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How Should Christians



Many Christians wonder how they should vote this year, especially in the race for president. I know fellow Christians who feel good about Barack Obama but doubt some of his policies. Others don't like John McCain, but they like his record and platform. It's a confusing time for God's people, but the Word of God gives us direction on just how to approach this important responsibility.

Before we explore these directives, we should first look at our obligation to vote. It's very hard for Americans to fully appreciate the value of our franchise. In many countries, being a part of the process of choosing a leader is completely unknown. In other countries, such as Iraq, citizens literally risk their lives—and sometimes lose them—exercising this simple and fundamental right.

As with any liberty, if we do not use it, we will lose it. It's vitally important that Americans exercise their right to vote or over time, it will be seen as too unimportant to protect and preserve. Voting is like holding stock in a corporation or ownership in a business. It comes with certain obligations, what we know in Christian parlance as "stewardship."

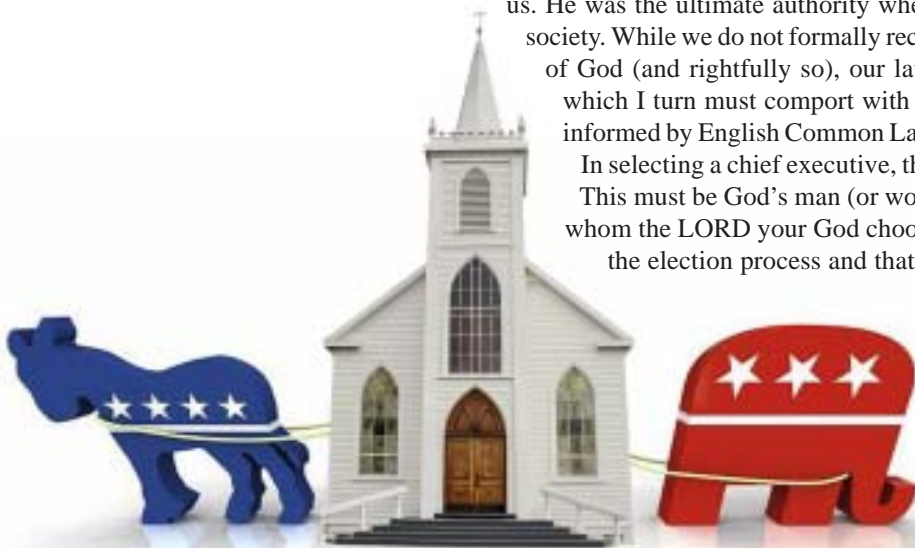
The Bible specifically addresses this stewardship obligation in Deuteronomy 17: 14-20, "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And 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 and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel."

Contrary to popular thought, the Israelites did not entirely inherit their king by dynastic succession, as was true with most monarchies of that period. They actually had an important role in the process. The king was to the Israelites what our chief executive is to us. He was the ultimate authority when it came to applying God's law to the civil society. While we do not formally recognize the laws of the United States as the law of God (and rightfully so), our laws still must comport with the Constitution, which I turn must comport with the Declaration of Independence, which was informed by English Common Law based on the Bible.

In selecting a chief executive, then, God gave these simple criteria:

This must be God's man (or woman): "[Y]ou shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses." We must pray that God's will is done in the election process and that His candidate, not ours, prevails. Obviously, this requires prayer. Prayer is always and ever our first resort, not our last. Prayer is not a throwaway exercise we employ in exasperation as we prepare to cast our ballot. It's something we do early in the process, methodically and in a serious and informed manner.



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He / she must be fully part of the culture and fully familiar with our way of life and values: “[O]ne from among your brethren.” This person needs to understand and embrace the common and highest of principles and worldview that have shaped the nation he/she will serve.

He / she must not be one who simply seeks power from this high office: “[H]e shall not multiply horses for himself.” Horses in Bible times represented power, just as they do today. We describe motors and engines in terms of “horsepower.” Anyone who is a power monger is disqualified.

A leader must guide people to righteousness, goodness, truth and, ultimately, to God. “[N]or cause



the people to return to Egypt.” Egypt was a symbol of pagan, earthly power. Our leaders must point us heavenward. Not that this is the office of an evangelist. As one Christian leader put it, we’re not electing a “pastor-in-chief.” We’re electing a “secular executive.” Still, this person must be at his or her core good and decent. Leaders must also have a fear of God so they can keep their moral compass straight and understand their

proper place in the order of things. They are not the ultimate authority, but like everyone else, they must humbly acknowledge a higher authority than ourselves.

