

**For the Sake of America: Pray, Vote, Stand!  
Prov. 29:2  
2018**

**Well we are in the midst of another election season. Election Day, November 6, is almost here and won't you be glad when it is over and all those political ads can stop? I mean, if you don't believe that America is the land of promise, just listen to some of the politicians: Promise, Promise, Promise.**

**A four year old tugged on her dad who had been watching political ads, begging him to stop and read her a fairy tale before bed. Weary of seeing all these endless campaign ads, he agreed and started reading the fairy tale, but she interrupted him, looked up into his face and asked sweetly: "Daddy, do all fairy tales begin with: 'Once Upon a Time?'" He shook his head and answered cynically, "No sweetheart, most fairy tales begin with: 'And when I'm elected...'" Sad but true.**

**I heard one preacher say that if Christopher Columbus were around today, he could have been the greatest politician of all time. When he left he didn't know where he was going. When he got here, he didn't know where he was. When he went back, he didn't know where he'd been. And he did it all on government money!**

**Well there are politicians and there are statesmen and we have too many of the former and not enough of the latter. We need statesmen who will lead, not based on the opinion polls, but based on biblical principle and what is best for the American people. Our Scripture for today is Prov. 29:2 (NKJV), and it says: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked person rules, the people groan."**

**Well for the righteous or the wicked to be in authority in America, it happens by voting...or not voting as the case may be. That's pretty simple, huh? Elections are a basic part of how our government works. In fact, government is one of the three institutions God established along with the family and the church. Paul states in Romans 13:1 that "the (governmental) authorities that exist have been established by God." Question: Since God established the institution of government, would He then tell His people to stay out of it? No. God expects us to get involved, make a positive impact, and lead the way to real and lasting change - just as Christians have done since the settlement and founding of this nation.**

**Did you know that the first representative assembly in America convened in the church at Jamestown in 1619. In fact, the record of this meeting states:**

**"The most convenient place we could finde to sitt in was the Quire [Choir] of the Church Where Sir George Yeardley, the Governor, being sett downe in his accustomed place, those of the Counsel of Estate sate next him...But, for as much as men's affairs do little prosper when God's service is neglected, all the Burgesses took their places in the Quire till prayer was said by Mr. Bucke, the Minister, that it would please God to guide and sanctify all our proceedings to His own glory, and the good of this plantation."<sup>1</sup>**

**While the Rev. Mr. Bucke prayed for their proceedings, another minister, Rev. William Wickham, served as a representative. He sat with the Burgesses (comparable to State Representatives) in the choir loft and the Council (comparable to Governor and State**

Senate) sat in the front pews. The point is that Christians have been engaged since the beginnings of America.

When the Pilgrims came to America a year later in November of 1620, they were blown off course and didn't make it to Virginia where they would be governed by the King's charter. So they decided to draw up their own self-governing document, the first created in America, called the Mayflower Compact. It begins: "In the name of God," and gave this reason for their coming: "For the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."<sup>2</sup> Basically, it is a political version of their church covenant, which provided for elected church leadership, and was their model for electing their civil leadership. In fact, John Carver, who William Bradford said was "a man godly and well approved amongst them," was elected governor "for that year."<sup>3</sup> We are talking about the positive influence of Christians on American culture and government.

You may know that Connecticut is called the Constitution state because the first Constitution in America was enacted in 1639, called the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, but did you know that it was based upon Pastor Thomas Hooker's sermon on Deut. 1:13.<sup>4</sup> Did you know that the first education law was passed in Massachusetts in 1641 for the purpose of ensuring that children would be able to read and understand the Scriptures?<sup>5</sup> Did you know that the first university in America, Harvard, was named for Reverend John Harvard, or that it was founded to train ministers and that for over 150 years it was distinctly Christian in its mission?<sup>6</sup> Did you know that the first hospitals in America were founded mostly by Christians?<sup>7</sup> That it was the Quakers in Pennsylvania and Puritan ministers of New England who led the fight against slavery in America?<sup>8</sup> That it was a Baptist Minister by the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who led the Civil Rights movement in America, whose speeches were more like sermons, saturated with the word of God? Every major positive cultural and social change in America can be traced back to Christians being engaged.

