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# THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).*



## An Urgent Message

From

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**VOTE!**

**We have so many reasons why we should vote.**



Readers,

This has been a rough and rocky Presidential Election year. The candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, have made it hard for us to want to vote. There has been a lot of ugliness going on during their campaign and their debates. Who is worthy of our vote? Who deserves to be the next president of the United States of America? Who do you trust to lead us, this nation, to better days ahead?

There is so much that must be done to change things in the United States. I don't need to tell you what we need done. You already know. You have been fussing and discussing about them with your family and friends. Even your enemies heard you talking about what's on your mind, too. The Lord knows that the barber shops, beauty shops, nail places, diners, and everywhere has been on full buzz about what *Trump said and Hillary did*.

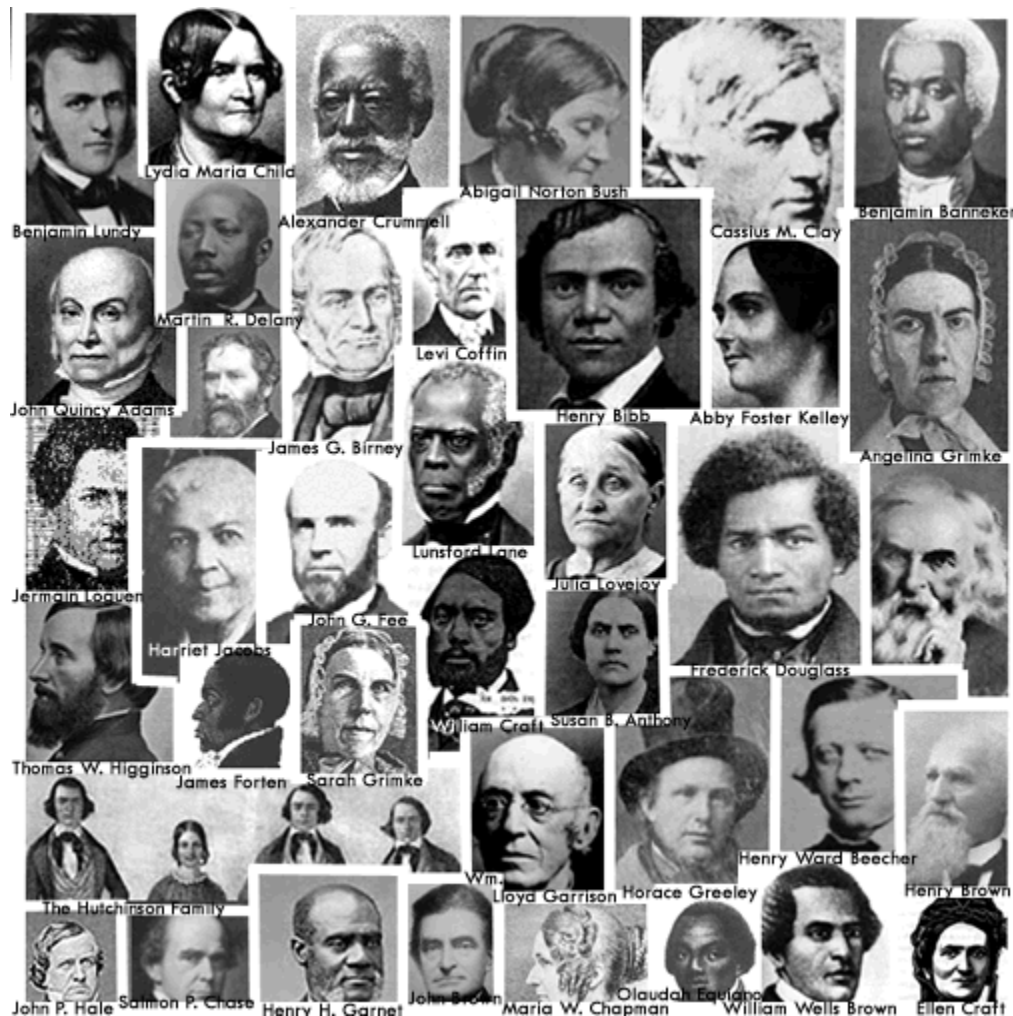
Let us not lose our real focus on why we MUST VOTE! Let us NOT REFUSE TO VOTE! Please DON'T FAIL TO VOTE!

**Don't allow these candidates to STOP YOU FROM VOTING!**

**DON'T FORGET WHY YOU MUST VOTE!**

### THE ABOLITIONISM

*Abolitionists - Those who fought against slavery and injustice in America.*



**Study our earliest history and early world history about those called the Abolitionists and Abolitionism.** This refers to just people and a movement to end slavery and injustice on every level as early as the 1500s. Many fought and were actively involved in making changes for those bound to restrictions and inequality.

Look at the picture on the front cover of this newsletter.... Look at those people standing in line to vote. They are determined to STAND in a long line and use their RIGHT TO VOTE! It came with a high price. Remember the marches? Remember the hatred and injustice that prevented others from voting?

