

Who Are You Voting For?

Tips From the Book of Mormon on Identifying a Good or Bad Political Leader

A Good Leader...

- Gives God the credit for allowing him to be a leader (Mosiah 2:11)
- Spends his time serving his people (Mosiah 2:12)
- Encourages the people to obey the law and keep the commandments of God (Mosiah 2:13)
- Is a hard worker (Mosiah 2:14)
- Wants to lower taxes (Mosiah 2:14)
- Teaches that adultery is wrong (Mosiah 2: 13)
- Appoints righteous people to be judges (Mosiah 29:42-43)
- Lovingly and bluntly warns his people of danger (Mosiah 2:40)
- Defends religion, freedom, peace, and family (Alma 46:12)
- Creates righteous laws (Mosiah 29: 25)
- Loves his country (Alma 48: 11)

A Bad Leader...

- Does not feel accountable to God or anyone else (Mosiah 11:27)
- Wants the people to serve him (Mosiah 11:4)
- Encourages his people to commit sin (Mosiah 11:2)
- Is lazy (Mosiah 11:6)
- Wants to raise taxes (Mosiah 11:3)
- Is immoral with women (Mosiah 11:14)
- Removes good counselors and replaces with bad ones (Mosiah 11:5)
- Is a smooth talker and flatters his followers (Mosiah 11:7)
- Allows innocent children to be murdered (Mosiah 19:11)
- Creates wicked laws (Mosiah 29: 23)
- Is divisive; creates hate via propaganda (Alma 48: 1-2)

Mosiah 29: 26-27

26 Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right; therefore this shall ye observe and make it your law—to do your business by the voice of the people.

27 And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you; yea, then is the time he will visit you with great destruction even as he has hitherto visited this land.