

CHOOSE WELL 2024

PRAYER GUIDE

A 14-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE TO
PRAYER AND FASTING FOR ELECTING LEADERS.



DEAR FRIENDS,

The election of 2024 is another defining moment for our country. This fourteen-day prayer and fasting guide aims to call the believer to seek the Lord for wisdom and discernment concerning the privilege and responsibility to “Choose Well” the person who will lead our nation.

Our Sovereign Lord is the Creator of all things, including government, and throughout Scripture we see that government and its leaders clearly matter to God. As believers, we seek a balanced, biblical approach that allows us to participate in the electoral process and properly place our trust in the Lord (Psalm 20:7).

We are instructed in the Word to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1) and to ask (Matthew 7:7) for rulers who will maintain justice and do what is right (Isaiah 56:1). God ordained government (Romans 13:1), and we, as His people, are to steward this gift and lead the way in our nation as the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) and children of light (John 12:36). We pray for good government that allows us to live “peaceful and quiet lives.” We ask for godly leaders to be a source of blessing to our nation. (Proverbs 14:34)

Yet, the divisiveness in our culture, the noise surrounding politics and the lack of peace in people’s lives make real discernment difficult. As believers, our goal in choosing our elected officials is to look at the character and convictions of the candidates in the race.

In 1 Samuel 16:7, we are reminded by the prophet, **“Do not look at his appearance or his stature. . . Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.”** As we consider our choice, may this hold true for each of us that we see not as man sees, but as God sees.

In the meditations to follow, we will take a glimpse at the lives of men and women of the Bible who were placed in authority. Our theme verse will be Exodus 18:21 that identifies for us the leadership qualifications of character, belief, and behavior rather than the worldly standards of wealth, political affiliation, or family position. Let each of us meditate on the Bible passages and let them teach us about leadership and most importantly about the Good Shepherd, the perfect example of a servant heart.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

“But you should select from all the people able men, God-fearing,
trustworthy, and hating dishonest profit.”

Exodus 18:21



FASTING

The Bible presents fasting as a discipline that is something good, beneficial, and profitable (Luke 2:37, Acts 13:2). As we determine our steps for the next two weeks let us remember that the purpose of fasting is to gain a new perspective and renewed reliance on God.

Following is a brief description of several things that could help you step into a season of prayer and fasting more faithfully and effectively. Each of these fasts can be a valuable way of connecting with God more deeply. If you are physically able, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider one of the first three fasts. There is something about giving up food that physically and spiritually realigns you in ways nothing else can.

...and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Luke 2:37

Four Primary Ways to Fast

MAJOR FAST

A major fast is when you abstain from food or drink for twenty-four consecutive hours or more. A major fast requires a certain level of physical health, and it is recommended that you check with your doctor if you're doing a major fast that lasts more than a few days in a row. Some examples from Scripture of a major fast can be found in Matthew 4:2, Acts 9:9, and Esther 4:15-16, just to name a few.

MINOR FAST

In a minor fast, you choose to abstain from food for a certain period of time (i.e. 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. or sunup to sundown). This fast is sometimes called a "Jewish fast," and it can last for days at a time, eating only at a set time of the day. In a minor fast, most people will drink liquids during the day and have one small meal after sundown each evening.

PARTIAL FAST

A partial fast is when you give up only certain foods during the course of your fast. This fast is seen most clearly in Daniel 1, where Daniel abstains from certain foods out of devotion to God for a period of time. During a partial fast, some people choose to give up certain foods they enjoy in an effort to turn their hearts more deeply toward God.

SOUL FAST

Technically speaking, biblical fasting only refers to abstaining from food or drink (or both) for a spiritual purpose. However, some people choose to fast from things other than food. Some people will give up television, social media, or other activities for a soul fast to focus on prayer.

