

Should Christians be involved in politics?

1 Peter 3:15, *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with **gentleness and respect**.*

How Christians are to be different in politics?

1. Provide Godly Influence
 - Daniel 6:26, *"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel."*
2. Submit to Authority
 - 1 Peter 2:13-15, *Submit yourselves for the **Lord's sake to every human authority**: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.*
3. Defend our rights honorably
 - **Acts 23: 1-6 (NIV)**, *Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day."
2 At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!" 4 Those who were standing near Paul said, "How dare you insult God's high priest!" 5 Paul replied, "Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'" 6 Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead."*
4. Pray for our leaders
 - **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)** *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,*

intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority,^x that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

- **Matthew 5:44-47 (NIV)**, *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47** And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

5. Vote According to the Bible

- We are to do all things for the glory of God. This includes voting.