He / she must be a moral person, committed to spouse and family: “Neither shall he multiply wives for himself.” Multiple wives implied a lustful, promiscuous and immoral view of human behavior. The marriage covenant is the most basic bond of trust two human beings can share. If a leader cannot respect this basic covenant, then he or she cannot be trusted with any other pledge.

He / she must not be money-hungry: “[N]or shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.” A leader must truly be selfless. Public office is not an opportunity for personal enrichment. In my estimation, this doesn’t mean a candidate must be poor, just content with what he or she has and not looking to exploit the office for personal gain.

He must be familiar with basic Bible truths: “[H]e shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book.” The Bible is the foundation to our Judeo-Christian culture. Any well-read person must have a working knowledge of Holy Scripture, but this seems to suggest even more. The candidate must have a personal feel for the truth of God’s Word. Again, he needn’t be a scripture scholar, but neither can he be ignorant of the all-time bestselling

and most universally recognized source of spiritual truth in all the world.

He must take the Word of God seriously and with great respect: “[O]bserve all the words of this law and these statutes.” Jesus said all of God’s law can be summarized in two,



“You shall love the Lord your God” and “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The candidate we pick must reflect both these rules, not just one. Politicians love to talk about the Golden Rule, but it’s only half the equation. You can’t understand the “second” without understanding the “first.”

He / she must be humble: “That his heart may not be lifted above his brethren.” We must elect a true servant-leader; someone who has demonstrated humility. Elected office is a place of “public service” not celebrity.

The person we pick must walk a straight and balanced path: “[H]e may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left.” This is not to be a person of ideological extremes. I often joke this means we should look for an independent, but the truth is said in jest. Our top leader must not subordinate his / her principles to political or party loyalty.

I recommend we all pray over these words of guidance as we contemplate this awesome responsibility. After doing so, Christians may actually end up picking different candidates. That’s OK because every vote sends an important signal to whoever does win. A significant amount of votes to one candidate or another can act as a control on the ultimate victor. It sends a strong message on what the American people want and don’t want from their elected officials.

May the Lord grant us wisdom and accomplish His will through the exercise of our stewardship!

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Missions Perspective

As reported to Hank Roso by an ECA Member in China

Without a doubt, China did a fantastic job promoting itself to the world through the broadcasts which were held during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Yet there is another perspective; one from those faithfully serving Christ in this massive nation. We requested this article from an ECA member who serves as a missionary in China. We have withheld any personal information or data in order to protect their future work.

It has been over two years since our family has been in Beijing – arguably *the* center of the world right now, as we are in the 14th day of the Beijing Olympics 2008. The Chinese have prepared for this event extremely well and I have heard only compliments concerning their organization and execution of this event. Sure there are controversies and complaints that make the headlines here and there but what Olympics didn't have those? At any rate, it certainly is exciting to be here not only to witness but also to be a part of what God is doing in China.

If I were to be completely honest with myself, however, I have been having mixed feelings about the Olympics this time around as I found myself being fueled by nationalism, not with just one but two given my Korean-American background. I began to ask whether the Olympics event does more to divide people of this world than to bring them

together and unite them. As a missionary who is called to this place to love and to serve the people here, I found myself having a hard time during the Olympics to do just that all because of my identity as a Korean-American who has love for both of those countries and is now living in China. It is amazing how events like the Olympics bring out the best but also the worst in people and I feel as though I have given in to the latter for the most part of this Olympics, at times even intentionally feeding my nationalism for both the USA and Korea – *and against China naturally, the nation and the people in it that I've been called to serve.*

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” writes the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:20 (NIV). How easy it is for me to forget my true identity and even more importantly, *to whom* I belong! For the past two years our family has not only been immersed in language studies but also in ministering to the locals through various training opportunities in worship, theology, missiology, and simply in fellowship. It has been both exciting and tough learning experience. But through this Olympics I am learning yet another valuable lesson in humility as I'm realizing that my faith is still immature and that I am still holding onto my worldly passport when I should be only carrying the heavenly passport. Why are we here and doing all the things we are doing? Is it because we are better than those here? Is it because we have

something to offer them from within ourselves? How easy it is for us who profess to be in Christ to forget that we too have been saved by His grace alone and that it is absolutely never our own self that somehow proved worthiness to be called His sons and daughters! My unchecked nationalism only showed me that there is still a part of me that believed I was somewhat better than anyone else because my worldly passport says I belong to a certain nation.