Fasting - Getting Started

1. Begin by asking God to help you and allow the Lord to align your objectives with His objectives as you prepare to fast.
2. Choose your fast and determine how long you will be fasting.
3. Invite family or friends to share both the burden and the blessing of fasting with you. A small group of trusted believers can pursue God more deeply together.
4. Prepare yourself by giving your mind, body, heart, and community the adequate time needed to prepare for your fast.

It is important to make a plan to repurpose mealtimes as times of prayer, worship, and Bible study. Fasting is an exercise in grace - so make sure you give yourself some. When you're hungry, pray. If you break down and give in to hunger, pray. Either way, get back up and keep moving forward toward God.

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“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 13:2

Focus Prayer

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge Your majesty and ascribe to You all the glory and the honor due Your name. We thank You for loving the world so much that You gave Your only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for Your unfailing love as we seek to grow in greater wisdom and knowledge of our eternal God and Savior.

We confess our sin and the transgressions of our nation. We approach You in these next two weeks with a humble and submissive attitude. God, we ask that You reveal Your truth and lead us in wholehearted devotion to You as we cry out for healing in our lives and on our land. May we be refreshed by Your Spirit and let every dimension in our lives seek to bring You glory and advance Your kingdom.

Father, our nation needs a shepherd who will lead this country in the way of truth, justice and righteousness according to biblical principles. Your word says that a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, so we ask for governing authorities who will do what is best for the people of our nation regardless of what it costs them. We also ask for shepherds who will lead in the Church and in the home. As we call unto You, we ask for understanding so that our heart aligns with Your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen

DAY 1:

MOSES

“Moses was a very humble man, more so than anyone on the face of the earth.”

Numbers 12:3

INSIGHT

When it comes to traits like humility, many people will quickly say, “That’s just not me.” That wasn’t Moses either, at least not initially. Being raised in Pharaoh’s household, “learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians” and “mighty in words and in deeds” (Acts 7:21-22), Moses believed he was the leader to deal with the injustices of his people.

Filled with pride, he intervened in an injustice, committed murder, and was rejected by the people whom he believed he was called to protect. He was forced to flee into the wilderness to become a simple shepherd.

Forty years later, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and called him to be that very deliverer he thought he was in his younger days. Moses responds with excuse after excuse as to why he couldn’t fulfill the call of God, providing another example of pride. In both cases, Moses said, “Look at me!” In the first case, “Look at me, I can do everything.” In the second case, “Look at me, I can do nothing!”

Humility is an honest estimation of who we are in Christ and how He has gifted us. And, as Moses demonstrates, it is learned in the highs and lows of life’s experience.

PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the example of Moses. You were faithful to bring him through many life experiences to shape him into a vessel of honor to be used for Your glory, and he became a mighty leader for the nation of Israel. We ask that You will raise up a humble leader for our nation who, like Moses, has an honest estimation of himself and knows godly wisdom and true justice. In Your name, Amen.

DAY 2:

JOSHUA

Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!... Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:14-15

INSIGHT

This passage records Joshua's final address to the children of Israel - his exhortation to forsake idolatry and serve God alone. Joshua made clear that his decision had been made. He was going to serve the Lord no matter what, and he asked the people to follow his example.

This wasn't the first time Joshua took a righteous stand. As a young man, Joshua served as a spy in Canaan. When he returned to the people of Israel and reported his findings, he didn't cower or give in to peer pressure. He assured the people that the Lord would be with them if they would choose obedience.

When Joshua took the mantle of leadership from Moses, he trusted God's instructions in the Battle of Jericho. Rather than follow conventional wisdom, he led the people to obey God and won a great victory.

America needs a leader like Joshua - a leader that is resolved to serve the Lord and inspires others to do the same.

PRAYER

Father, help us to choose a leader that models a steadfast trust in You and a resolve to do what is right. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 3:

DEBORAH

“So may all your enemies perish, LORD! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength.” Then the land had peace for forty years.

