



QA: What Should a Christian Do When There is a Change in Government? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: What should a Christian do when there is a change in government?

ANSWER: God's Word helps us make a proper judgment.

1. WATCH WHAT THEY DO:

Jesus said: "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." (**Matthew 7:16-20**)

2. ONLY THE WICKED USE VIOLENCE TO GAIN POWER:

The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. (**Psalms 11:5**)

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice. (**Proverbs 21:7**)

Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. (**Psalms 27:12-13**)

Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city. (**Psalms 55:9**)

3. JUDGE THEIR JUDGMENT:

Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house. (**Proverbs 17:13**)

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. (**Proverbs 17:15**)

He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him. But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, And a good blessing will come upon them. (**Proverbs 24:24-25**)

4. ALWAYS REMEMBER WHO'S IN CHARGE:

[God's] mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (**Ephesians 1:19-21**)

If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them. Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the king is served from the field. (**Ecclesiastes 5:8-9**)

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