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HOM Editorial

With the current General Elections 2020 in feverish pitch, we find some

Christians in the political arena. We have Christian politicians on both sides, in the ruling party and in the opposition parties. Do we expect them to be politicians or Christians?

Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind. - *George Orwell*

There is no act of treachery or meanness of which a political party is not capable; for in politics there is no honour. - *Benjamin Disraeli*

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...." Matthew 20:25-26

I am apolitical and don't like to play politics but for those Christians who do, good on you lest others with hidden agendas may change our way of life. The story of **Esther** is an example of God placing a person in the right place. *"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"* Esther 4:14b

Others in the Bible who God put in place of authority include **Joseph**, *"You shall be in charge of my (Pharaoh) palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."* Genesis 41:40 and **Daniel**, *"Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king (Darius) planned to set him over the whole kingdom."* Daniel 6:3

Sometimes we think that we vote for our Government, but what can 1 vote do in a sea of 2.6 million votes? We must pray that God will select the right people for a time such as this – COVID-19. *"For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."* Romans 13:1

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