Judges 5:31

INSIGHT

Deborah was Israel’s only female judge, but she was also a wife, mom, prophetess, leader, warrior and even a songwriter. She might have felt like an ordinary person, but Deborah was a wise and extraordinary leader because she loved the Lord, listened to His call and obeyed Him. She showed good character and was a light in a time of adversity. She exhibited strength and courage during the conflict between the Israelites and the Canaanites.

In Judges 4, she instructs Barak to take on Sisera and his army. She even agreed to go with him when he asked her to accompany them. In their bravery and obedience to God’s calling, the Israelites were victorious against the Canaanites. In Deborah’s victory song, she sang praises and thanksgiving for God’s divine intervention. “Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, break out in song! Arise, Barak! Take your captives, son of Abinoam.” (Judges 5:12)

Deborah was given unique leadership abilities to serve the Israelites, and God gave her significant victory and favor in the land. For those who love God, He will show them His plans, He will guide them to direct others, and He will give them courage.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for the story of Deborah as a servant-hearted prophetess, judge, and military leader. You raised her up in a difficult time when Israel was under much oppression from the strong military nation of Canaan. Thank you for her example to listen and obey the instructions of the Lord and to lead others to do the same. We ask that You raise up a leader in our country who is servant-hearted, fears the Lord, and is courageous. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 4:

RUTH

But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

Ruth 1:16-17

INSIGHT

Ruth’s statement in verse 16-17 has always had an impact on me. It is a statement declaring profound love and devotion in the face of difficult circumstances with little to no hope for the future. A closer look reveals that this love and devotion is not only directed towards Naomi, but is also directed toward the Lord, or Yahweh (v17). With no promises from God, Ruth plants her flag and declares her loyalty, affections, devotion, and her future to the Lord. It was a future that would lead her to Boaz and the continuation of the earthly family lineage of Jesus.

As we look to choose our leaders, we must look for men and women who exhibit qualities of deep loyalty, love, and devotion to the Lord. Ruth’s example teaches us that in challenging times, when there seems to be little hope, our commitment to God is our foundation. Ruth’s commitment wasn’t based on immediate rewards or assurances. Instead, it was a profound act of faith, trusting that God’s plan would unfold in due time. In our leaders, we should look for this same depth of faith - a faith that goes beyond personal gain and popularity, a faith that leans on God’s guidance even when the path seems uncertain.

Just as Ruth’s devotion led her to play a vital role in God’s larger plan, our leaders’ commitment to God can impact the direction of our nation.

PRAYER

Father, as we evaluate potential leaders, we pray for discernment, seeking those whose hearts are aligned with God’s will, and who demonstrate a resilient faith in the face of challenges. We seek those whose hearts are submitted to You and Your will. And Father, we pray that the body of Christ may shine her light in faithful love and devotion to You, so that many would follow. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 5:

SAMUEL

When they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” Samuel considered their demand wrong, so he prayed to the LORD. But the LORD told him, “Listen to the people and everything they say to you. They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king”. . . Samuel told all the LORD’s words to the people who were asking him for a king.

1 Samuel 8: 7-7,10

INSIGHT

Being a good leader requires many things. It means listening to gather information, even when the information you gather is not good. It means asking questions for clarity. Being a good leader means listening to dissenting voices and giving them a seat at the table. It means seeking wisdom from above. Good leaders must make hard decisions. Sometimes these decisions mean telling people what they need to hear, even if it’s not what they want to hear. Samuel did all of these.

The people demanded a king. Samuel knows this is not what is right or best for the people, but still he listens. He invites their input. He takes that input and gives it to the Lord. He was a God-fearing man. The Lord tells Samuel to listen to them. I imagine this was no easy task. But it’s necessary for the leaders to be willing to listen to opposing voices.

But perhaps one of the hardest things to do as a leader is to tell people what they need to hear but don’t want to hear. 1 Samuel 8 is not the first instance where Samuel did this. At the beginning of Samuel’s ministry, he brought hard news to Eli, the priest. His sons would die, and the prophetic ministry would be taken from him.

