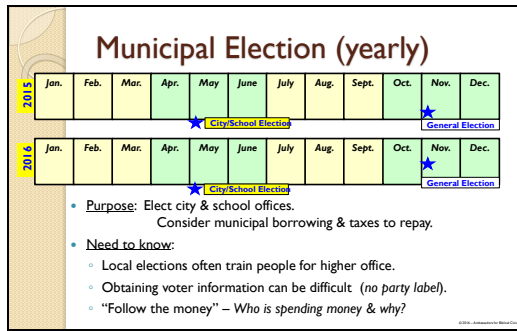


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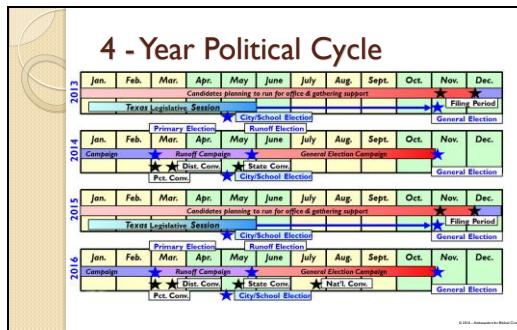
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Level 6 - Serve

Impact Point: Change the people in the government, and you change the government!

Government Member.	Impact Facts.
• Elected officials.....	• Temporary term of office.
• Appointed officials.....	• Selected by the voters.
• Staff employees.....	• Temporary or permanent.
• Civil service employees.....	• Appointed by elected officials.
	• Temporary.
	• Work for elected officials.
	• Permanent.
	• Hired by the above & others.

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Level 6 - Serve

- Opportunity #1: Be employed in government.
 - Government jobs are available. *Maybe you?*
 - Remember to work for Christ, not just a paycheck!
 - **Result – Help implement policy.**
- Opportunity #2: Volunteer for boards & commissions.
 - Boards and commissions are open. *Maybe you?*
 - Campaign involvement opens doors.
 - Volunteer positions are training grounds for elected offices.
 - **Result – Help develop policy.**

But there is more ...

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Level 6 – Serve

- Opportunity #3: Run for political office.
 - Run to win!
 - But run a Christ-honoring campaign.
 - Christians should be serious contenders by ...
 - #1 – Previous political experience – *networking.*
 - #2 – Learning the job – *attend, meet, ask, help ...*
 - #3 – Willingness to pay the price for victory.
 - #4 – Clean background.

What happens if you win?

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Level 6 – Serve

- **Opportunity #4: Once elected, serve Christ.**
 - A successful office holder must remember ...
 - It is not his office.
 - He is a servant of Christ & the people.
 - He is temporary.
 - Jesus Christ places people in authority.
 - Summary – **Must be humble!**
 - **Result – Help enact policy.**
- Christians in government benefit all citizens.

Let's review ...

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When Do I Start?

- **Now!** (Psalm 119:59-60).
 - I considered my ways
 - And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
 - **I hastened and did not delay**
 - To keep Your commandments.
- **You are never too old to start** (Psalm 92:12-15).
 - The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,
 - He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon,
 - Planted in the house of the Lord,
 - They will flourish in the courts of our God.
 - **They will still yield fruit in old age;**
 - They shall be full of sap and very green,
 - To declare that the Lord is upright;
 - He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness
 - in Him.


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Reactions ...

- #1 – It will take some time & effort – yes, it will!
- #2 – It is a waste of time.
 - The United States is too far gone.
 - The United States is getting what it deserves.
- #3 – It is impossible!
 - One person makes no difference.
 - The problem is so big, I cannot fix it, so why try?
- The cost and results are not our concern...

But what did America do during World War II?



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After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor,

- December 7, 1941
- Over 2,500 people were killed and over 1000 wounded.



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...there were losses in the Pacific:

- Wake Island fell
- Guam fell
- The Philippines fell
- Bougainville fell
- Dutch East Indies fell
- Hong Kong fell
- Singapore fell



While the United States was gearing up for war...

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- America was not ready.
- The losses continued *until*...
- The U.S. and their Allies began the **push back** at the battle of **Guadalcanal**.



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It only took 3 years to defeat the Empire of Japan...

America pushed back and won!



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Let's Do This!

- God can bring about the Push Back!
- Christian: "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful!"
(1 Cor. 4:2 - NIV 1984)
- Our orders: "Faithful until He comes."

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Application ...

**What action does
“Faithful until He comes”
call you to do?**

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