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Dear Friends,

The election is upon us! In a few days it will all be over. Many hope that if their candidate wins, the economic crisis,

horrible gas prices and all the other complexities of life will somehow be resolved. Of course, if this doesn't happen, we can always blame the other party!

Although the end results of the election will bring a great deal of joy to many, others will all but celebrate. Some will choose to whine, complain, and blame others for the outcome.

If your candidate did not win, it simply means you will have to be more prayerful as we move forward. If your candidate won, it means you will have to be more prayerful as we move forward!

It is naïve to believe electing a President will provide a catch-all remedy for the complex, ever-changing economy, the problems with our educational system, immigration, and the war. The truth is, these problems are too big for a natural man. If these problems could be solved by men, men would have already resolved them!

Instead, we need to remember, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in men" (Psalm 118:8). Why? Our problems extend beyond just physical concerns. They enter the realm of spiritual warfare. We need spiritual power to fight a spiritual battle. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reminds us: "If my

people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

No matter who the next President may be, he cannot give and take away joy. He cannot provide long-lasting happiness. He cannot make us better parents. He cannot get my personal finances in order. His tenure will not improve my relationships or keep me in shape.

Do I really need *my* candidate in the Oval Office to enable *me* to provide for *my* family or contribute to the lives of others? This is a reality check which reminds me, if I prayerfully seek direction from the Lord, with His help, *I* can work through those problems within my sphere of influence.

When everything's said and done, the economic crisis may still exist. But somehow, the Lord will sustain us. Gas prices may go up again. But somehow, the Lord will make it possible for us to go where we need to go. And as for those complexities in my life—He can even give me the wisdom to work through them!

With full assurance that He is in control,

Pastor L.W. Edwards

The Power of A Few Minutes

In a matter of minutes, they altered the course of their future. *The Chicago Tribune* recently reported the arrest of two teens from Bloom High School in Chicago Heights on charges of armed robbery. But these weren't just any teenagers; they were expected to be stars on this year's basketball team. The news was a shocking disappointment to both students and faculty alike.

In the Christian life, it only takes a few brief moments to alter our course. This is why Paul charged believers: "...Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). Taking only a brief moment to make this decision can change the rest of your life!

Therefore, we must live with one motivation: to present ourselves acceptable to God. The word 'present' is in the present tense, which means we must do it continually. We exist for His glory, and He expects nothing less from us.

This means we will be held accountable to God for the way we vote on November 4th. As Christians, it is our obligation to support those candidates whose views are most acceptable to God. Regardless of the outcome of this month's Presidential Election, the decision you make at the voting booth will make a difference. In a few brief moments, you can influence the future of America. Don't take this responsibility lightly.

Special Mention

- We welcome you to support our youth at Bibleway Ministries' Youth Day Service, to be held November 30, 2008 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Be sure to check out the Bibleway Ministries website periodically. Each month, we update our sermon and newsletter list. We are also working on making sermon audio recordings available for your spiritual encouragement.
- Join Pastor Edwards for weekly Bible Study each Tuesday at the Prospect Christian Church, 302 E. Euclid in Prospect Heights, IL. Currently, Pastor is teaching through the book of James.

The Message Behind the Ministry...

Do you know for sure you are going to Heaven? We want you to have this assurance. All you must do is understand, as a sinner, you are unable to save yourself. Simply believe Jesus Christ died, shed His blood to pay for your sins, and rose again. Because He did all the work for you, you must only believe! In John 3:16, Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Trust Him today, and [tell us about it!](#) We want to rejoice with you!



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