

We began yesterday with a simple, yet extremely important, question, “What is our most important role in government?” And the first answer was exactly what most of us would expect, “Vote!” And while that is very important, it’s not *the most important*. We vote once every two or four years for City Council, Aldermen, Mayors, School Board Representatives, Sheriffs, State Senators, House Representatives,

Governors, Judges, Senators, Congressmen, and of course the President. And not even that list is completely exhaustive. But after we vote, what happens? These people spend years carrying out their duties, (or not), exercising their authority, (or not), for years! And if, as we’ve discussed for the last two weeks, they are lacking light, we have a problem! So what are we to do?

“I exhort therefore, first of all, entreaties, declarations, intercessions, thanksgivings be performed over all men; over kings and all who are in the top positions in order that we might lead a tranquil and undisturbed life in all good response to God (free to speak and act, worship, openly) and with dignity; this is good and pleasing before God Our Savior; Who desires all men to be saved and come into knowledge of truth.” (1Tim 2:1-4, Enhanced)

In other words, we bring light to those who lack light. It may be simple, but it’s very powerful when it’s done out from faith as God, by His Spirit. When He does the energizing in us and we release that energy in order to accomplish what He has deemed is right and proper, things happen! (Php 2:13) Isn’t that exactly what Jesus said, “When you pray say, ‘Our Father Who is in the heavens, distinguish Your Name; Your kingdom come, Your will become as in Heaven and upon earth.” (Lk 11:2, Enhanced) His words! His power!

We can’t go through everything that we did yesterday, but allow me to bring to mind a couple of things. This action, bringing light to those lacking light through the authority of Jesus, the direction of The Spirit, and the sovereignty of God, changed the entire Roman Empire for over 1000 years! Within a couple of hundred years of Paul writing this instruction to Timothy, Christianity went from persecution to prominence with The Edict of Milan under Constantine in 313AD. The Emperor of Rome had seen The Light, and it affected the planet! What about us?

On June 28, 1787, as the Constitutional Convention struggled on in a hot Philadelphia summer, Benjamin Franklin took the floor. He reminded all present of God’s grace and provision for our country in The Revolution, and pointed out that they had not been seeking God’s guidance in their efforts to draft the Constitution. Then he gave these words, **“I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that ‘except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.”** With a few other words he suggested that they begin each session asking for God’s direction, and the result was the founding of what has become the greatest country on earth. The problems that we incur are from a lack of purpose and focus.

Our country was conceived in liberty out from the faith that comes from God Almighty. They believed that the principles of freedom come from scripture and had inscribed on the Liberty Bell the words of Jubilee, **“to proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof...” (Lev 25:10).** So by, **“The One furnishing The Spirit and energizing the powers contained in us out from the hearing of faith”, (Ga 3:5, Enhanced),** let’s do it! Our most important role in government is to speak God’s words to bring His light to authority!

Love never fails!

