Our Privilege

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God plants His people in nations to seek the good of the society in which we live

Jeremiah 29:5-9: Build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord. ESV

How to influence government for good: Vote Communicate with those who represent us. (Acts 24:24-25) Carry on reasonable conversations (2 Timothy 2:25) Step up (or maintain) involvement in church life (Colossians 3:16-17) Pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Influence the Government for Good Resources

- American Family Association (AFA), www.afa.net
- Family Research Council (FRC), www.frc.org
- American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), <u>www.aclj.org</u>

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Ask God to show me if I need to change my attitude and approach to politics
- $\hfill\square$ Circle the ways of influence to apply during this election season and do them