And now Samuel must again deliver bad news. It’s not the news the people want to hear but it is the news the people need to hear even though they reject it. They will receive a king, but it will not turn out the way they expected.

PRAYER

Father, we ask for leaders of strong character who are willing to listen to others and most importantly listen to the Lord. We ask for leaders who are trustworthy and capable to make tough decisions even in the face of opposition. Wise discernment tells us that our nation needs a shepherd who will do what is best for the people they represent and the nation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 6:

DAVID

After removing him, he raised up David as their king and testified about him, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man after my own heart, who will carry out all my will.’

Acts 13:22

The Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart”

1 Samuel 16:7

INSIGHT

As we fast and pray for God to raise up a leader of our land, we pray for the one whose heart beats after God’s heart. One of the greatest compliments in all of scripture is when God says, “I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” Wow. Enough said. We pray for a leader who will be on their knees in prayer, fervently in the Word and surrounded by a host of wise counselors seeking to serve an audience of One while being a blessing to America’s 300+ million and to a watching world.

And may we be reminded of God’s instruction to Samuel, “Do not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.” May we be open to God’s leading and not to man’s persuasion.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, we humbly come to you in earnest prayer as we seek a leader whose heart seeks You, Your principles, Your precepts and Your will. May we not rely on persuasive speech nor impressive polls or bank accounts. Instead, may we totally rely on and trust in You to reveal and raise up the leader for our land in this time.

May this leader be of You, by You and for You. May this leader call on our nation to fast, to pray, to repent and to return to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 7:

SOLOMON

“The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order.”

Proverbs 28:1-2

INSIGHT

Solomon was considered by many the wisest man on earth. While he had many faults, the greatest was not listening to God. When he did pray, listen to God and remain obedient to God’s word he had unparalleled leadership qualities. Those qualities included wisdom, discernment between right and wrong, passion for justice, concern for people, inspirational motivation for others, inspiration for the future, and many more. When he listened to God, Solomon was able to listen to and consider the perspectives of others, learn from experience and mistakes, and adjust plans in response to changing circumstances.

A great leader is not concerned about building an empire through conquest, but uses his wisdom, understanding and knowledge to maintain order and bring peace. With our country in the condition it is today, basically in rebellion, we need a person with the leadership qualities of Solomon, when he was obedient to God’s word, to lead, be righteous and be bold as a lion.

PRAAYER

Lord God, we pray that our next president would ask God for wisdom and would exemplify leadership qualities like Solomon. We ask that this leader exhibit humility and obedience to God’s word, not straying from it. In Jesus’ name, Amen

DAY 8:

KING JEHOSEPHAT

Now the Lord was with Jehosaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments.”

2 Chronicles 17:3-4

And Jehosaphat . . . set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:3-4

INSIGHT

The 2 Chronicles record of King Jehoshaphat makes it clear that he had a knowledge of the God of Israel. He had a relationship with God before the battle began.

He was a king noted for seeking the Lord. Seeking God’s face means desiring to know His character and wanting Him— His presence—more than any other thing He can give us. It requires intimacy to look intently into someone’s face. This intentional seeking of the Lord develops into the fear of the Lord. When we get to know God’s character, we will have a reverential awe of God.

So when the enemies came against Judah from every side, King Jehosaphat understood God’s character and sovereignty. I imagine that he recalled the psalms of David that recounted the mighty deeds and victories of God for His people.

King Jehosaphat remembered the promise of blessings and vindication to those who seek the face of the Lord (Psalm 24:5-6). Psalm 9 recounts King David’s words, “those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.” Confident trust filled the king who believed the Lord who says, “Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name” (Psalm 91:14).

