



# *Pastor's Comments*

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## **Faith & Politics?**

Should presidential candidates mix **faith with politics**? Should one's **faith dictate how and for whom to vote**?

Faith is defined as **“something that is believed especially with strong conviction”** or **“a system of religious beliefs.”** One's **“faith”** refers to his **core beliefs** not just the church he attends—although you would assume he would attend a church that adheres to beliefs consistent with his own!

**A presidential candidate should clearly express that in which he firmly believes!** As a voter who is a Christian, I want to know **where he firmly stands** on the critical national issues of abortion, sodomy, pornography, etc. Does he believe these are sins as the Bible states? **I am extremely leery of a candidate who seldom talks of his faith or core beliefs in public!** He doesn't have to **“wear his religion on his sleeve,”** but it seems to me that a candidate who takes the position that **“faith is a private matter”** is being purposefully evasive for political reasons. The fact is that **a president's faith or core beliefs and values will greatly impact public policy!**

**A voter's faith should guide him in the selection of the candidate that most closely fits his deeply held beliefs regardless of political party!** While there are many issues to be considered, none are so crucial as the core beliefs and values of the candidate. I will vote for the candidate whose beliefs are most consistent with the biblical values I hold, for I know they will guide him in dealing with the critical issues of the next four years and directly impact my family and me, **“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn”** (Proverbs 29:2).

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