Should Christians Support Donald Trump?

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- I. This sermon needs to be preached.
 - 1. The blind support of Donald Trump by the great majority of professing Christians is appalling and shameful.
 - A. This will be thoroughly proved in this sermon.
 - B. Christians had a plausible excuse for voting from Donald Trump in 2016 because he said some good things (but there were also many reasons to not vote for him as well).
 - C. But there is no excuse for supporting him after you hear this sermon.
 - D. This sermon is not as much of a rebuke of President Trump as it is a rebuke of Christians and supposed conservatives who support him.
 - 2. I am not saying that President Trump has done nothing good.
 - A. He (through congress) did cut taxes, which was good.
 - B. But the tax cuts only caused the deficit to explode out of control, so we will be taxed through inflation to pay for the tax cuts eventually.
 - C. He has cut some regulations, which is good.
 - D. But these good things, and any other good things he has done, do NOT make up for his wickedness and his disastrous policies.
 - 3. Every single thing that I will say in this sermon will be backed up with sources (I have at least 170 citations in this outline).
 - 4. So don't shoot the messenger if this sermon offends you.
 - 5. I have never been supporter of Donald Trump (though I liked some of the things he said while campaigning) because I knew what he was by his fruits.
 - 6. Here is what I predicted about Donald Trump's presidency in a Bible study (Isaiah 40 Part 1, 51-53min) on 11-16-2016 one week after he was elected.
 - A. "My prediction is that nothing will change. Nothing. In four years from now -- I could be wrong, and this is not a prophecy, so I'm not a false prophet. This is just my guess, okay. Nothing will change. In four years from now the military will be bigger than it is now, which he's already promised to do that. We're still going to be at war in the Middle East. Obama Care will still be in place, or at least most of the parts of it will still be in place. There will be no wall on the southern border. There will probably have been no deportations, or very few of them. Nothing is going to change. Abortion will be legal, of course. Gay marriage will be legal, of course. The debt will continue to climb. The debt ceiling will be raised, every single time it comes up. That's my prediction. Nothing will change. [Question asked: 'will any significant department of the Federal Government be dismantled?] No, no. I don't think any I think we'll still have the Department of Education, of Energy, of Commerce, Health and Welfare, all the Planned Parenthood I'll bet ya will still be federally funded. Nothing will change. That's my prediction. So we'll see. Let's see, 2020, we'll see if I was right."
 - B. All of my predictions were right so far with a partial exception to the Planned Parenthood funding prediction.
 - i. The Trump administration enacted a policy that withholds funds from Planned Parenthood and other family planning agencies if they refer women

for abortions (New Trump rules prompt Planned Parenthood to forgo federal funds, The Hill, 7-17-19).

- a. But Planned Parenthood still receives millions of dollars of government money through Medicaid reimbursements.
- b. "PPFA is the largest single provider of reproductive health services, including abortion, in the U.S. In their 2014 Annual Report, PPFA reported seeing over 2.5 million patients in over 4 million clinical visits and performing a total of nearly 9.5 million discrete services including 324,000 abortions. Its combined annual revenue is US\$1.3 billion, including approximately \$530 million in government funding such as Medicaid reimbursements." (*Planned Parenthood*, Wikipedia, 8-19-2019)
- ii. Despite the rhetoric, President Trump has been deporting illegals at a *slower* pace than President Obama.
 - "Despite a larger number of deportations in fiscal 2018 than 2017, the Trump administration's deportation levels still fall below those under the early years of the Obama administration, according to an Axios report. Under the Obama administration, deportations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials surpassed 385,000 each year between fiscal 2009 and 2011, Axios reports, citing data from the Department of Homeland Security. In fiscal 2012, deportations hit a high of more than 409,000, the outlet reports. But toward the end of Obama's second term, in fiscal 2015 and 2016, deportations fell below 250,000 people per year. By comparison, ICE deportations under President Trump dropped to about 226,000 in fiscal 2017, according to Axios. This number jumped to more than 250,000 in fiscal 2018. The Trump administration hit its highest total yet this fiscal year, with more than 282,000 deportations as of June. Trump has made immigration a core issue for his administration since he took office. On Monday, he issued a surprise announcement threatening to deport "millions of illegal aliens who have illicitly found their way into the United States." (Trump deporting immigrants at slower pace than Obama: report, The Hill, 6-21-2019)
- II. It's not wrong to criticize a wicked ruler.
 - 1. Elijah rebuked king Ahab (1Ki 18:18).
 - 2. Elisha called the king of Israel a son of murder (2Ki 6:32).
 - 3. A prophet rebuked king Amaziah (2Ch 25:16).
 - 4. Ezekiel called the king of Israel a profane wicked prince (Eze 21:25).
 - 5. Daniel told king Nebuchadnezzar to repent (**Dan 4:27**).
 - 6. Daniel rebuked king Belshazzar (**Dan 5:22-23**).
 - 7. John the Baptist reproved Herod for adultery and for his evils (Luk 3:19-20; Mar 6:17-18).
 - 8. Jesus called the ruler of the synagogue a hypocrite (Luk 13:14-16).
 - 9. Jesus called Herod a fox (Luk 13:32).
 - 10. How many Christians and pastors are rebuking President Trump for his wickedness and hypocrisy (which will be thoroughly documented in this study)?

