

**WHEN YOUR CANDIDATE DIDN'T WIN**  
**1 PETER 2:17 / 7-7-18 / AM**

**I. FIRST, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR WE SHOULD RESPECT OTHERS.**

- A. There's no doubt that the cultural climate today is more mean-spirited than ever before.
- B. In this volatile climate the Apostle Peter's words ring just as true today as they did 2,000 years ago---1 Peter 2:17.
  - 1. He was referring to the Roman Emperor Nero.
  - 2. The Apostle Paul says something very similar to Peter's admonition—Romans 13:6-7.
- C. Notice that Peter extends this civility to everyone, even fellow Christians when he said---  
**“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers.....”**
- D. Peter says our motive for showing respect toward everyone and honoring our government's leaders is the **“fear of the Lord.”**

**II. SECOND, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR, PRAY FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S LEADERS.**

- A. This is what Paul says—1 Tim. 2:1-2.
- B. I heard a well-known radio personality say during Barak Obama's presidency that he hoped he failed.

**III. THIRD, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR, TRUST GOD EVEN IF YOU DON'T TRUST YOU'RE LEADERS.**

- A. Before the 2016 election, one preacher said, **“Our nation depends on the outcome of the election.”**
- B. Although our elections and leaders are important to our future, the fate of our nation rests on a much higher power—Psa. 20:7.
  - 1. America's future doesn't depend on who's President—Psa. 33:12.
  - 2. Our coins and currency say it best, **“In God We Trust”**.