

Values to Vote for part 2

Thankfulness

"Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

I. Our privilege as committed followers of Christ:

i. Pray for all in authority over us.

Question 1: When was the last time you prayed for your local and national politicians?

ii. Give thanks for our political leaders.

"...and give thanks for them." 1 Tim 2:1b

Question 2: When was the last time you gave thanks for our leaders?

iii. Give thanks for our Christian heritage in UK.

Question 3: When was the last time you gave thanks to God for our Christian heritage?

II. Key Christian values – where do the parties stand on...?

i. Biblical marriage and family life – the bedrock of a strong, stable and healthy society.

ii. Education – Role of parents, sex education and Christianity in RE?

iii. Religious liberty – Extremism laws and Christian freedom?

iv. Public morality – abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, prostitution & GM babies

v. Justice – Rich paying fair share, poor not squeezed and fit & healthy work

vi. Compassion – Poor receive help, genuine asylum seekers receive help, etc

III. Before you vote:

i. Ask God to lay a value on your heart.

ii. Write to key candidates to ask their views and express your values as Christian.

a. Explain you live in the constituency

b. Ask for their view on a Christian value that is dear to you

c. Explain this important and will affect the way you vote

d. Keep the letter/email short!

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IV. Why is this important?

a. We might live peaceful, quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

b. It pleases God.

c. God cares deeply about lost people.

³ This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4