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"Prove all things;
hold fast that which is
good."

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BE GUIDED BY THE WORD OF GOD IN CHOOSING THE RIGHT CANDIDATE

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it..." (Psalm 127:1)

A Word from the PASTOR



What this passage tells us, even as a nation, we cannot put God outside of Governance. He remains the Builder of our Nation-Home. His Word is our Blue-Print.

I am therefore sharing this Bible lesson with everyone. My prayer is that through this, our people, Biblical Christians and otherwise, may have equipping in making the right choice.

As Bible believers, we do not subscribe so much to block voting. We rather, believe, as the Bible says in Rom 14:5, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

This Biblical Guide therefore aims to equip every individual to rate his choice of candidate.

"Huwag na tayong pumili ng kandidato sang-ayon sa: 1) Siya ay lesser evil; 2) Sayang lang ang boto ko sa kanya kaya iboboto ko na lang ang mananalo; 3) Basta gusto ko ng pagbabago, kahit ano pa ang katangian niya; 4) Kasi sa kanya ako may pakinabang; 5) Kasi personal ko siyang kilala; 6) Kasi magaling siyang magsalita at sumagot; 7) Kasi Bisaya siya o Ilocano siya; 8) Wala lang. Siya ang gusto ko eh."

"Kaya pag-aralan natin ang sinasabi ng Banal na Kasulatan. Tingnan natin kung ano ang katatayuan ng mga kandidato ayon sa mga tinuturo ng Salita ng Dios."

1) Choose people who are just, upright and in right standing with God and man. One who is God-fearing, standing with integrity and generally well-spoken of by our people.

2 Sam 23:3, ".....He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God." KJV

Let us look for candidates who not only stand upright before God and man but who understand what the fear of God is.

The fear of God is exemplified in having the mind and heart to be consistent with Who God is and what

He requires. Since God is true, the candidate should not be dishonest. Since God is righteous, the candidate should not be corrupt. Since God is just, the candidate should not be unjust. In other words, the candidate should exhibit qualities that are consistent with who and what God is.

2) Choose people who have proven themselves competent and able in the area of governance or public service.

Ex 18:21, "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men..." KJV

It is a must that our government leaders have proven track records of being competent and able in doing their jobs. They must not simply depend on people around them. They must have a clear knowledge of their duties and responsibilities and be able to back up their titles and positions with the ability to perform and deliver.

3) Choose people who are truthful, who hate bribery and who are not greedy of power, gain and wealth.

Ex 18:21, "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness..."

Character should be a strong trait of all who are in government. They should be people who cannot be



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Acts 17:11, "...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

bought, who are truthful in all transactions, dealings and endeavors. They should not be known as people who are greedy of gain, wealth or power.

4) Choose people who listen and understand; who are experienced and respected by our people.

Deut 1:13, "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you." KJV

Deut 1:13, "Choose wise, understanding, experienced, and respected men according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you." AMP

Let us choose candidates who will listen to reason, advise and counsel. Not one who is proud and stubborn.

Prov 1:5, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." KJV

Prov 28:16, "A ruler who lacks understanding is [like a wicked one] a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness and unjust gain shall prolong his days." AMP

Solomon prayed, 1 Kings 3:9, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad..." KJV

5) Choose people who do not surround themselves with known corrupt and greedy personalities.

Prov 29:12, "If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked." KJV

Prov 25:5, "Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation)." AMP

Let us look for candidates who are careful to surround themselves with trustworthy people. Not those who are known to be corrupt and greedy. Let us carefully look into who the candidates will appoint in their cabinet and in sensitive positions in government.

6) Choose people who recognize that they themselves are subject to higher authorities. They should recognize that they are under God, the authority of His Word and, in respect to our country, under the authority of the Constitution.

Rom 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." KJV

Rom 13:1, "LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment." AMP

Let us be careful to see if the candidates of our choice willingly recognize that they themselves are under certain authority. The authorities may be God, His Word and in respect to our country, our Constitution itself. Let us be careful to see that our President of choice will not put himself above the Constitution. Let us be careful to note that the coming administration should not be guilty of unconstitutional acts.

7) Choose people who are not rebellious, who go against a duly constituted authority.

