

## In Everything Give Thanks

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By the time you read this, we will be less than a week away from Voting Day 2019. Many of you have been involved in the campaign, some as candidates, some as volunteers, donors, prayer intercessors, campaign managers or official agents. Some of you may plan to be scrutineers on Voting Day. Thank you to every one of you, whatever your role has been. We certainly hope your experience has been a good one. And we hope it continues after the new Parliament is sworn in.

Some of you reading this may be working in one of the other parties right now but frustrated by the lack of concern or action on the “life issues”. Our door is open to you.

We know that we are living in dark times, times of immorality and social conflict. The Bible encourages us to be salt and light “in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”. If it weren’t so dark “out there”, many of us would be doing different things with our lives. Choosing to present biblical values on the public stage in a time when those values have become despised is to share our Lord’s reproach. We can feel—and some of us have paid a price for obedience—the antagonism of those who hate our message.

Jesus said we should not be surprised if—as His disciples—we face hostility. He told his friends that they would be hated by those who hate Him. That being said, it is not a time to become fearful but to rejoice. Peter and John rejoiced because they were counted worthy to bear his shame. We are in good company.

That is not why we run for office. We run for office because we have good solutions for some of the problems our society faces. We run for office because we want to help our fellow-citizens achieve the goals of: human life protected and respected, stronger marriages and fewer broken home, safe streets, successful businesses, lower taxes, schools where children are properly educated (not indoctrinated), better healthcare, secure borders, a justice system that works, etc. While we run and while we expound on these and other topics, we find many who share our views and many who think quite differently. How we present our policies and how we handle controversy is part of the challenge. God gives us His grace for those challenges.

In Proverbs, we are told that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. In Romans 1, we are told that “those who reject God are given over to delusion and to do things that are not convenient”. This is true. The important principles we are trying to convey are often misunderstood by those who resist our message. They think differently. They make assumptions, even about our motives. When we are opposed, it is our job to continue to speak the truth, even when it is unpopular.

God also tells us . . . and it is good to remember it at this season of Thanksgiving . . . “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God”. He gives us opportunity to proclaim His message and He gives us opportunity to display His grace when we are opposed. We are running in a political race with all its implications and human interactions but we are also in a spiritual battle that is part of our own journey.

We are grateful to God for His promise to “never leave us nor forsake us”. He has plans for each of us and for Canada—good plans—and He will accomplish His purpose in and through us as we yield to Him and trust Him.

We need all hands on deck in this battle... for today, for tomorrow and for the next election. If you are not a member of CHP Canada, join today.<sup>1</sup>

## **Footnotes**

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