

You're Vote Matters!

Who is ready for this election to be over? You know that is one vote that Democrats, Republicans, and Independents can all agree on. About the only people that want this campaign to continue on are the political consultants who make their living running campaigns. The rest of America is simply sick and tired of it all. Many Americans have grown so frustrated that they are not even going to the polls on Tuesday. After all, what does one vote matter?

One vote does matter! Consider that these election historical facts...

- In 2010 Republicans won the governor's race in Maine by less than 18 votes per precinct. *18 votes!*
- In 2008, Al Franken won election against Norm Coleman to become Minnesota's Senator to Congress by 315 votes.
- A tax levy to fund Lakeview, Ohio schools, passed in 2010 by 2 votes.
- Massachusetts' 1839 gubernatorial election was decided by two votes.
- New Hampshire's 1974 United States Senate election was decided by two votes.
- In Washington State's 2004 gubernatorial election, Democrat Christine Gregoire defeated Republican Dino Rossi by 133 votes.
- During Oklahoma's 2006 state elections, Republican Todd Thomsen beat Democrat Darrel Nemecek by two votes.
- In a 2012 New York State Senate race, Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk defeated Republican George Amedore by 18 votes. 18 people made all the difference.

So, clearly one vote, your vote, does matter. So please exercise your freedoms and vote this Tuesday if you have not already voted.

Just as one vote matters in elections, one gift from each of you matters in today's offering.

The simple truth is that all of us giving generously helps us do much more than the largest gift given can accomplish. God is not concerned so much with the amount given as much as He is the motivation behind the gift. Your gifts funds all the missions and ministry we do here. We treat every gift as sacred. We use every gift to extend the Kingdom of God.

So just like your vote matters realize today that your gift matters. In fact, your gift is more important than your vote. As important as our votes are, it is merely temporal. Your gift extending the Kingdom of God is eternal! So give today like your gift matters because it does matter!