

Day 1: Our Primary Allegiance

Devotional

As Christians, we are reminded that while government is ordained by God to protect and bring peace, our primary allegiance should be to Jesus and His kingdom. This means that our ultimate loyalty and devotion belong to Christ above all earthly authorities. When we place our trust in Jesus, we are aligning ourselves with an eternal kingdom that transcends any political system. Reflect on how you can prioritize your relationship with Jesus in your daily life. Are there areas where you have allowed political concerns to overshadow your faith? Remember, our hope is in Jesus, and His kingdom is everlasting.

Bible Verse Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. - Romans 13:1

Reflection Question In what ways can you demonstrate that your primary allegiance is to Jesus and His kingdom, rather than to any political entity?

Quote Government is ordained by God to protect and bring peace, but our primary allegiance should be to Jesus and His kingdom.

Prayer Lord, help me to remember that my ultimate allegiance is to You and Your kingdom. Guide me to prioritize my relationship with You above all else and to trust in Your eternal provision. Amen.

Day 2: Advocating for Justice and Mercy

Devotional

As followers of Christ, we are called to advocate for justice, mercy, and goodness in our communities. This involves participating in civic life and praying for our leaders, as well as standing up for those who are marginalized and oppressed. Our faith should inspire us to be agents of change, reflecting God's love and compassion in all that we do. Consider how you can be a voice for justice and mercy in your community. Are there specific issues or causes that God is calling you to support? Remember, our actions should always be rooted in our desire to know Jesus and make Him known.

Bible Verse I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Reflection Question How can you actively advocate for justice, mercy, and goodness in your community while keeping your focus on Jesus?

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Prayer Heavenly Father, give me the courage to stand up for justice and mercy in my community. Help me to be a reflection of Your love and compassion, and to always keep my focus on You. Amen.

Day 3: Humility in Political Engagement

Devotional

In our political engagement, it is crucial to hold our opinions with humility, recognizing our limitations and engaging in respectful dialogue. No political party perfectly aligns with biblical values, which frees us from the need to fully align with any party. This humility allows us to listen

to others, learn from different perspectives, and engage in conversations that honor God. Reflect on your recent political discussions. Have you approached them with humility and respect? Consider how you can better embody Christ's humility in your interactions with others.

Bible Verse Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. - 1 Peter 2:13-14

Reflection Question How can you practice humility and respect in your political discussions, recognizing that no party perfectly aligns with biblical values?

Quote We should hold our political opinions with humility, recognizing our limitations and engaging in respectful dialogue.

Prayer Lord, grant me the humility to engage in political discussions with respect and grace. Help me to listen and learn from others, and to always seek Your wisdom above all. Amen.

Day 4: Focusing on the Eternal Kingdom

Devotional

Our ultimate focus should be on the eternal kingdom of Jesus, trusting in His provision and seeking His righteousness above all else. While politics are important, they should not overshadow our mission to know Jesus and make Him known. Reflect on whether political outcomes cause more anxiety than concern for your neighbor's salvation. Our priority should always be the eternal well-being of those around us. Consider how you can shift your focus from temporal political concerns to the eternal kingdom of Jesus. Are there ways you can invest more time in prayer and Bible study, rather than political debates?

Bible Verse Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. - Colossians 3:1-2

Reflection Question Are you more anxious over political outcomes, or are you more concerned about the eternal well-being of those around you?

Quote Ultimately, our focus should be on the eternal kingdom of Jesus, trusting in His provision and seeking His righteousness above all else.

Prayer Heavenly Father, help me to focus on Your eternal kingdom and to trust in Your provision. Guide me to prioritize prayer and Bible study over political debates, and to always seek Your righteousness. Amen.

Day 5: Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known

Devotional

Politics are important, but knowing Jesus and making Him known are of first importance. Our mission as Christians is to share the gospel and to live out our faith in a way that draws others to Christ. Reflect on whether you spend more time with cable news and social media feeds than you do reading your Bible and being in prayer. Challenge yourself to focus on Jesus and His kingdom, dedicating more time to spiritual growth and less to political debates. Think about how you can better balance your time between staying informed about political issues and nurturing your relationship with Jesus. Remember, our ultimate goal is to honor God in all that we do.

Bible Verse For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Reflection Question Do you spend more time with cable news and social media feeds than you do reading your Bible and being in prayer?

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Prayer Lord, help me to prioritize knowing You and making You known above all else. Guide me to dedicate more time to spiritual growth and to trust in Your eternal plan. Amen.