

## Thinkers are Thankers and Thankers are Voters

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On the heels of “another Thanksgiving dinner that couldn’t be beat”, I’ve been thinking about how thankful we all should be that we live in a country blessed by God with so many rich natural resources, so many gifted human resources and so many opportunities for citizens to express themselves—through writing, art, music, entrepreneurship and business development, etc. On top of all that, we also have the right to vote. And, for this, we are truly thankful. It is a privilege many of our brothers and sisters around the world do not have.

Voting is not only a precious right in Canada but also a sacred responsibility. Every Canadian who exercises this right and fulfils this responsibility contributes to a national pattern, a blueprint if you will, that establishes the norms of behaviour, the expectations of the national community and the possibilities of a shared national dream.

Voting, of course, like many other aspects of our Canadian democracy, is an expression of our Judaeo-Christian heritage. God has ordained that nations, like individuals, will make choices, either for good or for evil.

“...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.” Deut. 30:19

“...choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

Think about it. We have the privilege of choosing the men and women who will define our society’s moral and economic parameters. Through them, as our representatives, we will either choose life (literally for the pre-born and the elderly) or we will choose a society that kills its weak and vulnerable. We will either choose men and women who will honour the tradition of marriage and family as instituted by God or we will choose people who have themselves chosen to treat sexuality as entertainment and the family as a temporary arrangement between two or more people who can cancel it, expand it or redefine it at will.

We will either choose men and women who will make laws consistent with God’s laws or who will make laws in defiance of the Living God. The reality is if they break God’s laws, our nation will suffer. If they promote evil and set an example of evil, we who elected them will pay a price. God has given us a free will and He has given us the mental capacity to understand the issues. He has given us His Word to guide us and His Spirit to discern the intentions of those seeking our support at the polls.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, voters could choose God’s blessing by collectively declaring Him to be Lord over the ballot box, the one who raises up nations in His time and for His purposes, the One without whom we will perish. Or our people could choose to make the same mistake made by the ten spies who disobeyed God and discouraged the people of Israel. God offered them “a land flowing with milk and honey” but they

said, “the giants are too big; we can’t go in”. Pragmatism unhinged from faith hinders the work, undermines the work of faith and leads to disappointment.

Living in a democracy is a great privilege. Our ancestors fought and died for it. We will soon be remembering their sacrifices in Remembrance Day services across this country. How can we best show our gratitude, our thankfulness for their service? By voting for righteousness and the foundational principles that made democracy possible. May every voter be a thankful thinker and offer his or her vote with a grateful and faith-filled heart.

Our CHP candidates are ready to serve. If you have the opportunity to vote for one of our thirty candidates<sup>1</sup>, take the opportunity. If you do not and you’re not a member, join the Christian Heritage Party today<sup>2</sup> and make sure this is the last election you face without voting for CHP Canada.

## **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> [www.chp.ca/candidates](http://www.chp.ca/candidates)

<sup>2</sup> [www.chp.ca/get-involved](http://www.chp.ca/get-involved)