But back to the founding because that is where the secular progressives spread the most misinformation in an effort to keep the church out of the public arena. The founders were wealthy, white, slave owning, promiscuous, alcoholics who got their governing principles and even their religion of deistic rationalism from the European Enlightenment. That is the mostly "fake news" about the Founders, but here are the facts. While they were all sinners, the vast majority of our Founding Fathers who voted for the Declaration of Independence and crafted our Constitution were professing Orthodox Christians<sup>9</sup> Even of the handful who were not orthodox Christians, each one respected Biblical morality as the basis for our laws and valued public religion for maintaining order and civility. In fact, President George Washington said that "religion and morality are indispensable supports," the twin pillars essential for supporting a successful society.<sup>10</sup> What kind of religion? Was it just any kind? John Adams, our second President, clarified that when he wrote fellow Founder Thomas Jefferson: "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were... the general principles of Christianity."<sup>11</sup> Again, we're talking about Christians founding, molding, and shaping America.

Did you know that even our form of government reflects biblical principle? Our system of checks and balances between the branches of government is based on the doctrine of the sinfulness of human beings, that "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). In fact, the three branches come from Isaiah 33:22: "The Lord is our

**Judge (judicial branch), the Lord is our Lawgiver (legislative branch), the Lord is our King (executive branch); it is He who will save us."**

**So when you look back you find that Christians have been involved the founding and the shaping of American culture and government. And it is the devil's lie we believe when we conclude: "Well there is separation between church and state, so we ought not get involved in politics or elections." Well nobody wants a national, tax supported, state church like the one the Pilgrims fled in England, which is what the First Amendment forbids. But does the First Amendment mean that God and government are to stay separate? Well that's not what the Founders believed or practiced. Does that mean that there is to be no influence from Christians on the culture and government? Well Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13 -16). Is there any area of reality where we are supposed to withhold our positive influence and witness? Like when it comes to voting? No...**

**We need to bring our Christian faith and values to bear on our culture and our government and especially how we vote, just as we have done from the beginning. That's why Tony Perkins, the president of FRC is asking all Bible-believing Christians to take a pledge in advance of the elections: "For the sake of America, I will Pray, Vote, and Stand." And those three action steps provide my outline and application. So first...**

**I. PRAY: For the sake of America, we need to Pray!**

**We need to pray for a nation that is divided, the worst I've seen in my adult life. We need to pray that God in his mercy would unite us once again as a people, one nation under God, indivisible, as we declare in our Pledge. We need to pray that God would be pleased to send another Great Awakening across this land. So we need to pray for a church that is worldly and saints who are sinful, and pray for a return to holiness without which no man will see the Lord! We need to pray that the spirit of God would blow across the dry bones that inhabit our churches, breathe new life into them, and raise them up like a mighty army!**

**For the sake of America, we need to pray! Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1-4 that first of all, we are to pray all people but particularly for kings and all in authority. Pray for your leaders:**

- **That they would have wisdom to conduct the affairs of state (2 Chronicles 1:9-10).**
- **That they would be ethical and fair in all their dealings (Isaiah 33:15-16).**
- **That they would live in awe and reverence of God (Proverbs 1:7).**
- **That God would bless and protect their families (Proverbs 14:26).**

**And we certainly need to pray for the upcoming elections. But we cannot stop there... We not only need to pray, but...**

**II. VOTE: For the sake of America, we need to Vote!**

**A. Voting is based on Biblical Principle: Voting is a simple act with a significant impact. When we vote we help select those who represent us, lead our government, make our laws, and protect our freedoms. Voting has a biblical basis: Exodus 18:21: "Select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain; and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens." Acts 6:3: "Select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom,**

whom we will appoint to this duty.” America is a constitutional Republic, and our practice of choosing leaders to represent and serve us is a biblical principle.

#### 1. The Election Big Picture:

- Federal: 35 US Senate seats up for election this year and the current majority favors the GOP by a slim 51-49 majority. And polling shows many US Senate races very close. In fact, the Obamacare repeal and Planned Parenthood defunding failed in the Senate by ONE VOTE in 2017. One more conservative vote could make these realities.
- Federal: All 435 US House races are up for election.
- The Cook Political Report is rating over 100 US House races “competitive.” They are projecting many close races.
- State: There are 36 Governors races this year and State: 87 of 99 state legislative chambers have elections, approx. 82% of state legislative seats in the country
- Local: Thousands of other important local races (city councils, school boards, etc).

#### 2. Why Every Vote Matters:

- The 2000 presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore was so close that people are still debating who won. 547 votes in Florida out of more than 105 million cast nationwide determined the outcome of that election. That election determined the President who would respond to the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and who would eventually choose two Supreme Court Justices. Elections matter!
- Sen. Bernie Sanders won his first race in the little town of Burlington, VT. He won by 10 votes. That win launched his political career. Whose political career could start in 2018 with a 10-vote win in an unlikely place? Elections matter!
- Al Franken won the Minnesota US Senate seat in 2008 by 312 votes (out of over 2.8 million cast). That gave the Liberals 60 votes in the US Senate – the exact number they needed to overcome a filibuster and pass Obamacare.
- The Virginia State House held elections in 2017 – less than a year ago. Out of 100 seats, 50 had gone to the GOP and 49 to the Democrats. Control of the House came down to the race. When the votes were tallied, out of over 20,000 cast, it was exactly tied. They had to determine the winner by drawing the name out of a bowl. Republican David Yancey won the draw.
- Experts are predicting only 36% of eligible voters will vote in 2018. Can you image the difference just 10-15% more Christian voters could make?

