

SEEKING THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

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As followers of Christ, we know that our ultimate citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). At the same time, Scripture reminds us that God has placed us—intentionally and purposefully—within specific communities. Like the exiles addressed in Scripture, we are called to live faithfully where we are, seeking the welfare (*shalom*) of our city and serving as ambassadors for Christ in the places God has assigned us (1 Peter 1:1; 2 Corinthians 5:20).

That calling shapes how we think about everyday responsibilities, including how we engage with government. One practical way we can seek the welfare of our city together is through thoughtful participation in voting.

FIVE WAYS WE CAN SEEK THE WELFARE OF OUR CITY THROUGH VOTING

1 We seek the welfare of our city by voting for leaders who will best serve our communities.

God's instruction to the exiles in Babylon still resonates today:

"Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive."
JEREMIAH 29:7

Government is an institution of God's and Romans 13 tells us that those who serve in government are His ministers. When government functions well, it is a blessing to all people. That is why when we vote, we have an opportunity to pursue the well-being of our communities, state, and nation.

2 We seek the welfare of our city by elevating godly leadership.

Scripture connects the character of leaders to the condition of the people they serve.

"When the righteous flourish, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, people groan."
PROVERBS 29:2

While no candidate is perfect, we can prayerfully consider which leaders most consistently reflect values that align with righteousness, justice, and humility before God.

3 We seek the welfare of our city by supporting policies that lead to life.

God sets before His people clear choices with real consequences:

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."
DEUTERONOMY 30:19

Government is an institution that creates laws. When it comes to law, God is not about being right or wrong. He is about life and death. Voting allows us to advocate for policies that lead to life, protect human dignity, and contribute to the long-term health of families and communities.

4 We seek the welfare of our city by modeling a biblical approach to public discourse.

How we engage with one another—especially when we disagree—matters. If we want to be light in our culture, we must learn to follow the example Paul lays out for us in 2 Timothy and establish the proper end goal, which is not being right, but repentance.

"The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient…"
2 TIMOTHY 2:24–26

As we discuss elections and public issues, we have the opportunity to reflect Christ through gentleness, patience, and a willingness to listen, trusting God to work in hearts and minds.

5 We seek the welfare of our city by honoring and praying for those in authority.

Scripture calls us to consistently lift up leaders in prayer:

"I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority…"
1 TIMOTHY 2:1–4

Prayer keeps our hearts anchored in God's sovereignty and reminds us that lasting change ultimately comes from Him…