

## Evaluating Candidates or Elected Officials

Use the chart on the right - "Biblical View v. Pagan (Secular) view" to help determine which category he/she fits, based on his/her comments.

Does he/she refer to the specific bounds and responsibilities of the relevant level of government based on its constitution or charter?

Does his/her words reveal a look to God's unchanging standard (justice) for law or to a "living, evolving" standard (changes based on a perceived current need)?

Does he/she speak about government's role and his/her duty under God's authority and do they articulate how that will guide his/her official decisions and actions?

When asked how he/she will "Fix" a bad situation (high taxes, deficit spending, government regulations) does he/she name the jurisdiction and level of government where the problem should be addressed?

### Sample Questions to Ask:

- Where do you stand on "Life" issues, like abortion? (If he/she is not willing to protect life, then he/she is probably not going to protect much of anything else!)
- What is the purpose of government? (Constitutional answer is to protect our God-given rights of Life, Liberty, and Property.)
- What is the source of your authority?
- What are the principles that keep you anchored?
- (other questions....)

## Candidate Evaluation Biblical or Secular View

### Biblical View

State is Divinely Ordained

State Authority is Limited

Leads to Patriotism

Results in a Republic

Based on Creation

### Gov't Kept in Check by:

- 3 branches with separate powers. Only 1 branch legislates (Congress).
- Enumerated powers (Article I-Section 8)
- States are independent & sovereign (10th Amendment)
- Rights of the people come from God.
- Government protects God-given rights.

**God**

**People**

**Government**

### Pagan (Secular) View

State IS Divine

State is Unlimited

Leads to State Worship

Results in Tyranny

Based on Evolution

### Gov't Checks Removed:

- Courts legislate (Roe v. Wade & Re-definition of marriage.)
- President legislates by Executive Orders.
- States' powers are limited or removed.
- Rights of the people come from government.
- Government gives itself powers instead of the people.

**Government**

**People**

**NO GOD!**