



A Biblical Framework for Political Discernment

This isn't about what to believe. It's about how to think.

In an age of unprecedented political division, it's easy to draw a party line and agree with whatever our side endorses-without ever asking why. As Christians, we have both the freedom and responsibility to examine our hearts and seek God's approval before man's. This resource was created to help you build your own hierarchy of responsibility with God unmistakably first. And maybe, along the way, you'll see that a friend or neighbor landing somewhere different than you isn't a threat, as long as Kingdom comes before party for both of you.

Step 1: Start With God

"Have I actually started with God, or have I started with my party and worked backward?"

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may uprove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment.
Matthew 22:37-38

Step 2: Know Your Circles

"When I engage politically, whose welfare am I actually considering, and in what order? Have I named them intentionally, or am I just reacting?"

Seek the prosperity of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord in its behalf; for in its prosperity will be your prosperity.
Jeremiah 29:7

The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
Matthew 22:39

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
1 Timothy 5:8

Step 3: Own Your Conscience

"Where do I (my conscience, my convictions, my personal accountability to God) sit? Am I owning that, or hiding behind a party that tells me what to think?"

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.
Romans 14:12

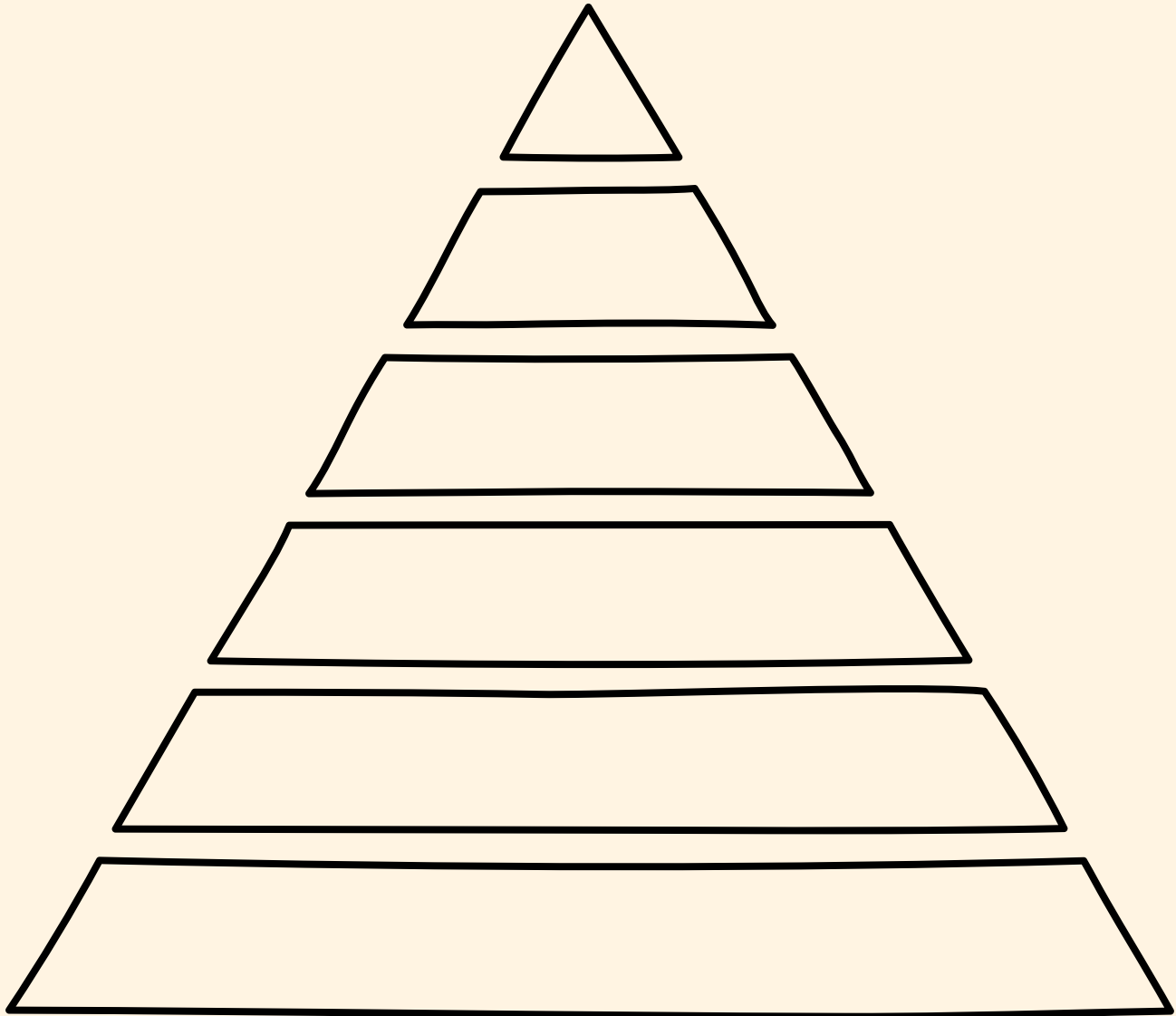
The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is the one who does not condemn himself in what he approves.
Romans 14:22

So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin.
James 4:17



Building Your Hierarchy

Using the word bank below, place each category into the pyramid- starting at the top with God and work your way down with what sits closest to your heart and responsibility to what sits furthest out. You don't have to use one tier per category- group what belongs together. Leave tiers blank if they don't apply. This isn't a test, it's a mirror.



God • The Body of Christ • Self • Family • The Marginalized & Vulnerable
• Community • Country • Creation • Other Countries

Now that you've placed them: is this a hierarchy of loyalty (when these conflict, this one always wins) or a hierarchy of consideration (I start here, then work outward)? Which one is actually true of you right now?