Throughout history, Christians have been responsible for making positive changes to society. From abolishing slavery to taking on issues such as forced child labor, prison abuse and lack of education for the poor, Christians have tackled the moral issues of their day—and prevailed.

There are many ways we, as Christians, can improve our community. We can even help change our world by doing something as simple as registering to vote. Imagine the impact Christians can have on our government, its leadership and its people if we all simply registered to vote—and then voted our conscience!

**THE MINISTRY OF VOTING**

In fact, you can rightly view your vote as a form of ministry. After all, when you vote, you’re directly and indirectly impacting people’s lives. By the people you elect on federal, state and local levels, as well as the ballot measures you vote on, you’re making a practical difference—for good or ill—in the lives of:

- Preborn children (abortion policy)
- Impressionable youth (pornography laws and education policy)
- Husbands and wives (marriage and divorce laws)
- Hurting souls (religious freedom laws)

And that’s only the beginning of the impact you can have when you walk into your voting booth.

**A STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY**

Moreover, as Christ’s representatives on earth, we are under a mandate to be “salt and light” in our culture (Matthew 5:13-16).

So this election year, prayerfully commit to:

- Be registered.
- Be informed.
- Vote your values.

See reverse for more ideas to vote your values.

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- 63 percent of the freshman U.S. congressmen elected were pro-life.
- 77 percent of the freshman U.S. senators were pro-life.

By increasing pro-life representation in Congress in the 2002 and 2004 elections, America witnessed the first four major abortion-restricting bills enacted since Roe v. Wade:

- Infants Born Alive Protection Act
- Unborn Victims of Violence Act
- Partial-Birth Abortion Ban
- Fetal Farming Ban

In addition, those senators helped confirm strict constructionists John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court.

By 2006, Christian voter turnout decreased by 30 percent from the 2004 numbers, and only 30 percent of voters said that abortion was an important issue. As a result:

- Only 31 percent of the freshman U.S. congressmen elected were pro-life.
- Only 10 percent of the freshman U.S. senators elected were pro-life.

The Baltimore Sun labeled the 2007 Congress as “the most pro-choice Congress in the history of the Republic.”

Your vote does matter, and you have the opportunity to protect life, marriage and family.

Will you commit to cast your vote in support of the family this November?