

# Politics and Being Kingdom Minded

**Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Philippians 3:20*

Navigating the complex world of politics can be challenging, especially from a Christian perspective. As parents, guiding your teens to be kingdom-minded in political matters means helping them understand that our primary allegiance is to God and His kingdom. Encourage them to view political issues through the lens of faith, compassion, and justice as taught in the Scriptures. It's important to discuss the role of Christians in society—to be informed, respectful, and loving advocates for God's truth and righteousness, while remembering that our ultimate hope and trust are in God's sovereign plan, not in human governments or leaders.

## ➤ conversation starter

How do you think our faith should influence our views on political issues? What are some ways we can reflect our Christian values in these discussions?

When we hear different political opinions, how can we maintain a kingdom perspective and respond in a way that honors God?

## ➤ navigating the conversation:

- **Encourage Respectful Dialogue:** Teach the importance of listening and engaging respectfully with others, especially when opinions differ.
- **Focus on Kingdom Values:** Discuss how Christian values like love, justice, and mercy apply to political issues. Proverbs 31:8-9, Micah 6:8, Matthew 6:33, and Galatians 5:22-23 are all important verses in this conversation.
- **Pray for Leaders:** Encourage prayer for all leaders, regardless of political affiliation, as advised in the Bible (see 1 Tim. 2:1-2).
- **Educate on Current Issues:** Help teens stay informed about current political issues and guide them in evaluating these topics using a biblical lens.
- **Model Christlike Behavior:** Demonstrate how to handle political discussions with grace, love, and truth.
- **Avoid Partisanship:** Emphasize the importance of not aligning the Christian faith with any particular political party but rather aligning with biblical principles.
- **Discuss the Role of Christians in Society:** Talk about how Christians can be involved in politics in a way that promotes peace, justice, and care for the needy.
- **Seek Wisdom:** Encourage seeking wisdom and guidance from God in understanding and engaging in political matters.

