

Quiz: Are You a Faithful Citizen?

1. How many times a week do you read or watch the news?
 - a. every day
 - b. most days
 - c. only sometimes
 - d. hardly at all or never
2. Which of the following best describes you around election times?
 - a. Even if I can't vote yet, I read about the candidates and watch the debates to try to find out candidates' positions on issues I care about.
 - b. I usually pick up some things about the candidates and have some basis to form an opinion, but if I could vote, I might not feel totally informed to make a decision.
 - c. I don't really pay that much attention, so my opinion of the candidates, if I have one, might be based on what I hear from others.
 - d. I'm so sick of politics. I try to tune it out or watch or read something else.
3. Which of the following opinions about faith and politics do you agree with most?
 - a. Faith is a moral guidepost for the decisions we make, including how we vote. Faith should definitely be brought into the political realm.
 - b. Faith can be helpful in encouraging us to make good decisions, but sometimes it can get in the way of what would really be the best way to do things.
 - c. People shouldn't bring their religion into politics. The Constitution says they should be separate.
4. If someone asked you to explain why your religion holds a certain perspective on a moral issue, like abortion or poverty, what would your response be?
 - a. "I know about that." (Then you launch into a detailed explanation.)
 - b. "I think I can explain that." (Then you have a couple of things to say.)
 - c. "Umm . . . I'm not really sure. You should ask someone else."
5. How many times a year do you participate in activities such as writing letters, calling, or e-mailing your local or national leaders; walking in marches or participating in demonstrations; educating others about important issues affecting human life and dignity; or participating in other advocacy efforts to protect the poor and vulnerable?
 - a. twelve times a year (about once a month)
 - b. six times a year (about every other month)
 - c. a couple of times a year
 - d. rarely or never



6. How many hours of community service do you do each month?
 - a. 10 or more
 - b. 6 to 9
 - c. 3 to 5
 - d. 0 to 2
7. Which best describes the way you decide what positions to hold about the issues being debated?
 - a. I usually don't take sides; I like to remain neutral.
 - b. I tend to go along with what others around me think. If everyone believes something, they are probably right.
 - c. I usually just have a gut feeling that I listen to.
 - d. I take my responsibility to form my conscience seriously, so I make an effort to learn about teachings of the Church and Scripture, I examine the facts, and I prayerfully reflect on the issues so I can make the best decision possible.
8. Whose role is it to make the world a better place?
 - a. All of us have an equally pressing responsibility to make positive change in both our local communities and the world.
 - b. Everyone should be concerned about it, but we also have our own lives to worry about. We should all devote some time to helping others, but realistically, there is not a whole lot we can do.
 - c. Adults have more education and training, so it is their responsibility. There isn't much I can do.
9. What can you do to become more engaged in the world and to help make the Gospel message into modern society?