It is a privilege for us to be here during this time to be a part of all that is happening here – and I don't mean just the Olympics. God is certainly moving in this nation. I recently read that in China over 10,000 people are coming to Christ *each day!* God is definitely on the holy move not only to bring China to Himself but also to mobilize this great nation to be a crucial agent in

bringing even more people from more nations to be reconciled back to their true God and Creator!

It is time for us who confess Christ as our Lord to truly examine our hearts and see that God is moving all across the world – and move quickly to become a part of it! I've had to repent for my sins yet again and reset my sights on the prize above. We must be able to see beyond what is seen and rise above the circumstances of the world and see through His loving eyes the people that He gave His own life for. Yes it is easier said than done but our Lord never told us that doing what He commanded us to do would be anywhere near easy. I challenge you also to examine your own hearts and earnestly ask the Lord of the Harvest how He would have you be a part of His Kingdom movement now!



China is wary about the spread of Christianity for fear strong religious belief will challenge its authority. The authorities insist they grant religious freedom but routinely arrests people for worshipping in non-government registered or “underground” churches, which refuse to submit to official monitoring and meddling,

The Other China



“Front Lines” Honor the Dead

Inspiration and News of the ECA’s Military Chaplains

Part 3 of 3 in a series, “Nurture the Living, Care for the Wounded, Honor the Dead”
Used with permission by Chaplain (CPT) Donald A. Williamson
4-319th AFAR Battalion Chaplain as reported to Dr. George Miller



U.S. Army casket bearers carry the remains of one of six U.S. Servicemen killed DOD photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria L. Taylor, U.S. Air Force. (Released)

The article in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper read, “19-year-old private, son of 173rd’s senior-enlisted soldier, is killed in Afghanistan” CSM Vimoto, the brigade sergeant major, learned only hours after the MEDEVAC lifted off from ABAD, that it was his son, PFC Timothy Vimoto, who had been killed during an ambush near Asadabad.

As is customary, a soldier will always escort the fallen soldier back to his duty station and then

on to their home of record for burial. The ramp ceremony in the military is one of the most solemn and honoring things we do for our fallen heroes. It grips all who participate in it. But I’m sure that this one gripped its participants even more. A highly decorated combat paratrooper has to do what few ever want to do – bury the son that followed in his footsteps.

I wasn’t there when CSM Vimoto heard the news, but my fellow chaplain, Mike Hart, was.

He is stationed in Jalalabad with the Brigade Headquarters. When I arrived here a couple days ago, he told me about it. “He just wept on my shoulder in his office, and I just let him cry,” Mike said. A great brother in the Lord and a veteran chaplain, I was glad Mike was there to care for a “wounded” father and help him to honor his loss.

Nurture the living, care for the wounded, honor the dead. This is what we are called to do every day out here. We can’t do one and not the others. Some of us may be more comfortable with nurturing the living. Others may be better with trauma and knowing what to do to care for the wounded. And all of us, I imagine, struggle with honoring the dead. But like stool that has three legs, all of them need to be done with care and love.

I’m reminded of my training back at Chaplain School earlier in the year. During our Capstone Exercise, I struggled to know what to do during a MasCal (Mass Casualty) exercise and wanted to get over the feeling of not knowing what to do and feeling like I was in the way. One of the instructors and a great mentor to many of us new chaplains, CH Jason Duckworth put his hand on my

shoulder and said, “Don’t worry, Don. When it happens, your training will kick in and you’ll know what to do.” His words rang true this past week. I’m honored to be called chaplain – called to bring truth to the living soldiers, hope to the wounded ones, and reverence for those whom have given all for the cause of freedom.



Chaplain (CPT) Don Williamson is a U.S. Army Chaplain based in Missoula, Montana. Don recently returned from being deployed in Afghanistan. Please keep Don in your prayers for his ministry to our soldiers and his safe return to his wife Susan and their four children.



Pray for the ECA’s Military Chaplains

The ECA presently has 101 Active Duty Military Chaplains, 49 National Guard and Reservists, and 62 enrolled in the Chaplain Candidate Program.

On any given day, 3-5 Chaplains are serving in a combat region and others preparing to go “down range”.



