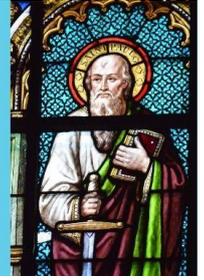




# Finding Purpose in Unexpected Places: The Story of Paul



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## Voting with Integrity: How do I vote as a Christian?

Read Acts 24-26

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As we approach another election cycle, it's crucial for us as Christians to consider our role and responsibilities in the political sphere. Despite the common advice to avoid discussing religion and politics, this sermon addresses both, urging us to think deeply about our approach to elections and government. By examining Apostle Paul's respectful and honourable engagement with political leaders in Acts 24-26, we see a model of how to witness effectively and maintain integrity, even under challenging circumstances. Paul's example teaches us to be respectful, logical, and evangelistic, while asserting our rights and maintaining our Christian witness.

When voting, remember that no one can compel you to vote a certain way as the 'Christian thing to do.' Use your God-given free will, wisdom, and conscience to make informed decisions. Align your choices with Biblical principles, seeking unity in Christ rather than division by political ideology. Consider the well-being of others, not just personal benefit, and let Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:31, "Do to others as you would have them do to you," guide your decisions. Approach the election with prayer, thoughtfulness, and a commitment to representing Christ in all you do.

### Questions for reflection:

1. How do my faith and values influence my political views and voting decisions?
2. What can I learn from Apostle Paul's approach to political leaders in Acts 24-26?
3. How can I demonstrate respect and honour towards political leaders, even those I disagree with?
4. In what ways can I ensure that my engagement in politics reflects my identity as Christ's ambassador?

5. Am I allowing political ideologies to divide me from fellow Christians, and how can I seek unity in Christ instead?
6. How can I balance my personal interests with the needs of others when deciding how to vote?
7. Do I rely on prayer and wisdom to guide my voting decisions, or am I influenced by external pressures?
8. In what ways can I constructively engage with political leaders and express my opinions respectfully?
9. How can I practice the principle of "Do to others as you would have them do to you" in my political involvement?

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**Recommended Website:**

[www.engage24.org.uk](http://www.engage24.org.uk) – This is a great Christian resource on the election from Care For the Family