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Series: "Politics (Yeah, We're Going to Go There!)"
Message #2 – Right to Life "Issues"

The Big Picture:

...Whichever candidates/parties are "in power", God is above them all!
...So the real question isn't "Is God on our side?" but "Are we on His side?"
...Until Jesus returns, we live as dual citizens – with primary citizenship in Heaven...while also called to honorable citizenship on earth!

And then, regarding the authority & responsibility of those in office:

...Those governing ultimately gain authority FROM GOD...
...trusted by God with some of HIS authority that He places on his/her desk to steward/manage wisely for God...
...are therefore ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD...
...and should use power AS GOD DIRECTS...
a) not misusing that power
b) nor having that God-given power taken away by other officials so they can't punish the wrong-doers.

And our response as citizens to those God sets up & empowers:

- Prayer for those in office is our first & most important political act
- We must resist if they call us to go against what God calls us to
- We should work & vote for people of Godly character
- We should work & vote for issues of Godly principle

Six questions that serve as our grid for evaluating political issues:

- Am I aware of what God says about this issue?
- Have I earnestly, thoughtfully prayed about this issue?
- Is my opinion based on my desire or God's?
- What do other wise believers say about this?
- Is this the most loving thing for others as well as me?
- In this dual-citizenship, am I representing God well?

Q. First Question: What does _____ say about _____?

A.1. _____ human is made _____!
Genesis 1:26-27

A.2. Every human life is therefore _____!
Genesis 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13
Go to crcna.org—home—welcome—our faith—position statements – click on "abortion", "capital punishment", "war", etc. to find summary statements by our denomination that look at how God addresses each issue.

A.3. _____ another human is an attack on his/her life!
Matthew 5:21-24

A.4. The life of each human _____!
Psalms 139:13-14; Psalm 51:5-6;
Leviticus 18:21; 2 Kings 23:10; Jeremiah 19:3-6

God calls us to _____ – in every aspect...spiritually, morally, physically...for ourselves and the other person!
James 2:14-17; Deuteronomy 30

Alpha's National Network resource: [Pro Abundant Life \(care-net.org\)](http://ProAbundantLife.org)

God calls us to 'be _____ & _____. Then He promises to _____ us of our sin & _____ us from unrighteousness!
1 John 1:8-10

Key: God, human life; Every, in the image of God; under God's protection; Dishonoring; starts at conception; choose life; honest, confess, forgive, purify