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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Politics

"I would rather be right than President." – Henry Clay, when Preston, of Kentucky, advised Clay that his advocacy of the Missouri Compromise of 1850 would injure his chances for the Presidency

"Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong." – Abraham Lincoln

"He serves his party best who serves the country best." – Rutherford B. Hayes, speech, March 5, 1877

"The best thing about this group of candidates is that only one of them can win." – Will Rogers

"In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman." – Margaret Thatcher

It is that time again. The election process draws near as we look to someone to be the next President of the United States. Battle lines are drawn and even well-meaning brethren have cross words over the candidates, or the political party.

Some Christians want to stay totally out of the election process. This does not seem to be a prudent move since we have an opportunity to help elect an individual, and hopefully one that would bring us closer to the will of God.

It is odd to hear among Christians the notion that politics and religion have nothing in common. Taken from a piece of correspondence, Thomas Jefferson once referred to "separation of church and state." And some have taken that to the extreme.

It is difficult to fathom how Christians can support homosexuality? Or how they can support abortion? They help to elect people who promote these ideas and yet hide behind the idea of the separation of church and state. Why would a child of God want to promote ungodliness? So yes, even in politics, we see inconsistency among brethren.

The most reasonable course of action in politics is to try to elect or promote the candidate which would move us in the right direction. No, you will never find the perfect candidate. Worldly minded people would never support someone so godly and conservative. So we must make the best choice among candidates who may be less than ideal.

Regardless of who is elected, we need to remember that the powers that exist are appointed by God (Rom. 13:1). And even those in power we may not like, still deserve our prayers (1 Tim. 2:1-3). Remember that when those words were written, the Caesars were in power. They were less than ideal, but still prayers were offered.

Politics is not something we may like, but it is a part of life here in America. Christians can and should help in the results of an election.