Preaching and Teaching the

“Good News” Empowered by Identity

By Rev. Joel Garcia

I recently had a dream that I was walking through a busy construction zone with the usual sounds of buzzing saws, and hammers slicing nails through pine beams. As I walked up a wooden frame of stairs I came to the second floor. It was here that a garbage can caught my attention. So I lifted the lid, and to my amazement discovered my wallet and car keys in a large trash bin. Indignant, I directed my frustration toward the workers nearby, “Who threw away my wallet and my keys?” I garnered blank stares with no response from the workers. When I then took possession of my personal items the dream was over. It was one of those dreams that awaken you out of bed only to engage Providence for answers. “What do these symbols mean?” I asked. Immediately I understood that a wallet was symbolic of my identity. As I shared the dream with my wife, she reminded me that keys have to do with my authority. These were two important links but I still needed to know about the meaning of the entire dream. So I inquired of the Lord. He immediately responded, “When you were under construction you threw away your identity, along with your authority.” “When did this happen?” I thought to myself, “I have been operating in the ministry without an authentic identity and authority!” I was confused since I thought I was on the right track making a difference in people’s lives; bearing fruit, and receiving

many accolades from people. God’s response made me assess my life; just how fruitful and effective could I have been operating from my true self? I needed to know the answer. The million-dollar question for me was, how could I recover my authentic identity so I can access this effortless authority? After much soul searching I discovered two principles for understanding and accessing identity through this experience.

God calls us out of hiding to reveal identity

Christ is a mystery, so are we. There is just so much to know about Him. We can also say the same about us. Two of God’s unique qualities are that He is personal and relational, not some lifeless image carved out of wood and stone or cast in copper and bronze. He reveals Himself to His children for the purpose of unveiling their true identity so they can reach their full potential in Christ. For instance, God called Adam out of hiding to a place of abiding, only to dress his nakedness with a new identity. Later, God drew Moses out of a dry place to a high place, from an obscure life in the desert to a burning bush, only to reveal a new identity that would thrust him into his destiny as the Lawgiver of humanity. Then He appeared to me in a dream and gave me a second chance to access my identity and authority. In sum God calls us out of obscurity, from a meaningless life of mediocrity to brand us with His

eternal identity and purpose.

Our identity is revealed through Jesus Christ Christ is found through abiding intimacy. He stated in John 15:4, Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me (NKJV). When the sap of the vine permeates through branch and limb it manifests a visual substance called fruit. Our fruit then becomes a part of our identity. You see it is through intimacy that we develop the qualities of Christ. Christlikeness is becoming more like Him but that does not mean we lose our original design, intent and purpose. Rather we get to express our unique traits and talents, which make us different from others. This is the manifold wisdom of God. Christlikeness expressing itself through our individuality becomes our identity manifesting a bold authority.

My dream drew me out of hiding and renewed Christ’s purpose in my life. Identity and purpose were restored. I was empowered in ways that

mankind, education, stature and position could not do. Identity engaged, energized and empowered me to step into new realms I never dreamed of. I wasn’t afraid anymore of my “lack” and insecurity but was empowered by my uniqueness in Christ. I am becoming extremely confident in my new self, which fearlessly promoted me into other areas of operation. Today, I am more secure to express my true self without any hindrance of people pleasing, inferiority or self-image problems. My identity allows me to express my true life’s purpose more freely; this is walking in true authority.

Joel Garcia, an ordained minister with ECA, is president and coaching leader of the Jogar Group, a coaching practice emphasizing personal and performance leadership development among marketplace executives, entrepreneurs, pastors and leaders. Joel’s extensive experience as a pastor, developing people, has bestowed upon him unique wisdom and understanding on how to coach people so they can express the fullness of Christ in the marketplace arena. You can contact Joel @ www.thejogargroup.com.





ECA Member Services



The pace of change in electronic information and communication occurs at a blistering speed. It seems like only yesterday that I was amazed with the technology of *Phone Tree Plus*. This system would allow a pastor to mass-phone board members, choir members or even entire congregations with a "personal" message. Today's ministry leaders are sending out text alerts and video messages.

I realize that a church or a ministry organization could em-

ploy an entire team of Information/Technology experts, (and many do) and still be overwhelmed with trying to keep up with technology. The ECA is no different. More than once, a technician has made a comment about the antiquity of a printer or network hub in our office and I'd reply, "It seems like we just bought that!"

In the ECA's low tech/small office world; off-site backup systems, electronic document storage, and an interactive web site has become a dream come true. (We had our own share of nightmares getting here.) We recognize that although it's not effective for us to be on the cutting edge of technology, it's in the best interest of our members that we don't lag too far behind.

Our website at www.ecainternational.org is a good example of this. During the planning stages of the re-

cent redesign, we understood that there is some pretty amazing technology, graphics and features available, yet, we balanced what was available with what was practical and affordable. Any person who had visited our corner of the world wide web since our upgrade may have noticed small additions and updates continue to occur as we grow.

