

## **CWA of SD--Vote for a Better America--November 2, 2010**

As Americans — as descendants of those who shed their blood for freedom — it is our great privilege and responsibility to vote. To fail to vote is to risk handing our freedom over to tyrants. To fail to vote is to risk leaving our children and grandchildren with accounts of a land that was once free.

It took one vote to make the language of America English. It took one vote to bring Texas into the Union. It took one vote to give the leadership of the Nazi Party to Adolf Hitler. John F. Kennedy won the presidency by less than one vote per precinct. In the 2000 presidential election, it took only 537 votes in Florida to deny Al Gore the presidency.

It is our responsibility as Christians to vote. Sadly, only about 50 percent of Christians are even registered to vote. And only about 50 percent of Christians who are registered actually vote. The Bible gives us the correct admonition in Exodus 18:21, **“But select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain.”**

“We are a nation that has a government, not the other way around. And this makes us special among nations of the earth. Our government has no power except that granted by the people.”(Ronald Reagan in his 1st Inaugural Address)

If you and I do not use our right to vote as our voice, America will suffer the consequences. Edward Gibbons stated in *The Fall of the Roman Empire* that one of the reasons for the fall of that great empire was that Christians were discouraged from holding public office or involvement in the politics of the day.

It is our privilege and responsibility as Americans and Christians to vote. If our children and grandchildren do not inherit a free America, you and I will bear the fault. John F. Kennedy said, “The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.”

**Above all, as Christians, we are obligated to pray** that God would allow Godly men and women to be elected—those who will uphold His principles and restore our nation to its Biblical foundation. Pray that the election process—personnel and voting equipment—will perform with honesty and integrity. Pray that Christians will be informed and will understand their responsibility and duty as a Christian to vote.

### **Check out CWALAC Congressional Scorecard**

Learn how Rep. Herseth Sandlin voted on key issues regarding the protection and promotion of our Biblical values. Check out CWA Legislative Action Committee’s Scorecard for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress at: <http://www.cwalac.org/images/content/schouse111.pdf>.

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