

Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons ministered during the offering message... Stay very alert, and don't let spiritual things go past you.

We are seeing a repeat. In the 60's & 70's there was an emphasis with the Word of Faith on provision. Now 50+ years have gone and that has come around again. You need to keep your faith for natural things as you realize with the maturity and wisdom we walk in that natural things are not our only focus. In fact, it is the lowest expression of what you can believe for, as natural things are basic; and the Lord has already promised that He takes care of our daily [basic] provision.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

My God = supreme, the source of life.

It is life as God defines it, and not how we define it.

He shall = there is no withholding.

Supply= the unending supply, never ending flow and abundant supply.

Everything that is needed on every level. He meets all my needs, as they are meant according to His riches, based on what He has, and never based on what we have.

They are also never dependent upon the circumstances you have found yourself in, but based on His riches, which is found in His glory.

Glory = weighty, heavy, expressing the worth of a person.

The greatness of the ability to accomplish something.

God doesn't just give prosperity; He gives Himself in His glory, which is Him being manifested in the totality of His presence.

Psalms 8:9 God surrounded us with His glory.

Hebrews 1:18 the full express of Gods glory

Colossians 1:27 God willed to make known the riches of His glory in us.

The hope of all the glory has already been deposited in our spirit man.

Hope of glory goes from a spiritual substance to a natural substance.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the substance of the hope which we have of His glory.

Faith brings into natural reality what we are hoping for spiritually, as faith draws it out of our spirit.

Pastor George ministered...

Good King or Bad King — It's Our Choice

A voting booth Prayer & Confession

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come before You today in this holy place. I thank You for the honor and privilege of voting in this election. I declare that the United States of America is a godly and righteous nation. I pray over every person on the ballot to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

I cast my vote for leaders who will best represent the standard of God's Word.

I cast my vote on behalf of future generations.

I cast my vote on behalf of my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

I cast my vote on behalf of children yet to be born – those who are still in the womb. They will not be aborted but will live out their lives and fulfill Your will.

I am a tither, and the devil cannot rob my vote. The devourer is rebuked. I believe my vote is uncorrupted. It will arrive safely at its intended destination. I release my faith today that Jesus is Lord over the United States of America!

For more info, see emic.org/vote

The United States Presidential Elections will be held in nine days, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

- Thirty three of the 100 seats in the Senate, plus two special elections are on the ballot.
- Currently, Republicans hold a very slim margin.
- All 435 seats in the House of Representatives are on the ballot.
- Currently, Democrats hold a 51-49 advantage.
- Eleven Governor seats as well as numerous state and local positions and propositions appear on the ballot.
- Ten states have Abortion initiatives.

We must make our voices heard by praying, fasting, voting, and standing in faith for God-fearing, righteous, anointed leaders. We hold the key to our leaders.

Let's look at how God views good and bad leadership.

David's Criteria for Leadership

2 Samuel 23:1-4; (NKJV)

*"Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel: "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: "**He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.** And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain."*

Vv. 3-4 (NIV)

*"The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "**When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God,** he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth."*

Vv. 3-4 (MSG)

*"The God of Israel spoke to me, Israel's Rock- Mountain said, "**Whoever governs fairly and well, who rules in the Fear-of-God,** is like first light at daybreak without a cloud in the sky, Like green grass carpeting earth, glistening under fresh rain."*

David's criteria for leadership requires a leader to govern fairly and righteously in the fear of God.

Good leadership is as refreshing as the first, cloudless light at daybreak and the green, glistening grass after a fresh rain.

Good Kings and Bad Kings

Proverbs 29:2; (AMPC)

"When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh."

Wicked means twisted & evil. The wicked person is motivated by personal gain.

Peter talking to the elders.

1 Peter 5:1-3

Pastor George shared based on this scripture; he has authority to pray over the congregation and shared he does so for us daily.

What kind of an imprint am I making in other people's lives as a leader, parent, pastor, husband, etc.?

