

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PRESIDENT

Selected Proverbs

MEMORIZE THIS WEEK

*A large population on is a king's glory,
but without subjects a prince is ruined.
Proverbs 14:28*

We tend to think of kings as different from the rulers who govern our country, but in many ways they are all *politicians*. They have a relationship of mutual dependence with the people of their country. They are needed and as our memory verse says they need us.

We are looking *topically* at the Book of Proverbs to see which proverbs give us insight on what we should be looking for in a person who would be President.

DAY 1 SEEKER OF WISDOM

1. Why do you think *wisdom* is so important in a ruler (8:12-21)?

2. How would you define wisdom from 18:12-14?

3. If you needed wise advice, and could sit down with any of the candidates for a half hour session, which candidate would you choose?

Use the chart below to record your observations on the major candidates in the three areas addressed in Proverbs. Note I have left a blank for another candidate that you might choose.

	Wisdom	Naïve	Folly
Clinton (Dem)			
Johnson (Lib)			
Stein (Green)			
Trump (Rep)			

*Pray About This**Lord,*

You have established through Your wisdom the rules by which everything in our world works or causes harm to those who ignore your wisdom. You promise to give this wisdom to any who will ask (James 1:5). Please give me the wisdom to make a wise choice in this election and to live through it in a way that causes others to seek to know You. Amen

DAY 2 EXALTS RIGHTEOUSNESS

We need to be personally righteous in all of our dealings with our family and friends, on our job and in the community. *Romans 13:1-7* identifies the Christian's perspective on governing authorities. They exist because God set them up (*Genesis 9:5-6*) to commend those who do right and to punish those who do wrong.

4. Why is righteousness so important to a nation (*14:34*)?
5. How important is righteousness to a ruler (*16:12*)?

Use the chart below to record things you discover about the major candidates in the area of righteousness:

	Righteous	Sinful
Clinton (Dem)		
Johnson (Lib)		
Stein (Green)		
Trump (Rep)		

*Pray About This**Father,*

As your loyal child, I want to do what is right in your eyes and stay as far away from doing what is wicked in everyone's eyes. Please give me the wisdom to know which of these candidates will do a better job of establishing a righteousness that honors You in this country. Amen

DAY 3 PROVIDES JUSTICE

The flip side of righteousness is justice! *Romans 13:4* is very clear that the government which rules is our name must restrain wrongdoing by bringing wrath upon those who do evil. This justice must be without partiality, that is, without respect of persons. Perfect justice does not take into account a person’s wealth, connections, or importance to the community.

6. What do the following verses teach you about *justice*?

16:10 –

20:8 –

20:26 –

21:15 –

29:14 –

Use the chart below along with the party platforms to determine which candidate(s) are qualified to be our nation’s chief law enforcement officer.

	Stand on Justice for All	Involvement in Law/Justice
Clinton (Dem)		
Johnson (Lib)		
Stein (Green)		
Trump (Rep)		

Use the following links to research the party platforms:

Democrats www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Democratic-Party-Platform-7.21.16-no-lines.pdf

Libertarian www.lp.org/platform

Green Party www.gp.org/platform

Republicans www.gop.com/the-2016-republican-party-platform

Pray About This

Lord,

You are the One who has established and will judge nations on their justice to the poor. Give me insight into the positions of these candidates on justice. Amen.

DAY 4 PATRIOTISM & GREED

The President of the United States, as all elected officials, is chosen to be loyal to this country. The oath of office says,

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

We want to love our President. A leader who does not love the country is suspect. This is particularly true when a person is consumed by the love of money.

7. What two factors from this verse lead into patriotism (*Proverbs 20:28*)?

8. What factor works against loyalty (*Proverbs 28:16; 29:4*)?

	Love of Country	Love of Personal Wealth (Greed)
Clinton (Dem)		
Johnson (Lib)		
Stein (Green)		
Trump (Rep)		

Pray About This

Do I want to live in a country where bribery, influence peddling, and extortion are the way to get things done? What can I do to change this? Will my vote make a difference in this issue?

DAY 5 WISE SUBORDINATES

When we consider the responsibilities of the Presidency, it is clear that no one person is qualified to carry out all these duties alone and unaided. Not only must the President work with Congress and the Supreme Court, there are Cabinet Secretaries and Presidential Staff. This makes the choice and management of associates vital to the qualifications of a leader. How good a judge of people are they? Are the people who work for them quality?

9. What does this verse say is essential to establishing their rule in righteousness (*Proverbs 25:5*)?

10. What practice will destroy the government of a ruler (*Proverbs 25:5*)?

	Honest Associates	Dishonest Associates
Clinton (Dem)		
Johnson (Lib)		
Stein (Green)		
Trump (Rep)		

How wise is this candidate in choosing their subordinates?

What kind of persons are associated with them in positions of influence?

Why did they remove (fire) the persons they did?

Pray About This

Lord,

I want to make good choices not only in this election, but also in my own dealings with people. Give me discernment to be able to read people and to discover what motivates them. Guide me into making a wise decision with faith that You have already chosen the person You want to rule this country. Amen.