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## Spiritual Voting?

*First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. This is good and pleases God our Savior. He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth. There is one God. There is also one mediator between God and humans—a human, Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:1-5)*

Everything the follower of Jesus does can be a spiritual act of worship (Rom. 12:1-2), and voting is no exception. In fact judging by the passage of scripture quoted above we are called to go beyond voting! The Holy Spirit speaking through Paul encourages us to make petitions, prayers, and intercessions on behalf of all people, and for *rulers* and *those who have authority over us*. In the past, I wondered how involved should I be in politics? Aren't they just civilian affairs that don't pertain to me? This passage changes that view for me. The Holy Spirit calls me to be involved—and to be involved beyond just voting.

The Spirit calls us to petition our Father on behalf of others, including our elected officials (authorities). How can we know what petitions to bring before God if we don't know what's going on? Or if we don't even know who is in authority? The Spirit calls us to pray for those in authority. This calls for enough involvement on our behalf to know who we are praying for and what needs praying about. The Spirit calls us to make intercession for those in authority. We cannot intercede if we are uninvolved and unaware.

The Holy Spirit also reveals to us our motivation for all these petitions, prayers, and intercessions. The motivation is so that we can have quiet peaceful lives lived in a godly and reverent way. This is good and pleases the Lord and truthfully that is all we need to know in order to be motivated to do these things—it is pleasing to God. He wants all people to come to knowledge of the truth and so be saved; that happens best in an environment where followers of Jesus are able to live peaceful godly lives in reverence.

On Election Day my vote is going to be guided by these same principles. I will be aware of who is running and what their platform is, and I will vote for the candidates I believe will help us to live in a peaceful and godly way in reverence. Before that day, I will be praying for the Spirit to give me wisdom so I can accomplish this. God wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth—and may His will be done!

Roger Wine

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**“Speaking about what we have seen and heard...”     Mark 5:19     Family Matters**

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**Stress-Free Christianity**

Kevin Booker

Our lives in Christ can sometimes seem very hectic. It seems like we are always on the go. Besides meeting together as a body every Sunday, we have Wednesday night bible class, Friday night devotionals, mentorship meetings, and various ministries that we are a part of, as well as seminars and fellowships. Do you ever feel like the things that you are doing in Christ have become more of a burden than a joy? Following the birth of my daughter, I had to remind myself of a few things in order to keep the joy and peace in my home and to prevent the stress, which comes from a worldly mindset, from coming in. I hope that these three simple reminders will help you as well: 1) In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, remember why you do what you do and who you are doing it for. Whatever we do is for Jesus and because of Jesus (Col 3:17; 23-24). Our motivation, therefore, should always be love, not fear or guilt or shame or obligation. Being motivated by the wrong thing can lead to bitterness and resentment. 2) Remember that relationships are more important than things (Mt 22:37-40). Your worship and service to God are acceptable and pleasing to Him when your relationships are good (Mt 5:23-24). It is better to sacrifice something you have to do than to sacrifice the well-being of your relationship. 3) Jesus brought us into His kingdom to lighten our burdens, not to add to them (Mt 11:28-30). Following Jesus should not be burdensome (1Jn 5:3). Sometimes we burden ourselves by taking on responsibilities that may be too much for us to handle. Being a servant of God means being wise and knowing when to say “no”. Knowing your limits prevents you from wearing yourself out and keeps you refreshed and zealous for the Lord. Brothers and sisters, God wants us to be active in His kingdom and to serve Him with all of our hearts, but He is more concerned with what is going on inside than what we are doing on the outside.

