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A close-up photograph of two adult hands, one from a darker-skinned person and one from a lighter-skinned person, gently cupping the feet of a newborn baby. The baby's feet are the central focus, showing the texture of the skin and the shape of the toes. The background is a dark, gradient blue.

One issue is greater than the others.



A Litmus Test for Life?

Should a Christian have a litmus test concerning supporting life and standing against abortion? Also, should it be applied in the decision about who to vote for concerning the presidential race of 2016? Absolutely – YES! Why should a believer have such a litmus test? Actually, the answer is very simple and straight forward.

If a leader is not willing to stand up to protect and respect the life and civil rights of the most INNOCENT AND HELPLESS of his or her own citizens, what does it matter what he or she believes about the economy, job creation, foreign policy, or anything else? If a candidate is wrong on the issue of slaughtering innocent children, being right on all other matters does not make him or her an acceptable candidate. Character matters in governing and those who want to continue to deprive the innocent of life do not have the character necessary to lead a nation. No other issue rivals the sanctity of life when there are those wanting to deprive you of it.

What difference does the economy make to the dead? Or the issue of taxation? To those never given the opportunity to draw a breath, what a particular candidate believes about our nation's foreign policy makes no difference. To the victims of abortion, it makes no difference how a candidate says he or she will deal with ISIS.

If a candidate is not willing to stand up and defend the most innocent, vulnerable and helpless of citizens in the nation, that person does not deserve the opportunity to serve in the highest office of our nation.

So, should a believer use the issue of life as a litmus test when making the decision about the next president? Without question – Yes.

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