From the Elders

In the Gospel of John chapter 17, Jesus points out that His followers are in the world but not of the world. Paul in Romans chapter 2 says, “do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s good and perfect will is.”

What does this mean for us as we make decisions regarding the upcoming election in November? As the apostles and early Christians had an impact on the world as they stood up for their beliefs, we can do the same today. As Christians, our values come from God. We cast away earthly values that conflict with God’s values. We need to stand up for our values and beliefs at the ballot box. The devil and his followers work to lead people astray and away from God’s ways. He is the prince of this world and wants people to follow his ways. The devil wants Christians to be weak, cower in fear, and remain silent.

In Ephesians 12 chapter 6, Paul says to be strong in the Lord and to put on the whole armor of God. This is so we can stand against the devil’s schemes. Our struggle is against the spiritual forces of evil. So, as we consider our vote we should pray to God for his wisdom and will. Proverbs 2 states, “for the Lord gives wisdom and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

As you pray and seek God’s wisdom consider the following:

1. Which candidate or side of an issue best supports our Christian values?
2. Look for candidates who have God as a priority in their lives
3. Which candidates honestly care about the needs of the people?
4. Choose candidates who you feel will be righteous, just and fair leaders
5. Look for candidates who exhibit a high degree of integrity.

As we fight this spiritual war, God has given us this avenue to better ensure our leaders are fighting legislatively on our behalf for our values. There are many tasks which we as individuals cannot perform for the Lord’s work, but seeking God’s Wisdom and voting are tasks we can all do for the Lord.

Your Bethany Elders