Knowing the character of God encourages the heart of a leader to fear the Lord, seeking Him for direction in each leadership decision and leading others to do the same

PRAYER

Everlasting Father, you raise up governing officials who will seek the face of the Lord and place their trust in You. We pray that no fear of man will be a snare to them and that they will accomplish their God-given purpose. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 9:

ESTHER

Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, ‘Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ‘Go, hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.’

Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Esther 4:13-17

INSIGHT

Esther found herself at a rather difficult time during the reign of Ahasuerus. Grief and mourning due to Haman’s evil plan enveloped the Jews. Esther’s uncle, Mordecai, appealed to Esther to go before the King and seek the deliverance of the Jews. Esther had to decide. Would she risk her life and go before the king on behalf of her people, or would she stay silent in the face of overwhelming odds?

Mordecai encourages her that God had placed her there “for such a time as this” to bring about the salvation of the Jews and that she must act. Esther’s response to his plea shows great leadership. At great cost, Esther trusted that God is sovereign over her future and decided to speak to the king for her people, while simultaneously calling the Jews to three days of fasting and praying.

Esther’s decision could not have been easy. In fact, speaking the truth when great personal harm is at stake rarely is. But Esther knew that there are some things in life that are more important than her own personal safety and prosperity, and she trusted that God would take care of her. All she needed was to do the right thing.

PRAYER

Father, we pray today that You would arm each of us with the knowledge that we are placed here, at this time, to speak out boldly and to pray and fast fervently for our country as we enter another election season. We pray that Christians would be bold to speak the truth, no matter the personal cost, and that You would help us all to choose well! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 10:
DANIEL

The administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

Daniel 6:4

INSIGHT

The story of Daniel in the lion’s den teaches us about the promises and faithfulness of God. We know that God protected Daniel from the lions because Daniel was faithful to God.

In the first ten verses of Daniel 6, we learn that Daniel was a proven leader. He was recognized for his good work and spirit. He was to be considered by the king for leadership over the entire advising court. Daniel lived in true devotion to God. He was unwilling to compromise with the ungodly cultural mandates. Just think how easy it could have been for him to relinquish his beliefs when faced with the lion’s den.

Daniel represents the character that we seek in our leaders. God-fearing men and women who will not be swayed by media, money, or popularity gains. We need men and women who serve God, know right from wrong, and are concerned with the betterment of our country.

PRAYER

Lord, as we pray for our country, we ask that the qualities of Daniel be found in our leaders and those whom we elect. We ask for Your protection on our governing authorities and those who are campaigning. We thank You for Your faithfulness to us, and we ask for You to grant us strength and guidance in this election season. Do not let us be swayed and do not let us give in to pressures, but to stay true to You and Your word. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

DAY 11:

NEHEMIAH

“But I didn’t demand the food allotted to the governor, because the burden on the people was so heavy. Remember me favorably, my God, for all that I have done for this people.”

Nehemiah 5:18-19

INSIGHT

A true leader does not look to add to the burdens of people, but to lift them. Jesus taught us that a leader must have a heart to serve and a willingness to lay down their life.

Nehemiah, as the governor of the province of Judah, is an incredible example of self-sacrifice and willingness to put the people’s needs first. Nehemiah wept when he saw the people suffering. He prayed and interceded for the people suffering. He acted, at his own expense, to come to the aid of the people suffering. It is not enough for leaders to just have compassion or just to act. A godly leader acts and leads out of a heart of compassion. As we choose godly leaders, we must choose those who both have a heart for people and act from the overflow of their heart to serve the Lord and love people.

PRAYER

Lord, give us a heart of compassion for our neighbors and community. Help us to see the needs of those around us, whether they are spiritual or physical, and move us out of compassion to meet those needs. Lord, please raise up a leader among us who moves out of compassion that can lead us by example. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 12:

JOHN THE BAPTIST

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30

INSIGHT

John the Baptist is a remarkable New Testament character. Think about his story. Conceived miraculously, his mother was too old to bear children. Named by an angel. Met his cousin, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, before he was even born. He lived a strange lifestyle with peculiar eating habits. Indeed, a most unusual human being.