Now we're at a point where we request our members' assistance in a few areas:

Member News, located on the Home Page is the spot where we can list information about what's going on in the field. Please send us your news, including photos for us to place in this section.

Ministry Careers is located on our Members page. If you are searching for a position, or searching for somebody to fill

a position, we can place it here. To place an ad, you may follow the simple instructions at the top of that page, or you may email: admin@ecainternational.org or call us and request a Ministry Career Request form. (You may have noticed that we place these same ads in the Evangel.)

ECA Blog is another new feature, located on the Members page. For those unfamiliar with the term, blog is a shortening of the term web log and it is somewhat like a conversation which is held electronically. One of the aspects of a blog is that its interaction has the potential to be globally inclusive.

As with all new major projects, our website is a work in progress. We encourage feedback, insight or ideas and these may be sent to admin@ecainternational.org or you may call our office and ask for Hank.



Dr. Charles Eisenberg Reports The Book of Daniel, A Well Kept Secret is Republished and available.

The new issue was republished through Xulon Press in Longwood, FL. Josh McDowell writes, "There are few men that I know that have a greater grasp of the Scriptures than Dr. Eisenberg. If you are sincerely seeking the truth concerning the Messiah, you can find Him within the covers of this book. I highly recommend it."

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ECA Member Services, continued

Rev. Richard Bouslough presents *Different Strokes*. With more members of our congregations getting older, the three leading killers in the US, cancer, heart disease and stroke become increasingly more of an issue in the believing church community. ECA member Rev. Richard Bouslough, a victim of stroke himself, has published a book written from an evangelical perspective to bring hope and encouragement to both victims of stroke and their families.

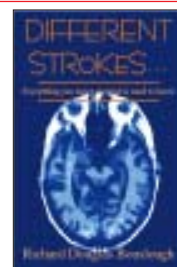
He writes, "We get angry for the wrong reasons, frustrated by life, saddened by circumstances far beyond our control...Stroke destroys our faith in the anchors of life...Still, a small quiet voice is heard by those with ears to hear. Faith, hope and love abide these three, but the greatest, of these is Love!"

Rev. Bouslough includes informational chapters, among others, on what happens in stroke, what it feels like, how to detect and prevent it, what

science is coming up with to alleviate its impact through rehab and medical procedures, in addition to a chapter on his own experience. Available from Amazon or directly from the publisher (Trafford), the book ultimately points the way to Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith.

Richard is also available in the southland for speaking about stroke and what he's learned about his heavenly Father through the experience. He can be contacted by e-mail at rbos@juno.com and through his website at www.jeseoministries.com.

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*"My brother/sister,
you have heard
how great a work
is that
of the ministry
to which you are called.
We are assured
in the Holy Scriptures
that he who desires
such an office
desires a good thing,
yet it is an office
of great responsibility,
and we lovingly remind you
of that responsibility...
And we pray that
you may approve yourself
as a minister
of the Gospel of Christ,
sacred before
both God and men."*

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Holiday Inn - Canton (Belden Village)

October 14, 2008
Georgia Regional Conference
Resurrection Anglican Church, Woodstock

October 18, 2008
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Regional Conference
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Annual Conference
Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO

Have You Ever Considered Putting the ECA in Your Will?

As a 501 (c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization, the Evangelical Church Alliance depends on donations for supplemental funding. Each year, thousands of individuals designate a portion of their assets by bequest to benefit charities. As a matter of fact, bequests have become an important part of the American philanthropic tradition because they enable individuals to make significant gifts that they may not have been able to make during their life.

Bequests can include specific assets, such as stock, and bequests can state a specified dollar amount. A residual bequest designates all or a portion of whatever remains after all debts, taxes, expenses, and all other bequests have been paid. A contingent bequest takes effect only if the primary intention cannot be met. For example, you might wish to leave a bequest to a certain individual; but, if that person does not survive you, then the bequest would go to your charity. This ensures that property will pass to the charity rather than unintended beneficiaries, including the government.

While most people own some form of life insurance because of its unique ability to meet a variety of needs for financial protection, its role in planned charitable giving is frequently overlooked. Life insurance itself can be the direct funding medium of a gift to the ECA, permitting the donor to make a substantial gift for a relatively modest annual outlay. If you would like to leave a bequest to the ECA or name the ECA as a beneficiary of your life insurance, talk with your estate planner or attorney. This might be an avenue that would allow you to make a substantial investment in God's work long after you've received your eternal reward.



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