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Casting Your Vote

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

According to a post-election survey conducted by Public Opinion Strategies for the Faith and Freedom Coalition, the largest single constituency in the electorate in the 2010 mid-term elections was self-identified evangelicals, who comprised 29 percent of the vote and cast an astonishing 78 percent of their ballots for Republican candidates. Pollsters report that this is one of the highest turnouts by the conservative Christian block of voters.

We go to the polls to vote for various candidates and also to decide issues related to amendments to state government. These elections take place yearly and sometimes more often than that. However, we are casting other votes on a daily basis. Just as Joshua encouraged the people of his day to make a choice, we are faced with choices every day regarding whether we will serve God or self.

When the saints meet this coming Sunday and commemorate the Lord’s Supper, how will you cast your vote? Will you choose to be present or will you choose to be absent? Of course, there may be some who are sick or otherwise providentially hindered from making a choice. But for most of us it is decision time. We will determine and cast our vote either in favor of the Lord or in favor of our own interests. Some may choose to sleep in and others may choose to play golf, go to the lake or just putter around the house. We will all make a choice about which god we will serve. We will either serve the gods of self-indulgence or we will serve the Lord.

In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) each of the servants were given talents according to their abilities. They may have had different abilities and they may have been given different amounts according to their abilities. However, they all had one thing in common. They all were given the freedom to choose how they would use their talents. Two of the servants chose to put their talents to work and they gained additional talents. One of the servants voted to hide his talent in the ground. When the master returned this servant appeared with only the original talent and nothing gained from it. He had plenty of excuses, and even accused the master of being a hard man. He wasn’t condemned because he was only given the one talent. His fault lay in how he chose to use the talent, or we could say in his case how he chose to not use it. He voted to hide it in the ground and this proved to be a vote for disaster.

How are you casting your vote today? It is within your power to choose how you will vote. Make the best of your opportunities and cast your vote for the Lord!

“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’” Matthew 25:23