**B. Voting needs to line up with Biblical Values:** Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who take our values from the word of God, should vote for candidates who best line up with those biblical values. Unfortunately, many believers don't even consider their Christian values when voting, often choosing candidates whose positions are at odds with their own beliefs, convictions, and values. A study by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life a few years ago showed that 62% of Americans say their faith has little to do with their voting decisions.<sup>12</sup>

Well that should not be. And we will answer for it. Founding Father Samuel Adams said: “Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote...that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.”<sup>13</sup> We are accountable to God for how we vote. Again, we should vote for candidates whose values best line up with biblical values.

Founding Father John Jay, our nation's first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, chosen by George Washington, had this to say about our voting: "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation... to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."<sup>14</sup>

Obviously, Christian "rulers" would have Christian values, right? Not necessarily. There are a lot of politicians who claim the name "Christian" and use "Christian lingo," but when you look at their positions and votes and their associations, it becomes evident that they do not line up with biblical values. That's why it is so important to do your homework on the candidates. Don't just listen to their campaign rhetoric, look at their records in office. Don't just watch their political ads, look at their positions on the issues.

Chief Justice Jay went on to say: "Whether our Religion permits Christians to vote for infidel rulers is a question which merits more consideration than it seems yet to have generally received, either from the clergy or the laity. It appears to me that what the prophet said to Jehoshaphat about his attachments to Ahab (Shouldst thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord? 2 Chron. 19:2 KJV) offers a salutary lesson."<sup>15</sup>

In other words a believer doesn't have any business in an alliance with ungodly politicians by voting for them. Now I realize sometimes it's a choice is between the lesser of two evils, but usually there is a choice between someone to has the potential of doing more good than harm and the other candidate who has the potential doing more harm than good. Founding Father Benjamin Rush worked for elected officials from different political parties, and was accused of being a partisan. He is quoted as responding: "I have been alternately called an Aristocrat and a Democrat. I am neither. I am a Christocrat."<sup>16</sup> Our loyalty needs to be first, last, and always with the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to vote His values! What are some of the biblical values that I use to evaluate candidates? I'm glad you asked...

**1. The Value of Human Life:** Life is precious, miraculous, sacred... created by a loving God who makes every human being unique. King David prayed: "My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all [my] days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began" (Psalm 139:15-16, HCSB). God is the Author and Artist of human life. Life made in the image of God is also a fundamental human right. According to the Declaration of Independence, "All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The order is significant. Life is the first God-given right of every human being. If you don't have life, you certainly can't enjoy liberty or pursue happiness. Unfortunately, our God-given right to life in America has been undermined in our "culture of death."

Every day in America, as many innocent human beings are put to death as those who died in the 9/11 attacks. Abortion ends the lives of a million unborn children in America every year. Nearly 20% of all pregnancies end in abortion, and the overwhelming majority of those innocent children are simply sacrificed on the altar of convenience. Some 60 million babies and counting have been killed by abortion.<sup>17</sup> It is the American Holocaust.

Prov. 24:11-12 says: "Rescue those being led away to death, hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say: "We knew nothing about this." Does not He who weighs the

heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay each person according to what he has done?" And I want you to know that God hates it. Proverbs 6:16 -17--"There are six things that the Lord hates, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood." God hates the shedding of innocent blood! And His ears are filled with the cries of the unborn being slain in this nation, and there will be a day of reckoning!

Consequently, I believe it is our duty as followers of Christ and citizens of America to find out where the candidates stand on the biblical value of life. Ask what their positions are on abortion, cloning, embryo-destructive stem cell experimentation, and euthanasia. Find out which candidates are aligned with pro-abortion groups like tax-payer funded abortion provider Planned Parenthood. Find out which ones are endorsed by pro-life groups like National Right to Life. For me, a politician's position on the value of human life takes priority above a politician's tax policy, energy policy, foreign policy, and any other policy. The value of Life. Secondly...