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**“The Lord added to their number...”     Acts 2:47     Baptisms**

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DATE	NAME	TOWN
8/20/08.....	Zita Young.....	Rosedale, NY
8/27/08.....	Paulette Ibeka.....	Far Rockaway, NY
9/5/08.....	Kelly Ajahi.....	Copiague, NY

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**“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”     2 Corinthians 8:5**

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Weekly Budget: \$ 8,500

DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
9/7/2008	314	\$8,440
9/14/2008	296	\$7,834
9/21/2008	282	\$6,309
9/28/2008	286	\$8,684

**“For Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be Also”**

Rebecca G. Young

We are so rich! We have what we need and more! Praise God! As we have been learning in **2 Peter**, through His divine power, He has blessed us with *“everything we need for life and godliness”*. And yet, we sometimes get caught up with the “pagans”, running after the things “needed” for this life (**MT 6:32**). Our Heavenly Father knows what we need, and He richly provides for us when we seek His Kingdom first (**MT 6:33**). Why do we work so hard storing up treasures for ourselves in this earthly life? We want security, so we seek to buy homes. We want stability, so we store up as much money as we can. We want to look good, so we buy clothes, shoes, bags, make-up. We want to feel good so we pamper ourselves and get beauty treatments. There is nothing wrong with these things in and of themselves, but there is something wrong when we put our hope (our heart) in them!

Earthly wealth is so uncertain! The only One who provides true security, true stability and who can always make us feel good is the Lord! We need to put our hope in Him! Jesus said in **Matthew 6:19**, *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”* In **1 Timothy 6:17**, Paul tells Timothy to command those who are rich (as we learned in VBS we are all rich in comparison to most of the world) *“not to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment”*. Why would we want to put our hope in things that are so uncertain, like wealth, health, beauty? **Proverbs 31:30** says, *“beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.”* Wealth is uncertain. Beauty is fleeting. Health is inevitably on its way downhill as we age. So why would we put our hope in them?

Jesus said, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (**Luke 12:15**) There is so much more to my life than my possessions! There is so much more to my life than beauty and fashion. I have a greater treasure found in Jesus! Jesus also said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (**Luke 12:34**) If I believe my earthly possessions are my treasure, then I will spend my life, my time, my money, my energy seeking after them. If I believe my physical beauty is my treasure then I will spend my life, time, money, energy in beauty treatments. I am blessed in many ways, a beautiful marriage, beautiful children, home, etc. Praise God! He knows that I have not made these things my treasure; I did not seek after them. He blessed me with them as I sought Him and His Kingdom first.

However, a few years prior to marrying my husband, I did struggle with wanting to be loved by a man, and I sought after it with all my heart, only to find myself in mess after mess, empty, hopeless, and lonelier than ever. God taught me through those trials how to store up heavenly treasures where moth and rust will not destroy. He revealed to me the treasure He had already given to me, “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade” (**1Peter1:4**). It was foolish of me to seek after something that would never fully satisfy me the way God does. But when I repented and put God first, I received one blessing after another. I am blessed in my life now because God is my hope, not the man in my life. God brings me joy! God satisfies me, and He makes my life full! My life in Him is my treasure! Because my heart and my treasure are found in Him, I can enjoy my marriage, my children, my home, my possessions, my health, my beauty... He makes it all enjoyable!

There is nothing in this world greater than the Kingdom of God, and you have found it! So make it your treasure, and be blessed with everything you need and more! God Bless!

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**“For the building up of the Body...”**

**Ephesians 4:12**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 📖 We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on October 15<sup>th</sup> (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM. Please come early to fellowship and encourage one another.
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items taken out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you're done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 We are now reserving the front two rows for people who wish to be prayed with, during the song of invitation. Please try to find seating elsewhere. Thank you!
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to [directory@licoc.org](mailto:directory@licoc.org).
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

- ✝ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Oswaldo Sanchez.....El Salvador, Central America
- ✝ Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Moscow, Russia

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**“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”**

**1 Thessalonians 1:8**

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**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES**

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert ....(347) 392-4339  
*Individual House Churches*

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

**UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS**

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

**We Care Campaign Itinerary**

<b>2008</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct 15 - Oct 26	Chattanooga, TN
Jan 21 - Feb 1	Mesa, AZ
April 15 - April 26	Amarillo, TX