## [Voting](https://notapastor.tumblr.com/post/151816478807/voting)

It seems many individuals, especially Christians, are having an incredibly difficult time in discerning how to vote for this upcoming election.

While I am not particularly wise, I have an extremely clear understanding of how I want to vote, and further a clear conscience in how I should be voting to the glory of the living God. And not just in the presidential election, but voting in all circumstances.

**1) Voting is incredibly important.**

While it’s beating a dead horse, rejoice in the opportunity of expression and the potential of positive influence.

I could write more, but simply even if you’re disinterested in presidential elections your vote is largely influential in the local sphere. Grow into maturity, and take responsibility in being a God-fearing, faithful citizen – in loving, in prayer, in voting.

(Don’t let yourself be misunderstood as apathetic! – vote no or vote abstain rather than missing the meeting!)

**2) Voting is a matter of wisdom.**

The adiaphora of politics is incredibly jumbled, and good men can have different information leading to different conclusions. While everyone else argues and foolishly proclaims moral imperatives (Wayne Grudem), I object to such obviously incorrect extra-biblical moral imperatives and am convinced that *voting well* in itself is good, and not subject to the content of your vote.

Voting does not reveal one’s personal character, faith, or salvation, but is a matter of wisdom and is useful as an opportunity for reflection.

## **3) How to vote?**

This section is what you’re looking for and is meant for the reader to reflect on how they think about voting and where the Bible stands on citizenship, government, and leadership/authority.

Consider the following questions :

* *Locally*, should one vote for what they believe is most favorable/beneficial for themselves?
* *Locally*, should one vote for what they believe will most benefit society?

What is the difference? Where do these differing ideologies lead when everyone in a society holds to them? What is your ideology when voting on proposition X?

Do you subscribe to the statement below? Why or why not?

* The choice does not matter if the outcome is the same.

Is your *presidential* vote an endorsement of :

* Character?
* Campaign promises?
* Party?

If there was a woman – who abhors her parents, lies, slanders, is incredibly vain and idolatrous – but is against abortion and holds fast to traditional marriage in policy, would you vote for her?

If there was a man, who is honest, hard-working, gracious, understanding of religious liberty – yet is pro-choice and holds the legality of same-sex marriage in policy, would you vote for him?

How much should one’s character for the position of president weigh? How much should one’s X, Y, Z policy weigh? Consciously take note of what you’re looking for in a president and carefully consider what it means to be the president.

**4) Third party**

I won’t write on it much, but I’ll just say it’s incredibly frustrating to hear that a vote for a third part is a “waste of a vote”. Further people say that a vote for the third party is another vote for X or Y bad candidate they don’t endorse. I find such statements incredibly absurd and idiotic.

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To be honest, I can’t wait till this is over – regardless of who ~~wins~~ is elected president.

May God continue to show mercy, even in the form of judgement, to America.