



Ministry Updates

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“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Proverbs 29:2

This week we take a little break from ministry news and share insights from Wayne Grudem, a New Testament scholar who also taught ethics for 39 years. Please note we are in no way publicly endorsing a presidential candidate. We simply value Grudem’s thoughts below for the U.S. and Côte d’Ivoire:

“Should Christians even try to influence elections at all? Yes, definitely. The apostle Peter says Christians are “exiles” on this earth (I Peter 1:1). Therefore I take seriously the prophet Jeremiah’s exhortation to the Jewish people living in exile in Babylon: ‘Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare’ (Jeremiah 29:7)...

Some may feel it is easier just to stay away from this messy Trump-Clinton election, and perhaps not even vote. But the teachings of Scripture do not allow us to escape moral responsibility by saying that we decided to do nothing. The prophet Obadiah rebuked the people of Edom for standing by and doing nothing to help when the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem: “On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that...foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.”

We’ve decided to turn off the media nonsense, ignore the pundits with party lines, and do some credible research to decide our votes. Sitting down with a pen and paper and listing the issues that matter most to us, we find issues like the protection of religious freedom for Christian schools, colleges, churches, and businesses; pro-life concerns; the appointment of conservative Supreme Court justices; the reduction of national debt; the protection from international threats, etc. Then we’re choosing the candidate who comes closer to the Biblical worldview that we understand. Humbly, we’ll continue seeking God’s face in prayer, asking that He help us turn from any wicked way in ourselves ([2 Chronicles 7:14](#)), and vote our conscience on election day. What a blessing to live in a country where we still have such privilege. We also get to share it elsewhere as CHE reinforces individuals taking such responsibility in community.

Prayer and Praise:

- Pray as Verlin travels north next week to Bouna to attend some meetings. Leaders there have asked for him to come discuss the possibility of CHE training.
- Debbie continues some testing and doctor visits this week.
- Pray that we all will take the steps of repentance which will bring healing to our land.

Your partners in the gospel,
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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