WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

IT'S ELECTION DAY! IT COULDN'T COME SOON ENOUGH FOR SOME OF YOU. SOME OF YOU MAY BE WONDERING IF YOU SHOULD VOTE OR NOT. SOMETIME AGO SOMEONE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE BILLY GRAHAM ORGANIZATION:

I know everyone says we ought to vote in the elections, but I'm tired of all the political conflict and I don't see any point in voting. After all, the Bible doesn't tell us we have to vote, does it?

A: No, the Bible doesn't directly command us to vote—because people who lived in Bible times couldn't vote. They lived under kings and emperors who weren't elected by popular vote.

But the Bible does command us to be good citizens—and one of the ways we do this today is by voting. In fact, if we don't vote, we are failing to fulfill that God-given responsibility to be good citizens. The Bible says that Mordecai, Esther's uncle, was honored "because he worked for the good of his people" (Esther 10:3). Shouldn't we also work for the good of our nation?

Some people won't take the trouble to vote because they don't believe their vote will make any difference. But that isn't true; you might be surprised to find how many elections have been determined by only a handful of votes. But more than that, what would happen if most people felt that way? Then our future might be determined by only a small minority of people.

Don't look on voting only as a responsibility, however. Look on it also as an opportunity—an opportunity hundreds of millions of people in our world wish they had. Above all, pray for our nation during this crucial time. The Bible reminds us, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

POLLING PLACES ARE OPEN FROM 7AM – 8PM. LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET OUT AND VOTE TODAY.

WHAT NEXT YEAR BRINGS IS ANYONE'S GUESS AT THIS POINT. BUT YOU WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO SCHEDULE YOUR DAYS WITH ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL SCRIPTURE TEXT WALL CALENDARS. OUR CALENDARS ARE FREE FOR THE ASKING. SO WHEN YOU WRITE, OR EMAIL, TO US BE SURE TO REQUEST YOUR CALENDAR. AND IF YOU ARE EMAILING, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS. WE HAVE YET TO FIND A WAY TO EMAIL THE CALENDARS.

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