How to Select Christian Statesmen

Believes that the Founders intended for the Constitution to limit federal civil government solely to the powers enumerated and did not design a path for government to grow in scope through statutory, regulatory, or judicial interference in the daily lives of citizens residing in the respective states.

Believes that the character of nations can be defined by the type of government they promote, and that the form of government reflects a people's devotion to liberty.

Believes that one of the Founder's methods for limiting the power of government and for protecting the liberty of the individual was to establish a clear separation of powers between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

Believes the Iowa Constitution similarly creates a republican form of government and clearly defined separation of powers.

They Demonstrate Statesmanlike Leadership

Ask:
How should Christians lead?

Key Answers:

☐ Possesses a resolute desire to please God and obey His Word which is stronger than the desire to please man.

☐ Demonstrates love, consistent vision, reliability, and patience within the home and family setting.

☐ Demonstrates genuine concern and selfless caring for others.

☐ Demonstrates a willingness to boldly answer God's calling, and to express right and wrong regardless of the popularity of the position.

☐ Speaks with wisdom and discernment, and bears correction with humility.

☐ Seeks advisors who have hearts for God.

☐ Demonstrates loyalty to God, family, and country, and inspires loyalty in those who follow him.

Using this Voter Guide...

We encourage you to simply personally contact the candidate or campaign with these questions. Vote according to their response or lack thereof.

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We readily admit all of us are imperfect. It is our hope, however, that we can all aspire to achieve the attributes of Christian Statesmen Leaders. We must also remember these attributes only come with prayer and humility.

May God bless you and your vote,
Chuck Hurley,
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They Have a Consistent Christian Worldview

Ask: What is your relationship with God?

Key Answers:

- Believes in one Creator God.
- Believes that God redeems and adopts for His own those who repent and are saved through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Believes that God answers prayers to Him on behalf of themselves and their society.
- Believes that God reveals Himself in both the Old & New Testaments of the Bible.
- Believes that God personally acts in the individual lives of people.
- Believes that the Bible reveals God and His complete set of principles for human moral and ethical behavior, i.e. God’s Law.

Attributes of a Strong Christian Leader

+ = strong leader
- = weak leader
0 = not a leader

They Understand Key Elements of God’s Law

Ask: What are your Godly priorities?

Key Answers:

- Defends boldly the divinely granted value and uniqueness of every human life.
- Respects and honors the God-given purpose and abilities of every individual.
- Recognizes parents and family as the foundation for a stable, ongoing social stability and a strong nation.
- Understands and promotes the primacy of the husband and wife relationship within the family.
- Confirms the divine institution of marriage between one man and one woman.
- Promotes high quality education of children under the paramount authority of parents.
- Agrees that the church has both the right and responsibility to address any and every moral issue, and cannot be muzzled by civil authorities.
- Upholds the Biblical principles of responsibility and accountability in civil life, thereby limiting the size and cost of civil government.
- Encourages an ethical and free enterprise system, and understands it is the only economic model in accord with Biblical principles.
- Recognizes each citizen’s God-given human right to private property.

They Encourage Self Government as a Means of Limiting Civil Government

Ask: What is the role of government in a Godly country?

Key Answers:

- Sees the individual, then the institutions of family, church, and private associations, as primarily responsible for the care of the poor, the truly needy, and those who cannot care for themselves.
- Understands the right to keep and bear arms in defense of self, others, the body politic, and the church.
- Believes that the Constitution creates a self governing Republic.
- Believes that the Constitution intentionally limits the influence of government, and provides protection for citizens’ absolute and divinely-granted human rights.

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