**2. The Value of Natural Marriage/Family** : Marriage between one man and one woman is essential. Basic. Necessary. The family is the basic building block of society, and the first institution created by God. Genesis 1:27: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." In fact, the two genders were meant to complete each other physically, emotionally, and in every other way. In Genesis 2:24, God further declares: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Also, both sexes are needed for a healthy home. As Dr. James Dobson notes, "More than ten thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when they are raised by mothers and fathers."<sup>18</sup>

In both OT and NT, one man and one woman in a marriage. And when a marriage follows God's design, it is good for everyone - men, women, children, the community, the country, and the world. Think about it. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage. It is the foundation. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of marriage according to the divine pattern. When this God-given pattern is undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster.

And that is exactly what we have done by a Supreme Court ruling back in 2015. And it has unleashed the proverbial Pandora's Box, where now the next step is to destroy the God-given distinction between the sexes. And public policy has followed with President Obama's Bathroom Mandate to Public Schools before he left office, which President Trump reversed.<sup>19</sup> But we need to find out if a politician advocates for transgender males to enter the women's bathrooms, dressing rooms, or locker rooms. Find out which candidates are aligned with the pro-LGBTQ groups like the Human Rights Campaign and GLAAD. Consequently, where a candidate stands on the definition of human sexuality and protecting the value of traditional marriage is absolutely critical. I want to know if a politician believes that LGBTQ rights trump our First Amendment Freedom of Religion. And that leads me to the third value: Life, Family, and thirdly...

**3. The Value of Religious Freedom**: Freedom is inspiring, liberating, and it is priceless. Gal. 5:1 says: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Freedom must be guarded. Protected. Defended. True freedom only comes at a great cost, price, and sacrifice. And

that is not only true spiritually with the death of Christ to set us free from slavery to sin, but it is true nationally. We are engaged in a war against Islamo-Fascist terrorism. And there is no substitute for victory because the alternative is unthinkable. The fight for freedom is never over. We must fight to win it, and then we must fight to keep it. And fight we have for over 242 years. That's why we should honor the brave and intrepid souls who serve in our military and never let their sacrifices be in vain.

One of the most basic of freedoms fought for and won is found in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."<sup>20</sup> Unfortunately, our freedom is under fire in America today. The U.S. Supreme Court has mostly ignored the original intent of the Founding Fathers, trashed four centuries of America's Judeo-Christian heritage, and turned a statement in one of Thomas Jefferson's private letters on its head in declaring a two-way "Wall of Separation" between church and state.

Our First Amendment freedom of religion is under vicious assault today. Again, George Washington in his Farewell Address said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens."<sup>21</sup> Nobody ought to claim to be a good citizen, a patriot who takes God out of government, Christianity out of culture, and faith out of public life. Consequently, where a candidate stands on religious liberty for people of faith and particularly on judicial philosophy when it comes to that First Amendment is absolutely critical to our ability to continue to enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of conscience in every area of public life. After all, the First Amendment guarantee of the "free exercise thereof" is not limited to the worship hour in a church building on Sunday. So find out which candidates are aligned with groups like the ACLU and Freedom from Religion Foundation, who seek to remove all public expressions of religion.

So these are my top three values as a values voter: Life, Family, and Freedom. Those are the values that I will use to evaluate each of the candidates. So for the sake of America, we need to vote biblical values. Again, there is help with that through voter guides. Please visit [iVoterGuide.com](http://iVoterGuide.com), put in your zip code and look over the voter guides. Again, look past the crafty commercials, the pie-in-the-sky promises, and the flowery rhetoric, and see the record of how they voted and where they stand on the values we care about as believers.

So we pray, then we vote.

III. STAND: And finally, for the sake of America, we must Stand.

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." Ephesians 6:13 ESV. Most everyone here watched some of the confirmation hearing for now Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. I dare say many of you were angered and ashamed by political discourse that reached new lows for being salacious and sleazy and slanderous. After that political circus, who would want to go through all that to serve? Who would want to aspire to public office or sit on a bench? And why would anyone want those who perpetrated that spectacle to be in charge of our government? It is time for God's people to rise up and say we will not

**stand for that, we will not support politicians who act like that, we stand against that. So we need to pray, we need to vote, then we need to stand.**

**Let me ask you:**

**Do we want to live in an America where extreme partisans control the government, who will level baseless accusations to defeat their opponents and destroy reputations? Or do we want to live in an America where there is the presumption of innocence until proven guilty? Where we follow the Golden Rule in how we treat each other - with dignity and respect?**

**Then stand!**

**Do you want to live in an America where the unborn can be murdered in a mother's womb, 60 million and counting, and taxpayers actually pay for Planned Parenthood to do the executions and then sell the parts for profit? Or do you want to live in America where all human life is valued from the moment of conception to natural death because that life is a precious gift from God?**