The individuals leading our nation make a huge difference in the outcome of our nation. We find a few good kings and many bad kings in 1st and 2nd Kings.

- The Kingdom was divided following Solomon's rule.
- Of the 19 kings over Israel, none were good.
- Of the 20 kings over Judah, only a few were good.
- Only Hezekiah and Josiah were good all the way through their reign.

The Criteria of Bad Kings

1 Kings 16:25-26; (NLT)

*"But Omri **did what was evil in the Lord's sight**, even more than any of the kings before him. He followed the example of Jeroboam son of Nebat in all the sins he had committed and led Israel to commit. The people **provoked the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel**, with their worthless idols."*

Crazy woke stuff is doing what is evil in the Lord's sight.

1 Kings 16:30-33; (NLT)

“But Ahab son of Omri **did what was evil in the LORD’s sight**, even more than any of the kings before him. And as though it were not enough to follow the sinful example of Jeroboam, he married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and he began to bow down in worship of Baal. First Ahab built a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria. Then he set up an Asherah pole. **He did more to provoke the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel**, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.”



An "Asherah pole" in the Bible refers to a sacred pole or tree erected as a symbol of worship to the Canaanite goddess Asherah, often associated with fertility and considered the consort of the god Baal (the picture is a conception of what an Asherah pole looked like.)

The criteria of bad leadership:

They do what is evil in the LORD'S sight and they provoke the anger of the LORD.

Evil pushing for:

- ✓ Abortion
- ✓ Same sex marriage
- ✓ Open borders, letting in people without restraint
- ✓ Multiple genders
- ✓ Taking away parental rights
- ✓ Men competing in woman's sports
- ✓ Individuals using the opposite sex restroom

The Criteria of Good Kings

2 Kings 18:1-7; (NLT)

“**Hezekiah** son of Ahaz began to rule over Judah in the third year of King Hoshea's reign in Israel. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. **He did what was pleasing in the LORD’S sight**, just as his ancestor **David** had done. He removed the pagan shrines, smashed the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke up

the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because the people of Israel had been offering sacrifices to it. The bronze serpent was called Nehushtan. **Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time.**

2 Kings 22:1-2; (NLT)

“Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath. He did what was pleasing in the LORD’S sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.”

Acts 13:22; (NKJV)

“...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”

The criteria of good leadership:

They do what is pleasing in the LORD’S sight, they fear the Lord and seek only to do His will.

God is looking for people who will choose righteousness.

The United States of America Today

Exodus 18:21; (NKJV)

“Moreover, you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness.”

(AMPC) **“Moreover, you shall choose able men from all the people—God-fearing men of truth who hate unjust gain.”**

(MSG) **“And then you need to keep a sharp eye out for competent men—men who fear God, men of integrity, men who are incorruptible.”**

Integrity comes from God, irrespective of whether they are a believer.

- We are no longer subject to the rule of self-appointed kings.
- The declaration of Independence was written because the Founding Fathers were fed up with King George's tyrannical reign.
- American citizens have the right to vote for our officials. This is the right to hire and fire as we sow our seed in a vote.

- The Founding Fathers used Exodus 18:21 as the foundation for elected officials.

We must have elected officials who follow the Biblical criteria for leadership.

- Leaders who do what is pleasing in the LORD'S sight.
- Leaders who fear the Lord.
- Leaders who seek to do His will.
- Leaders who are incorruptible and walk in integrity.

Remember King David's last words:

"He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Acts 2:15-18.

This is that... the beginning of what was spoken by the prophet Joel.

Examples for the Next Generation

Those who are 11 will vote in the 2032 Presidential Election (8 years from now)

Those who are 12 and 13 will vote in the 2030 Mid-Term Election (6 years from now)

Those who are 14 and 15 will vote in the 2028 Presidential Election (4 years from now)

Those who are 16 and 17 will vote in the 2026 Mid-Term Election. (2 years from now)

Those who are 18 and 19 WILL vote in THIS Presidential Election.