

Message: Choosing The Next President

Scripture: Deuteronomy 17:14-20

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Homogeneous

Composed of parts or elements that are the same kind.

James 4:3

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

1. God Must Have Chosen Him First. vs. 14-15

Deuteronomy 17:14-15

¹⁴ "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,'

¹⁵ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

2. He Must Serve The Intent Of God Alone. vs. 16

Deuteronomy 17:16

¹⁶ "Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

3. He Must Be A Person Of High Morals And Integrity. vs. 17

Deuteronomy 17:17

¹⁷ "He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

4. The Law Of God Revealed In The Bible Must Be His Governing Principle For All Things Both Public And Private. vs. 18-20

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

¹⁸ *"Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.*

¹⁹ *"It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,*

²⁰ *that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.*

1) Does the candidate understand the God-given role of government?

- to restrain evil men
- to protect the righteous

2) Is the candidate pro-morality?

Where does the candidate stand on:

- issues of sexuality?
- social justice and caring for the poor?
- criminal justice?
- deficit spending?

3) Is the candidate pro-life?

Where does the candidate stand on:

- defense?
- abortion?
- euthanasia & infanticide?
- abortive stem cell research?

Larry Burkett, Money Matters

"While...our economy is an important issue. The issue of life and death is far more important than the issue of finances. In fact, I would vote for the biggest spender in America if he supported the right to life, before I would vote for someone who is the biggest budgeter in America who is not for the right to life. I would never place saving the economy above protecting the unborn. I would save the unborn and kill the economy if that were the only choice."

4) *Is the candidate pro-family?*

How does the candidate define the family?

How will the candidate defend the family?