**Then stand!**

**Do you want to live in an America where sexual anarchy trumps your religious liberty? Where bowing down to the LGBTQ agenda takes priority over your First Amendment freedom? Where you could lose your job if you don't celebrate someone sinful and broken behavior? Where you can be discriminated against simply because of your deeply held biblical beliefs? Or do you want to live in an America where your faith is protected and you are free to live it out not only privately but publicly?**

**Then stand!**

**So we need to pray like we've never prayed before! And we need to vote our biblical values and convince our brothers and sisters to do the same! And we then need to stand for those values - for the sake of America!**

**Like the old song says: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high his Royal Banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His Army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed!"**

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<sup>1</sup> William Meade, *Old Churches, Ministers and Families in Virginia*, 2 vols., (Philadelphia: J.B. Lippencott, 1861), 1:130. See also Ed Crews, "Voting in Early America " as found at <http://www.history.org/Foundation/journal/Spring07/elections.cfm>.

<sup>2</sup> William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation: 1620-1647*, Samuel Eliot Morison, ed. (New York: Random House, 1981), 83-84.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 84.

<sup>4</sup> From Henry Wolcott's "Notes on Sermons," manuscript notebook, Hooker Family Memorial, MS 73132 transcribed by Douglas H. Shepherd as found in the *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, 1:20.

<sup>5</sup> Old Deluder Satan Law of Massachusetts Bay , 1642 and in Connecticut , 1647 as found in *The Code of 1650 - Being a Compilation of the Earliest Laws and Orders of the General Court of Connecticut* (Hartford: Silus Andrus, 1822), 92-94.

<sup>6</sup> Cotton Mather, *The Great Works of Christ in America or Magnalia Christi Americana* (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1979), Vol. 2:10. We can learn a lot about Harvard by looking at some of its earliest rules, such as the Laws

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and Statutes for Students of Harvard College, 1643, which begins by stating: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is *eternal life* (John 17:3)." See Rules for Harvard University, 1643, from "New England's First Fruits," *The Annals of America*, 1:176 (emphasis in original).

<sup>7</sup> Alvin J. Schmidt, *How Christianity Changed the World* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 159-160.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, 279-81 for the New England ministers who led the charge against slavery. On the Quakers, see <http://www.religiononline.org/showchapter.asp?title=1663&C=1665>.

<sup>9</sup> Dr. M. E. Bradford, *A Worthy Company* (Marlborough, NH: Plymouth Rock Foundation, 1982), iv-v.

<sup>10</sup> Farewell Address on September 17, 1796 as found in James D. Richardson, ed., *A Compilation of the Messages and Papers of the Presidents 1789-1897*, 10 vols. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1897, 1899; Washington, D.C.: Bureau of National Literature and Art, 1789-1902, 11 vols., 1907, 1910), 1:213-224.

<sup>11</sup> Charles Francis Adams, ed., *The Works of John Adams, second President of the United States: with a life of the author, notes and illustrations* (Boston: Little and Brown, 1850-56), 10:45, to Thomas Jefferson on June 28, 1813.

<sup>12</sup> <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=28>. "Most people (67%) say that their religious beliefs play at least an occasional role in helping them decide what to do in their lives. But far fewer (38%) say religion has the same influence on their voting decisions. Overall, 45% say they frequently find themselves using their religious beliefs to help make choices and decisions on a typical day. But just 22% say they frequently rely on their religious beliefs to help them decide how to vote and 16% say they do so occasionally."

<sup>13</sup> Harry Alonzo Cushing, ed., *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1907), 4:256, originally in the Boston Gazette on April 16, 1781.

<sup>14</sup> Henry P. Johnston, ed., *The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay*, (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1890), 4:365.

<sup>15</sup> William Jay, ed., *Life of John Jay: with Selections from His Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers*, 2 vols., (New York: J.J. Harper, 1833), 2:351.

<sup>16</sup> David Ramsay, *An Eulogium upon Benjamin Rush, M.D.* (Philadelphia: Bradford and Inskeep, 1813), 103.

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

<sup>18</sup> James Dobson, *Marriage Under Fire: Why We Must Win This Battle*, (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publishers, 2004), 54 and endnote 49 on page 120.

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/feb/22/transgender-bathroom-directive-lifted-trump-admini/>

<sup>20</sup> [https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/first\\_amendment](https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/first_amendment).

<sup>21</sup> Farewell Address on September 17, 1796 as found in James D. Richardson, ed., *A Compilation of the Messages and Papers of the Presidents 1789-1897*, 10 vols. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1897, 1899; Washington, D.C.: Bureau of National Literature and Art, 1789-1902, 11 vols., 1907, 1910), 1:213-224.