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## Understanding human nature:

- Democrats:

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- Republicans:

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## The role of government:

Democrats: Government is the ultimate authority.

- M government over those who are law-obeyers,
- L government over those who are law-breakers

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Republicans: God is the ultimate authority

- L government over those who are law-obeyers,
- M government over those who are law-breakers

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Key: p. 2: encourage; punish.

P 4: More; Less. Less; More.

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## Government #1

### Platforms and Policies—part 1

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*Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.*

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### “I’m not political; I’m biblical.”

The example of the prophets...

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### Jeremiah’s call to the ministry

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*Jeremiah 1:17 “Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified of them, or I will terrify you before them.*

*Jeremiah 1:18 “Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land.*

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*Jeremiah 1:19 “They will fight against you but will not overcome you for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.”*

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## Which political party most closely aligns with biblical values?

1. What does the bible say about \_\_\_\_\_?
2. What are our options?

### ■ Biblical role of government

- Government's role: e\_\_\_\_\_ the good; p\_\_\_\_\_ the bad

*Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

■ v. 2 *Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

v. 3 *For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.*

■ v. 4 *For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothings. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

v. 5 *Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.*

■ v. 6 *This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.*

v. 7 *Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*

(God raises up kings, and brings them down. Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 2)

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- The citizen's role:

*1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.... <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers. Fear God, honor the king.*

### ■ The two choices before us...

...Punishing the bad.

### ■ Real "theology" directs platforms, policies, and law

Every political policy is based on how someone sees human nature.

■ *Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

*Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

■ *Romans 3:10 There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands.... there is no one who does good, not even one.... the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes.*

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