Rom 13:2, "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." KJV

Let us be sure that those we choose do not have rebellious hearts. Be careful of people who show themselves to be "revolutionaries" and "rebels" who go against duly constituted authority.

Prov 24:21, "My son, don't get involved with revolutionaries..." CJB

Prov 24:21-22, "My son, [reverently] fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change [of allegiance, and are

revolutionary], For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the punishment and ruin which both [the Lord and the king] will bring upon [the rebellious]?" AMP

8) Choose people who will establish a kind of government that is respected by all and is feared by evil men.

Rom 13:3, "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power?" KJV

Let us choose candidates who will balance what the government is to all our people: a government that is both respected by all and feared by those who do evil.

Prov 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." KJV

9) Choose people who will constitute a government that recognizes and commends the praise-worthy regardless of party, family, association or region.

Rom 13:3, "...do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." KJV

It is important that we install a government that will be a government for all people. For many long years, we have allowed ourselves to be divided by those who are in government themselves, who only give recognition and commendation to those within their respective parties, families, clan, region and even religion.

Let us choose candidates who will unify our people whether they be from the north or south, who will not choose their own families and friends above the things that should benefit the greater number of our people.

10) Choose people who will deliver to all Filipinos what the Philippine Government should: the good and beneficial to all Filipinos.

Rom 13:4, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good." KJV

Let us choose candidates who have programs that will really bring benefit to our people. Not doing dole outs, but delivering things that will benefit our people and the coming generation. Who think beyond their own selves and their generation.

Let us have people in Government who shall deliver what the Preamble says "...establish a Government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality, and peace..."

11) Choose people who will constitute a government that faithfully implements its laws, making every provision both executory and certain.

Rom 13:4, "...if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." KJV

Let us choose candidates who will deliver true peace and order throughout the country; who will implement laws and make every provision thereof executory and certain. It is the uncertainty of our laws that bring about lawlessness to our country.

12) Choose people who will govern not simply from the point of view of title and power. Rather choose people who will make a government that is revered and regarded greatly by all our people.

Rom 13:5, "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake." KJV

Rom 13:5, "Another reason to obey, besides fear of punishment, is for the sake of conscience." CJB

We want a government that is not just feared by those that do evil, but one that is revered and regarded greatly by our people. Our people go overseas because they feel that government does not care.

Let us have people in government who will get the hearts of our people. In turn, our people will think twice about going abroad because they feel that our government cares for them more than any other governments do. To the point that their own conscience will tell them not to leave the country.

Prov 20:28, "Loving-kindness and mercy, truth and faithfulness, preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by [the people's] loyalty." AMP

13) Choose people who will continuously attend to and faithfully steward both the taxes of our people and the resources of our beloved land.

Rom 13:6, "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." KJV

Let us choose candidates who will be faithful and true in stewarding our taxes and natural resources. This is an obvious quality.

14) Choose people who exhibit true faithfulness and loyalty to all, whether man, institution, creed or country.

Rom 13:7, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." KJV

Rom 13:7, "Pay everyone what he is owed: if you owe the tax-collector, pay your taxes; if you owe the revenue-collector, pay revenue; if you owe someone respect, pay him respect; if you owe someone honor, pay him honor." CJB

Let us choose candidates who show faithfulness and loyalty to all, whether they be individuals, parties, associations and most importantly, country. Candidates must show true loyalty to our beloved country and people. They should not have exchanged or renounced their loyalty to our beloved country and people. They should be true patriots.

Luke 16:10, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." KJV

15) Choose people who have a clear program of governance that will uplift the poor, needy, afflicted and persecuted.

Ps 82:3-4, "Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked." KJV

Ps 82:3-4, "Give justice to the weak and fatherless! Uphold the rights of the wretched and poor! Rescue the destitute and needy; deliver them from the power of the wicked!" CJB

Isa 1:17, "Learn to do right! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow." AMP

Let us choose candidates who have a platform of government that clearly defines how to address the needs of the poor, needy, afflicted and persecuted.

16) Choose people who will do everything in the fear of God, faithfully and with a perfect heart.

2 Chron 19:9, "And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart." KJV

2 Chron 19:9, "The king charged them, Do this in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, with integrity and a blameless heart." AMP

Let us choose candidates who will put their whole being into what they should be as government officials, whether national and local.