



QA: Why Do We Vote for Government Officials? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Why do we vote for government officials?

ANSWER: So godly people might have influence through them.

1) **Prayers Answered** -

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. (**1 Timothy 2:1-3**)

2) **Limits For Caesar** - Pharisees asked Jesus a "trick" question:

"Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (**Matthew 22:17-21**)

Jesus kept the line firmly drawn between "church and state." Caesar claims tax money, but a constitutionally controlled government should stay within its legal limits. Everything else belongs to, "the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them" (**Acts 14:15**), and should be outside the authority of the State!

3) **God's Response To Bullying** - John the Baptist told soldiers in his audience,

"Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." (**Luke 3:14**)

"Intimidate" involved violent shaking; "accuse falsely" involved making up charges; "content with wages" meant not using their position to increase their wealth. This description of "bullying" could not be clearer, and the remedy was to "bear fruits worthy of repentance" (**Luke 3:8**). Indeed, conversion required these agents of government "to repent," or change their attitude from this "bullying."

4) **So The Wicked Will Not Escape -**

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God. (**Ecclesiastes 8:11-13**)

When people aren't immediately "struck down" from Heaven by God; or their case drags on through the court system; or there is not enough "justice" in the Justice System to bring about conviction, people think they have gotten away "scot-free!" The human justice system may be completely corrupted, but God's Judgment and punishment is not!

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