

PRAYING THE FEAR OF THE LORD ON OUR LEADERS

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As believers engage in the political arena like never before, our first responsibility is to pray for our current leaders and those who are running for office. There is one prayer that this nation needs now more than ever before. **It is the Fear of the Lord that needs to grip the hearts and minds of those in public office** as well as those who are voting. Here are some qualities that should be evidenced in leaders whose hearts are truly poised towards God.

- They will show no fear towards evil but overcome it (Isaiah 8:12-13)
- They will be open to the counsel of others (Proverbs 1:7)
- They will be teachable (Psalm 25:12)
- They will show no partiality and take no bribes (Deuteronomy 10:17)
- They will not consider themselves better than anyone else (Deuteronomy 17:19)
- Their mouths will be filled with good things (Proverbs 16:9-13)
- They will hate all forms of evil (Proverbs 8:13)
- They will operate in wisdom and humility (Proverbs 15:33)
- They will have true judgments by the Spirit and not by man (Isaiah 11:3-4)
- They will love God's truths (Psalm 112:1)
- Their house will be in order (Psalm 128:1-4)
- They will show the fruit of riches, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4)
- They will walk in obedience to God's commands (Psalm 86:11)
- They will let no sin rule over them (Psalm 119:133)
- They will have no fear of man, but walk in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 29:25)
- They will rule with justice, counsel, and might (Isaiah 11:2-4)

We have the opportunity, in the coming months, to pray that the Fear of the Lord would MARK every candidate in this election. Christian or not, these attributes will become evident AS WE PRAY for the Spirit of God to hover over each one in the coming days. Even as we pray, we should not judge by what we see with our natural eyes or hear with our natural ears. Rather, it will be through the Fear of the Lord that we can rightly discern the purposes of God and pray effectively.