

## **Politics for Temporary Residents**

1 Peter 2:11-17

Election years seem long with inescapable media coverage. Complex issues are reduced to sound bites and slogans. Mudslinging is common, demonizing others because it works. Peter offers us wisdom for faithfully relating to politics and government.

### **Remember This World Is Not Our Final Home**

Peter's second reminder that we are sojourners and aliens

We are not bound by race, geography, gender or time

### **Don't Yield to Passions that Wage War against Our Souls**

Peter's second reminder about the passions of the flesh

Choose not to fight against our own good, but for it

### **Conduct Our Lives in Ways that Express Faith in Christ**

Choose to be honorable (integrity, humility)

Glorify God through our words and actions

Do good (God's will) as servants - it silences critics

Fear God – this is trusting in God who is above all else

Do not use our freedom as an excuse to do harm

### **Be Subject to the Government**

God given purpose is to punish evil and praise good

Jesus' words and context in *Matthew 22:21*

### **Seek to Honor Everyone**

Respect other people, even though their values clash with ours

Be sensitive that not all rejoice with the results of elections

Honor (respect, obey) governmental leaders

Pray for all political leaders (*1 Timothy 2:1-2*)

Watch carefully our attitudes and words (*Prov. 22:11, Col. 4:6*)

Vote with God oriented values and trust (fear) God