



How Do You Judge a Christian Candidate?

Listening to the candidates in the 2016 election, what are they doing and saying? ...

- ★ If a candidate says he'll be “a great Christian president”, we know he won't be. He's simply a Pharisee, beating his chest with pride. Jesus took his stand with the humble who ask God to “be merciful to me, a sinner.”
- ★ If the candidate says he doesn't need forgiveness, because he never makes a mistake, we know he's not a Christian. Christians recognize their need for forgiveness.
- ★ Does the candidate express the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control?
- ★ Does the candidate express the actions that work against the Holy Spirit: Pride, bragging, maliciousness, mean-spiritedness, back-biting, divisions?
- ★ Does the candidate have a history as part of a church community – whether Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian – or other?
- ★ Does the candidate have some knowledge of the Bible and basic Christian theology?
- ★ Does the candidate stand for issues that were part of Jesus' mission – “release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed?” Does the candidate want income equality? Health care? Food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, clothing for the naked, and concern for all?
- ★ Does the candidate care for the poor versus the rich? Jesus made a clear preference.
- ★ Does the candidate bring out the best from his followers, or the worst from them?
- ★ Does the candidate ask for love and kindness from others, or an “us versus them” attitude?
- ★ Does the candidate build walls, or bridges?

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