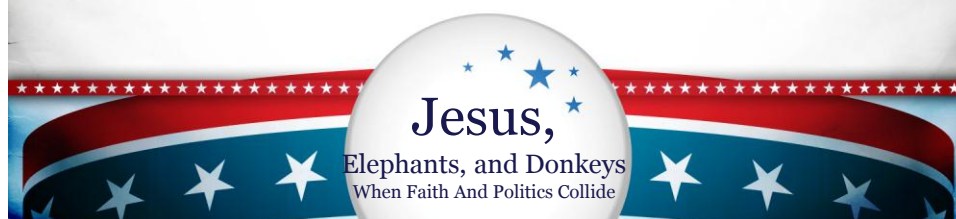
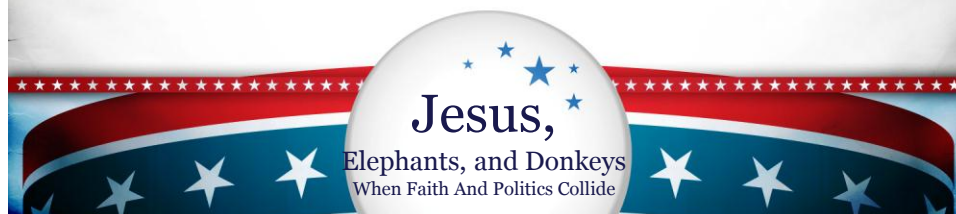


**The purpose of this lesson  
is not to tell you how to vote,  
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few biblical truths.**



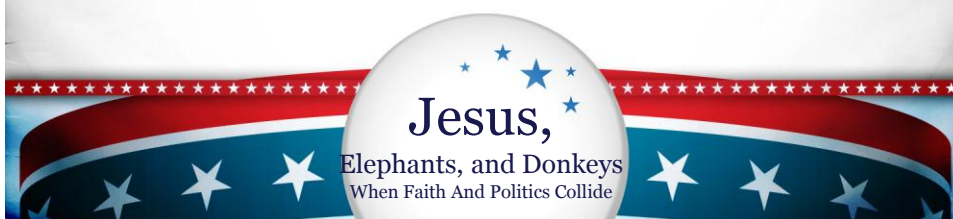
## **The Nature of Government**

- **Government is an instrument of God**
  - **Appointed by God**
    - (Romans 13:1)
  - **God's Minister**
    - (Romans 13:4)



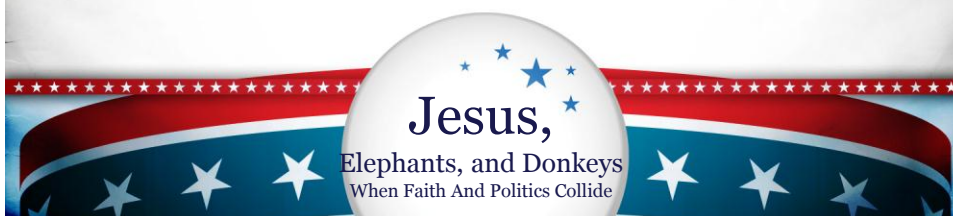
## The Function of Government

- **Restrain and Punish Evil**
  - (Romans 13:1-4)
- **Protect and Promote Good**
  - (Romans 13:4; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)



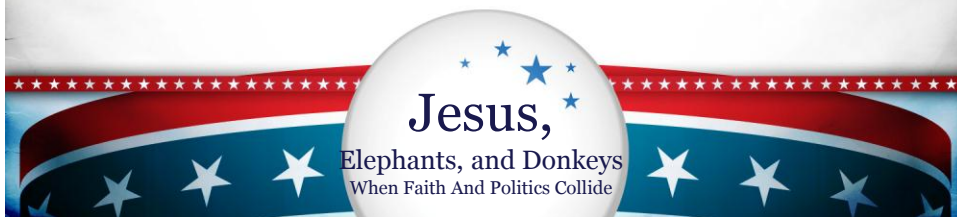
## Our First Loyalty

- **Jesus Christ is King of kings**
  - (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14)
  - (Daniel 4:32; Isaiah 40:15)
- **Our Citizenship is in Heaven**
  - (Philippians 3:17-20; Acts 5:29)



## Observations

- I wish more Christians would be as vocal about their Christianity as they are their politics.
- I wish more Christians would be as willing to promote Jesus to the last as they are their presidential candidate to their neighbors.



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- I wish more Christians would be as willing to defend the doctrine of Christ as they are the platform of their political party.
- I wish more Christians would place as much importance in selecting their Lord as they do in selecting their President.



## Reminders:

- Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12)
- Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34).
- God will accomplish his purposes, with or without us (Psalm 33:10).
- Kingdoms of men may rise and fall, but the Kingdom of God will stand forever (Daniel 2:44; Habakkuk 3:17-19).