

What does the Bible say about political involvement?

## Is There Not a Cause?!

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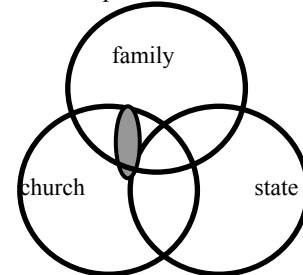
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*Our hope is not in politics; it is in God. And He wants us to stand.*

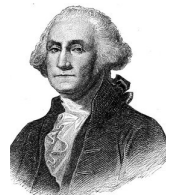
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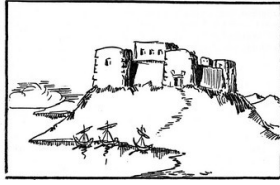


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involved in the community. Our position politically is  
similar to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's in Daniel  
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6. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ immediately around you  
and in your larger community (Pro. 24:11,12).
7. Require civil government to be \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pro. 14:34). Who is going to be in charge?!
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 19:2).
9. Be involved in a \_\_\_\_\_ Give  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 22:29; 31:33;  
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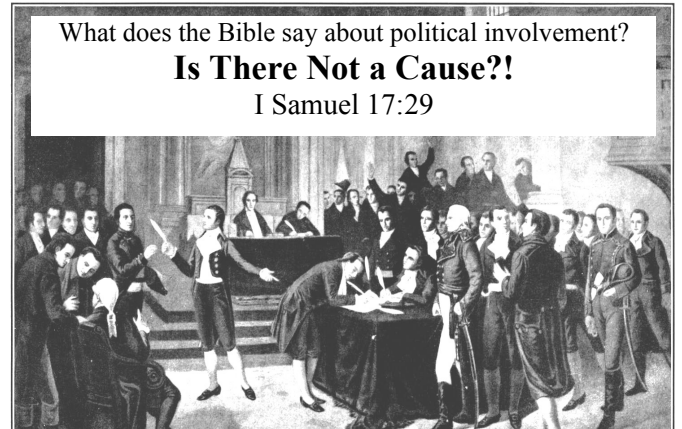


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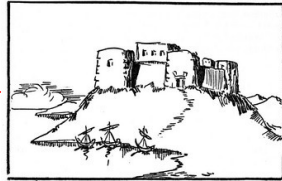
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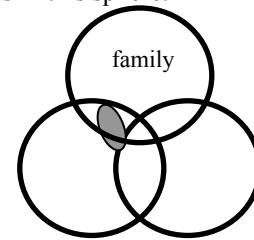
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He fulfills his obligations; this is righteousness.  
God made man for communion and co-working.  
Man's first responsibility always is to God (Mt. 6:33).  
God organized reality by spheres.

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Our civil government is “**of the people.**”

Who should be in authority?! **When you walk into a room... “Love thy neighbor.”**



