Are you tired of flawed candidates and attack ads? Are you tired of feeling like you're voting for the lesser of two evils?

Of course, we want trustworthy, quality candidates who demonstrate integrity and have the character and competence to serve well. We should never lower those standards or stop seeking those leaders.

But in a fallen world, we will never find perfect candidates.

A few days ago, my friend John Stonestreet offered this helpful perspective:

"**Christians should think of voting, not as choosing between the lesser of two evils, but as a way of 'lessening evil.'** Not only does this approach better fit the political realities of our current context, it also recognizes the inherent limits of politics; limits we seem to have forgotten in this hyperpolitical moment. Also, voting to lessen evil can recognize the moral inadequacies of candidates while still seeking to accomplish good through voting."

I appreciate John's perspective, and I would add one key ingredient: Our goal should be not only to **lessen evil but also to increase righteousness.**

Proverbs 29:2 reminds us, "When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan" (ESV).

As Christians, we should approach our civic responsibilities with both realism and hope. Although extremely important, politics will never be our ultimate source of redemption. Our hope is in Christ and His kingdom. Yet that doesn't mean we withdraw from the public square or neglect the responsibility God has given us to love our neighbors.

We can work to restrain evil, promote what is good, and encourage righteousness in our communities and government. Our votes are one way to do that, but they are not the only way. We can also pray for our leaders, speak biblical truth with grace and courage, and encourage those entrusted with public authority to pursue justice and the common good. We do this at the Capitol, and we would love for you to join us! – Click here to join the Capitol Prayer Team!

One Sunday Before Election Day

This Tuesday, November 3, is Election Day, which means we have just one Sunday left to encourage our congregations to prepare and participate with wisdom.

We've put together a **Church Election Toolkit** filled with church-friendly resources, including a video, presentation slides, printable handouts, and an online, personalized voter guide.

Please take advantage of these resources this Sunday! You can help your congregation understand the importance of their civic responsibility while keeping our ultimate hope where it belongs —in Jesus Christ.

As pastors, let's help our congregations move beyond frustration and cynicism toward thoughtful, prayerful, and faithful civic engagement. Seek leaders of character and integrity while recognizing that imperfect candidates can still make decisions that accomplish meaningful good.

We don't need perfect candidates to pursue what is good, and we must never confuse political victories with the advancement of God's kingdom.

Our calling is to be faithful—to lessen evil, increase righteousness, and point people to the truth of the only King who reigns perfectly.

In Christ,



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P.S. While the deadline has passed to order print voter guides, we still encourage you to let your congregation know about our free, online, personalized voter guide. You can access it at pafamilyvoter.com 24/7!

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