# THE BIBLE AND VOTING Part 12 Dr. Andy Woods

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### Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

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### **Economic Issues**

- 1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
- 2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
- 3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
- 4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
- 5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
- 6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
- 7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
- 8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
- 9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
- 10.Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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### Social Issues

- 1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
- 2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
- 3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
- 4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
- 5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
- 6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
- 7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
- 8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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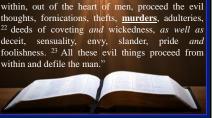
The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].

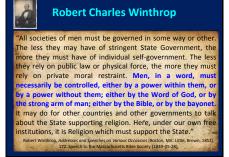


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### Mark 7:20-23

"And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, <u>murders</u>, adulteries, <sup>22</sup> deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things proceed from within end defile the man." within and defile the man.

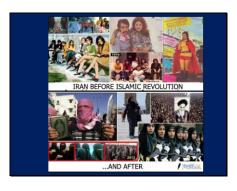




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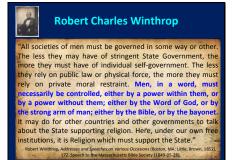


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### 2. What are the true causes of terrorism?

Rom. 5:12-Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Ps. 51:5-Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Gen. 4:5-8-but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." <sup>8</sup> Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Jer. 17:9-The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Jas. 4:1-2-What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? <sup>[b]</sup>Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

### 3. What does not deter terrorism?

Eccles 8:11-Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

### 4. What effectively deters terrorism?

Rom. 13:3-4- For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; <sup>4</sup> for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

1 Pet. 2:13-14-Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent <sup>[p]</sup> by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

Deut 13:10-11-So you shall stone him <sup>[f]</sup>to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>[g]</sup>slavery. <sup>11</sup> Then

all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

Matt. 22:39-The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Exod. 20:13-"You shall not murder."

Deut 20:1-When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

Matt. 5:39-But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Luke 22:36-And He said to them, "But now, <sup>[e]</sup>whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and <sup>[f]</sup>whoever has no sword is to sell his <sup>[g]</sup>coat and buy one.

Luke 3:14-*Some* soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."

### 6. What legitimate methods can the government employ in deterring terrorism?

Josh. 2:1-Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as **spies** secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially

Jericho." So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and [a]lodged there.

Prov. 13:24-He who withholds his <sup>[s]</sup>rod hates his son, But he who loves him <sup>[t]</sup>disciplines him diligently.

### **Conclusion**

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;<sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.