Known as the “baptizer”, he said he was here to prepare the way for the Messiah. John was getting people cleaned up and ready to meet the Savior of the world. And then, the most remarkable privilege anyone could imagine - he baptized the Messiah Himself, Jesus Christ. Even then, he did not seek fame or privilege, but insisted that he was to become less, and the Lord should increase. He was not even worthy to untie Jesus’ sandals. He said he baptized only with water, but that the Lord would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

And finally, after a miraculous life lived to prepare the way for the coming Messiah - John was in doubt! He asked, “Are you the one, or should we expect another?” John was saying, “They are preparing to kill me, cousin. Just checking - are You really the Messiah, because if you are not, I am about to die for nothing.” Jesus reassured him, “Look at the signs, John. I am who I said I was and you can know that your life was not in vain.”

You and I can take much encouragement from John’s life. We serve to bring others to the Savior. We have moments of doubt, pain, suffering and failure. But He is who He said He was - “The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

PRAYER

Father, we give thanks for your Son, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. We pray this day for salvation and deliverance and healing to come to the one who will be placed into the highest office in our land, the President of the United States of America. We ask that he/she will live a servant- hearted life allowing Jesus Christ to become greater within them and that he/she become less. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 12:

JOHN THE APOSTLE

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8

INSIGHT

In John’s first letter, he gives us an extraordinary call to live out the very nature of God - love. He instructs us that love is not a mere emotion, but a divine gift originating from God Himself. To love is to align our hearts with the Creator, for God is the source and embodiment of love.

John’s exhortation challenges us to become vessels of the divine love we’ve received. In a world that often confuses love with mere tolerance, John invites us to a higher standard - a love that reflects our intimate knowledge of God. This love, born from our relationship with our Creator and the example of Jesus Christ, has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those around us.

PRAYER

Gracious Father, we thank you for the timeless truth conveyed through John’s words. Incline our hearts towards a love that mirrors Yours; selfless and unconditional. May the love we share be a testament to our knowledge of You, the source of all love. Empower us by Your Spirit to love as You have loved us, even when it is challenging. May our lives be a living testimony to the reality that God is love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

DAY 14:
PAUL

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

INSIGHT

As a father, I learn valuable lessons through my children. One night, my children were fighting over an unclaimed toy they found at home. My daughter was more frustrated than my son because he took the toy away and claimed it was his. When I asked my son why he did that he said, “I’m older than her, so I deserve to have it.”

Like children, adults can act out of selfishness and vain conceit. That is why Paul encouraged the Philippians to value others above self. Keep in mind, Paul wrote his letter from a Roman jail cell for preaching the gospel.

Many, if not all, of the hardships Paul experienced were the result of him looking for the interest of others. Paul’s leadership is something we should all consider, especially with the presidential election this year.

PRAYER

Father, give me discernment in choosing a presidential candidate who, in humility, will value others above self. Raise up a leader who honors You and who will sacrificially serve our country. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

CONCLUDING THOUGHT

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; .
. . He removes kings and sets up other kings.”

Daniel 2:20-21

INSIGHT

When it comes to human government, God the Father is the prime authority (the “King of kings”), and the prime mover. As we seek better human government, as we seek more “justice” - which is the primary task of human government - we should ask the Lord to send better rulers, and to send more justice. Proverbs 29:26 says **“Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the Lord that one gets justice.”** And Jesus said in Luke 18:7, **“... will not God give justice to His elect, who cry out to Him day and night? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly.”** One key way He brings us justice is by bringing us just rulers!

So let us look primarily to God for good government. Let us cry out to God often (“day and night”) for justice. Let us persistently ask Him to raise up good, godly rulers, and He will!

PRAYER

O God, King of kings, You who remove kings and set up other kings, we cry out to You in this crisis moment to send us righteous and just rulers. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

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