

Saddleback Pastor Calls Christians to Action: Voting Is a Biblical Responsibility

Saddleback Church Lead Pastor Andy Wood is encouraging Christians to take advantage of their freedom to vote, reminding them that their faith should guide their choices on Election Day.

As reported by The Christian Post, Wood emphasizes that Christians have a responsibility to engage with the political process and make informed decisions that align with biblical values. He urges voters to consider which candidate “more closely aligns with the Word of God” as they decide between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump in the upcoming presidential election.

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Wood points out that millions of Christians are at risk of not voting, referencing data from pollster George Barna, which indicates that 32 million churchgoers could abstain. “This is problematic,” Wood says, noting that believers have a duty to participate in shaping society. “If you are a follower of Jesus, you have a responsibility in culture. ...And this includes our vote.”

He also warns against voting blindly, encouraging his congregation to read and understand the policies of each candidate. “You can today, go home and download it and read it,” he says, referring to the platforms of both political parties. “Look at what they’ve done in the past. The best indicator of future performance is past behavior.”

Wood’s message highlights the biblical command that Christians

are not just passive observers but are called to be the salt and light in a world in need of godly influence. By choosing not to vote, Christians are opting to sit on the sideline and remain in the shadows, rather than impacting the world in the name of Jesus.

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In his sermon, Wood reminds his congregation that voting is an opportunity to glorify God. Citing 1 Corinthians 10:31, he says, "Whether you eat or drink or vote or whatever, you do it all for the glory of God." By casting their vote, Christians put their faith into action and influence the culture around them.

Pastors across the nation are joining Woods by encouraging believers to trust in God's sovereignty, no matter the outcome of the election, but to get involved nonetheless. "God causes kings to rise and fall. He is supreme," Wood says. "Yes, your vote matters. Go and make a difference."

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