## THE WOMEN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

*This historic photo shows the key women in the Women's Suffrage Movement. Down through the early years, these ladies stood strong and firm for the American women to have freedom and liberties.*

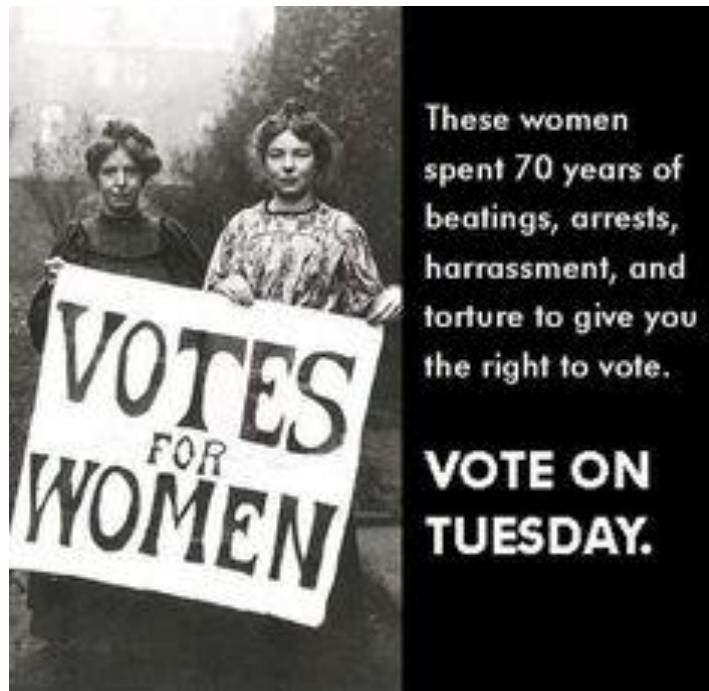


In my research and study, I discovered that women who wanted rights and justice were severely mistreated. Men tried to stop them from speaking out against anything. Sadly, many women were beaten, raped, abused, tied-up, chained, whipped, arrested, jailed and tormented in other ways by men to restrain women from having any power...or freedom.

## WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

Years ago, women could not vote. They did not have the right to vote. I mean...*white, black, red, yellow and brown women could vote.* I googled the information about when they could vote:

***"In 1920, the 19th Amendment was passed. After years of fighting for equality, women were guaranteed the right to vote." "Ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote—a right known as woman suffrage. At the time the U.S. was founded, its female citizens did not share all of the same rights as men, including the right to vote. It was not until 1848 that the movement for women's rights launched on a national level with a convention in Seneca Falls, New York, organized by abolitionists Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) and Lucretia Mott (1793-1880). Following the convention, the demand for the vote became a centerpiece of the women's rights movement. Stanton and Mott, along with Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) and other activists, formed organizations that raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women. After a 70-year battle, these groups finally emerged victorious with the passage of the 19th Amendment."*** There is so much more that can be said about this.



Women in America were truly grateful to have the right to vote.

### THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTES

Then, we must always remember the cost of voting for African-Americans and races of color. They truly suffered greatly for years before they could vote! RACIAL HATRED was fierce! Violence, killings, rages, marching, boycotting, rallies, sit-ins, burnings, riots, assassinations, shootings, bombings, lynching, and every evil thing prevailed for years here in the USA to prevent the right to vote for African-Americans.

It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Michael Josephson whatwillmattr.com charactrcounts.org Photograph from Bettmann/Corbis



**Civil Rights** were born out of this injustice, racial hatred and all of the horrific acts of violence to stop justice and rights for African-Americans in our country. Here is information about the Civil Rights Act:

*“The **Civil Rights Act of 1964** (Pub.L. 88–352, 78 Stat. 241, enacted July 2, 1964) is a landmark piece of **civil rights** and US labor law **legislation** in the United States that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.”*



*Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. with President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1964, the official signing of the Civil Rights Act.*

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### **VOTE OUT OF HONOR and RESPECT**

Okay...stay focused...look at the front cover of the newsletter photo again. Who do you see? I see those who would fight you to vote! I see those who would gladly march and rally against anyone who dares to prevent them from voting! In them, I see...my loved ones...my family...they were determined to vote. They wouldn't think of sitting at home and not voting! They were just like these precious people in this photo...standing and waiting to register to vote.

So, to honor those who were killed, lynched, burned, bombed, beaten, assassinated, shot, marched, rallied, and died for us to vote....PLEASE VOTE! Don't let the candidates stop you because you don't like your choices. VOTE! But, before you VOTE, PRAY! Ask God to help you all of the way from your home, job, school or wherever...to your voting ballot....Pray and then VOTE!



**VOTE**

**At the polls on  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**Or**

**VOTE**

**By using your absentee ballot**

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*Lord, we ask that You guide and direct our leaders:*

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”*

*(1 Timothy 2:1-2 NASB)*

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