



### *Parents of School Children have Tough Choices Ahead!*

***Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*** —Proverb 14:34

What kind of nation will our students live in? What can we do to better this land for the ones who will end up leading it? What can we do to protect them and reach the next generation? Those are the questions going through my mind as we approach this next election. Please continue to pray that God will send a great spiritual awakening to America to turn back the tide of crime and wickedness. The battle is not over. We need to keep fighting the good fight of faith! Politics can't solve all our problems; we need something more from God that will result in Christians compassionately witnessing again! Please join with us.

Believers in churches need authentic revival. Unborn and already born children's lives are still at stake! Please continue to be diligent in raising your children with a biblical worldview and Christian values. God wants you to choose life in Jesus Christ every single day!

Phrygian Philosopher, Epictetus said, *"It is your own convictions which compel you; that is, choice compels choice."* Choosing Jesus and putting Him first should subsequently make several other choices easily fall into place. I'm grateful that God has given us the freedom to choose! How marvelous, and He respects our choices even when they don't always please Him in these! He asks each us to make the ultimate choice that will have eternal consequences: Will we follow the Lord or will we follow the ways of the world? When it comes to this paramount decision, there will be no political debate about the right choice.

Moses told the Israelites: ***"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him"*** (Deut. 30:19-20). If you are outside of Christ—don't put it off! Not to choose is to choose. Maybe you're already a Christian? Great!

Soldiers are still in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for order (one prisoner of war in Iraq that my son was guarding yesterday leaped on him and tried to stab him. Nathan slammed his face into a wall).

Abortion is still the number one killer of Americans and this fact needs remain firmly in our minds and prayers until we see a radical change! Every 2 to 3 years it claims more victims than the Nazi Holocaust. Did you know that 98% of abortions are for reasons other than rape, incest, or the mother's life... that 40% of abortions are performed on women who have aborted other babies previously... that 1/3rd of abortions are performed on teenagers without their parents' knowledge or consent. Since 1973, over 40 million children have been murdered through abortions. And yet, two million American couples are currently waiting to adopt babies. **This is so diculous, it's ridiculous!** God will not hold those involved guiltless for this great bloodbath. Indeed, the Bible tells us that He hates *"hands that shed innocent blood"* (Proverbs 6:16-17). Certainly, there can be none more innocent than the unborn children.

Drug dealers are not resting at all these days and parents are giving themselves more and more to banal entertainment and port—even the women now. They love the ultra lounge hangouts and flat monitors of all types. More than 40 percent of the population is now taking at least one prescription drug and one person in every six takes three or more, the government says. Some doctors say that A.D.D. drugs are over prescribed and kids can really learn to work these things out in their brains as parents can learn that too much TV stimulation is a bad babysitter for toddlers. More P.E. is needed big time! Pain killers are being abused. An estimated 12.8 million Americans, about 6 percent of the household population aged twelve and older, use illegal drugs on a current basis (within the past thirty days). Among the substances abused are: meth, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, ecstasy, stimulants, hallucinogens, inhalants, prescription drugs, and steroids.

Terrorists are looking for sleepy guards at our boarders; overly nice politicians want to chat with them more. And they are vying hard for your attention. We need to know the issues ...but let's not become distracted away from God, from His Word and from His missions mandate! Knowing God and reaching souls should matter to you and me today as never before! Parents can choose to put Jesus first and example evangelistic passion as they nurture and train their children. Parents, you can even win those small friends that your kids have befriended as they come over to play at your house.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, *"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. And, the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."* I trust that you will pray, listen well and express your choice during the next election in a way that honors God. These are perilous times we are living in and it will be critical for our kid's future, for the spiritual climate here so that thing will be contusive to American evangelism in the church and outside of it. Let's pray for our schools, churches, political leaders even if we agree with them or oppose their views and pray to get the right judges set in. Be sure to get out and vote. Democrats, republicans, the election—these things aren't the hope of this land, Jesus Christ alone is!

Many are out there picketing and signing petitions trying to get laws passed and those things have their place. But the best way to combat the evil in America today is to know Christ with full commitment and preach the Gospel. Choose Christ to govern your life! Be born again. When it comes to this decision, there's no debate. Your kids needs more than pedagogic mental learning. Who is tending to your child's spirit? There is no spiritual growth apart from the Word of God. When you repent and believe God's Word you've cast the ultimate vote. That's the best choice of all!

In the Fisher's mighty hand,

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\*When you get the time, you'll love reading the Bible verses above in their own context. The words are defined by their context in the Bible. The Bible is God's love letter for the Christian so please repent and trust your first love, Jesus Christ [God], inviting Him into your person to save and help you with this Book and with life (See John 1 - 3). Allow Him to rule without rival. Remember, the Bible wasn't written to you, but for you, and the heavenly Father can speak to His child through it. Prayerfully understanding what God was saying to the original recipients is where we start. Understanding the Bible's application for you today is a must! As you meditate upon the Scriptures, ask what does God want me to know?—and what does He want me to do, or stop doing? It's wise to use the Bible to interpret the Bible.

