

## ***How would Jesus Vote?***

*Lessons Learned...*

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It's easier to tell others that I'm a Christ-follower than it is to show others that I'm a Christ-follower

- ***After being asked if he was the one that God promised, Jesus said, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard -- the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."*** Luke chapter 7 verse 22 (787)
- It's easier to get passionate about how I & others should vote on Election Day than it is to get passionate about how I vote every other day of the year!

It's easier to say the right thing than it is to do the right thing

- ***Jesus said, "If you love Me, obey My commandments."*** John chapter 14 verse 15 (823)
- ***Jesus said, "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."***  
John chapter 13 verses 34 & 35 (823)

It's easier to be right than it is to show love

- ***Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love.***  
1 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 13 (878)

It's easier to worship a small & safe God than it is to worship the huge & mysterious God of the Bible

- ***"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts."***  
Isaiah chapter 55 verses 8 & 9 (560)

It's easier to come up with answers to fix problems than it is to sit in brokenness because of problems

- ***God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.***  
Matthew chapter 5 verse 4 (736)
- ***God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.***  
Matthew chapter 5 verse 9 (736)

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It's easier to talk about someone than it is to talk to someone

- ***Jesus said, "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.***

*Matthew chapter 18 verse 15 (749)*

It's easier to criticize someone else than it is to look critically at my own life

- ***Jesus said, "Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?"***

*Matthew chapter 7 verses 3 & 4 (738)*

It's easier to build a church where everyone looks & thinks like me than it is to build a church as diverse as the body of Christ

- ***Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.***
- ***...He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself one new people from the two groups.***
- ***Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of His death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.***

*Ephesians chapter 2 verses 14 - 16 (896)*

It's real easy to forget what's at stake

- ***Jesus said, "I pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one, as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in us so that the world will believe You sent Me.***

*John chapter 17 verse 21 (825)*