

# LIGHT IT UP!

## Responding to: "Christians Should Stay Out of Politics"

Various Scriptures

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### Bottom Line:

Christians are called to change the world through the church, but also to be good citizens who promote godly values on a local and national level.

**Objection: "Christians should stay in their churches and not get involved in politics, because there should be separation of church and state."**

### Intro: Our U.S. Christian Heritage

- Principles found in the Bible became the foundation for the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. educational system.
- 100% of the founding fathers of the U.S. had a Christian church affiliation.
- 27 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence had Christian seminary degrees.
- 106 of the first 108 schools in America were founded by Christians.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for those in our government!

1 Timothy 2:1-4

A. Pray for all those in \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

B. Pray that we may lead \_\_\_\_\_ lives in our communities (country).

C. Pray with the Lord's revealed \_\_\_\_\_ guiding your requests.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (honor) the laws established by our government. 1 Peter 2:13-17; Romans 13:1-6

### EXCEPT:

When an \_\_\_\_\_ authority commands you to disobey your heavenly (higher) authority. (Acts 5:27-29)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ as a force for good in our governmental system. 1 Peter 2:13-17; Matthew 5:13-16

4. \_\_\_\_\_ those in our government to stand for godly values! Mark 6:14; Acts 9:15-16

A. Old Testament prophets with many kings.

B. John the Baptist with King Herod. (Mark 6:14)

C. Paul the Apostle with Kings and rulers. (Acts 9:15-16)

Why some don't get involved:

1. Don't want to slip into a "\_\_\_\_\_ gospel."

2. Have lost hope for America.

3. Perceive politics to be a "\_\_\_\_\_ business."

4. Feel intimidated by culture and "separation of church and state."

### BUT REMEMBER:

God's primary plan to change the world is carried out through building the CHURCH and that's where our first and foremost commitment should be!