

## Praying for God's Will this Election

It is almost election day. The fact that my wife and I have nine very small grandchildren makes me very focused on the policies that political candidates stand for these days and how they will affect the world our grandchildren will live in. The bottom line is that my generation is moving on soon and a new generation is moving into our timeslot in history, and I'm hoping and praying that they will be able to live in a free land where true United States history is taught, remembered, and cherished. I pray that they will be able to live in a land where the valor of capitalism and entrepreneurship is celebrated and encouraged, and where the worship of God and obedience to His precepts are still the way of the country.

It's amazing to me how quickly one generation replaces another. When I was a young buck, I can remember my grandparent's world very well. It was a peaceful time as we moved into the mid 60's in rural America. I can remember a little anxiety in the air as my parents and grandparents would discuss the concerns they had with the behavior of the young radicals of the day. They feared that they were changing the moral landscape of the country they loved. They were right. It wasn't long after hearing their conversations that my teachers began talking about some of the student protests and riots that seemed to be in the news almost every day. Even though I was just in elementary school, I remember the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 jarring me out of my peaceful childhood life. I also remember seeing pictures of the gathering of the hippies at Woodstock in 1969 and then the massacre at Kent State University in 1970 and wondering what this world was coming to. There was a great deal of unrest in the country at the time over the Vietnam War and other issues. There was also general rebellion against the morals and values of the 1950's and it spilled out into society.

Over the past fifty plus years, we have seen some of the effects of the unruliness of these previous generations. The rebellion of some on the left and the hardening of others on the right has brought about this polarized climate in our country today like never before. The left has moved further left and the right seems to have moved further to the right and we are at a crossroads of sorts in our country. Those who love our nation's God-fearing history with the sacrifice of our military patriots and the courage of our police force are shocked that anyone would want to break that all down and throw it away for an increase in often failed social reforms. Those who are shouting, protesting, looting, and rioting in the name of these social reforms have thrown our cities into chaos, not to mention this crazy virus which may or may not be a true pandemic depending on who one listens to. I believe all this chaos is designed to push the old guard out and replace it with new ideas and policies. They say the old ways of doing business are going to destroy the planet and we must act urgently now. I say take a deep breath and think about where all this call radical reform is headed.

So here we are at the day of accountability in this country. Will we move further away from our past which created the greatest nation this earth has ever seen? Will we hold on to religious freedom and faith in God as the one sure hope of this world? Will we be able to continue to proclaim freely that Jesus Christ, God's only son, is still the Savior of the world. Our country and leaders are certainly not perfect, and we have much to seek forgiveness for, but we must remain

a God-fearing nation above all else if we are to continue to reap the favorable hand of God on this land.

*2 Chronicles 7:14 says; if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then from heaven will I hear, forgive them of their sin and heal their land.*

It is my prayer that God will give us the courage and the wisdom to take a peaceful stand for the values that this country has long stood for as we head to the voting booth. We cannot just look at the popularity of the candidates, but we must look at what their policies are all about. I urge you to pray hard my friends and may God's will be done. Until next week, God bless!