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When you start to read today's devo, you may think I am getting into politics or that it's political But let me reassure you that I am not into politics at all, so don't let that prevent you from reading today's devo.

With the elections coming up in a few days, and as we have been bombarded with commercial after commercial with each politician bashing one another and trying to get you to vote for them. We have to remember that it's up to us to find out the facts for ourselves and to vote. Now I know everyone says to vote, and like I said, I am not into politics, but if you want change in this nation, if you care about your kids future, if you care about your church, if you care about the unborn babies, or if you simply care for the wellbeing of others, then you need to vote.

Maybe you don't vote but you love to give your opinion about certain candidates or laws. Well, if you don't vote, then you have no right to voice your opinion, because you can say all you want, but unless you vote, you are full of hot air, not making a difference, and no one wants to hear what you have to say.

But then there are those who do vote and are all into politics and love to voice their opinion on Social Media. They love to post what they think is right or wrong, along with whining and complaining and truthfully, they are irritating.

But you have to ask yourself about those who post their opinion about politics. How much are they actually praying for those in office are even those who are running for office? It makes you wonder what if they put as much effort in praying for those in office or running for office as they do bashing them? It could make a change in our Government and Nation, and even in the lives of the politician?

Read today's verses in the Message bible and see how we actually should be praying and not posting and bashing those in office.

- ✞ **1 Timothy 2:1-3 (MSG)** ***The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.***

Even if you are not one who posts politics on Social Media (Let me say thank you for not doing so), but as we just read, this is not saying to pray if you are posting or talking about politics. No, it simply says to "***Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well***" and also notice it does not say to just pray around election time, but this is referring to praying for those in government all the time.

If you think about those in office and the responsibility that they have, and the stress they feel every day, because of the decisions that they make effects everyone, not just themselves. I mean, if you have that much responsibility, wouldn't you want others to pray for you? I bet if you asked any politician, regardless of their faith if they would appreciate our prayers, they would say yes.

So get off the political bandwagon, and jump on the praying bandwagon, praying for the election coming up next week, voting during the election and continuing to pray for those in office throughout the year, not just during the elections. Because we must remember that ***"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."*** **Proverbs 29:2** and the only way that will change is if you pray for those in government positions and vote according to biblical values.

- ✞ **Proverbs 28:2 (NLT2)** ***When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability.***

- ✞ **1 Timothy 2:1-4** ***Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.***