- III. Christians everywhere praise Donald Trump.
 - 1. The vast majority of white evangelicals support Donald Trump.
 - A. "Roughly seven-in-ten white evangelical Protestants (69%) say they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, according to the Center's latest polling in January 2019. This is somewhat lower than Trump's approval rating in the earliest days of his tenure when about eight-in-ten white evangelicals (78%) approved of his job performance but is in line with most polls conducted by the Center since the inauguration." (Evangelical approval of Trump remains high, but other religious groups are less supportive, Pew Research Center, 3-18-2019)
 - B. "White evangelical Protestants who regularly attend church (that is, once a week or more) approve of Trump at rates matching or exceeding those of white evangelicals who attend church less often. Indeed, in the first few months of Trump's presidency, white evangelicals who attended church at least weekly were significantly more likely than less-frequent churchgoers to approve of Trump's performance (79% vs. 71%). In the most recent period analyzed from July 2018 to January 2019 70% of white evangelicals who attend church at least once a week approve of Trump, as do 65% of those who attend religious services less often." (*Evangelical approval of Trump remains high, but other religious groups are less supportive*, Pew Research Center, 3-18-2019)
 - C. "President Donald Trump's support among white evangelicals has remained at a steady high since taking office in January 2017, according to polls. The latest NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll, released Monday, found that 73 percent of white evangelical Christians approve of the job Trump is doing as president, while only 23 disapprove. Four percent indicated they were unsure." (*Nearly Three-Quarters Of White Evangelicals Approve Of Donald Trump*, Newsweek, 7-22-2019)
 - D. That means that nearly three quarters of "Christians" today are either ignorant of the truth about Donald Trump (will be thoroughly proved in this sermon), or they are morally reprehensible hypocrites.
 - 2. Here are a few quotes from "Christian" leaders about Donald Trump.
 - A. Jerry Falwell Jr.
 - i. "Matthew 7:16 tells us that by their fruits you shall know them. Donald Trump's life has borne fruit, fruit that has provided jobs to multitudes of people in addition to the many he has helped with his generosity." (Jerry Falwell Jr., Brainy Quote)
 - ii. "In my opinion, Donald Trump lives a life of loving and helping others as Jesus taught in the great commandment. He cannot be bought; he's not a puppet on a string like many other candidates... who have wealthy donors as their puppet masters." (Jerry Falwell Jr., Brainy Quote)
 - iii. "I see a lot of parallels between my father and Donald Trump." (Jerry Falwell Jr., <u>Brainy Quote</u>)

- iv. "Q: You and other white evangelical leaders have strongly supported President Donald Trump. What about him exemplifies Christianity and earns him your support?
 - "A: What earns him my support is his business acumen. Our country was so deep in debt and so mismanaged by career politicians that we needed someone who was not a career politician, but someone who'd been successful in business to run the country like a business. That's the reason I supported him." (*Jerry Falwell Jr. interview: Evangelical leader praises Trump's business acumen, says poor don't give to charity*, Chicago Tribune, 1-2-2019)
- v. "Q: The deficit and debt have increased during his first two years.
 - "A: Yeah, Congress, the spending bill that they forced on him in order to get the military spending up to where it needed to be he said that would be the last time he signed one of those. But he had no choice because (President Barack) Obama had decimated the military, and it had to be rebuilt." (*Jerry Falwell Jr. interview: Evangelical leader praises Trump's business acumen, says poor don't give to charity*, Chicago Tribune, 1-2-2019)
- vi. "Q: Is there anything President Trump could do that would endanger that support from you or other evangelical leaders?

"A: No.

"Q: That's the shortest answer we've had so far.

"A: Only because I know that he only wants what's best for this country, and I know anything he does, it may not be ideologically "conservative," but it's going to be what's best for this country, and I can't imagine him doing anything that's not good for the country." (*Jerry Falwell Jr. interview: Evangelical leader praises Trump's business acumen, says poor don't give to charity*, Chicago Tribune, 1-2-2019)

- vii. "Asked if the president was a good moral example, Falwell said: "Absolutely. Ever since I've known him, he's been a good, moral person, a strong leader, a tough leader and that's what this country needs."" (Christian leader Jerry Falwell urges Trump support: 'He's a moral person', The Guardian, 10-9-2018)
- B. Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son)
 - i. "The economy 8,000 points on the DOW, that's incredible, 31% growth that hasn't happened since FDR. This benefits everybody. If you've got a 401k, you are benefiting. And for me a Christian, it supports the work that we do. Whether you're an atheist, whether you're a Catholic, whether you're a Protestant, a Jew, it doesn't matter, we all are benefiting from this man.

He's a business man. He's not a politician. And that's what I think is so good. He doesn't play by the politicians rules. He's a business man whose trying to fix a broken system. And so as a Christian I support him and pray for him. It doesn't mean he's perfect; he's not President Perfect, but he's got his flaws like we all do. But he is certainly trying to fix this nation so it'll be better for my grandchildren and his grandchildren. So I say God bless the man and let's move forward." (Franklin Graham interviewed on Fox News, January, 2018)

- ii. "President Trump has been defending Christians. And I find this refreshing to have a president whose not afraid to say Jesus, he's not afraid to have prayers where people end in the name of Jesus. We've never had this, not in my lifetime. And he defends the Christian faith more than any president in my lifetime." (Franklin Graham interviewed on Fox News, January, 2018)
- C. Ralph Reed, founder and chairman of the Faith & Freedom Coalition
 - i. ""There has never been anyone who has defended us and who has fought for us, who we have loved more than Donald J. Trump. No one!" (Ralph Reed, *Gerson: Evangelicals praise Trump at steep moral consequence*, <u>Statesman</u>, 7-1-2019)
- D. Michele Bachmann, former US Congresswoman from Minnesota
 - i. "Donald Trump has had the courage in (sic) the fortitude, and I will say to your listeners in my lifetime I have never seen a more biblical president than I have seen in Donald Trump." (Michele Bachmann praises Trump:

 Americans will 'never see a more godly, biblical president', The Hill, 4-16-2019)
 - ii. "And I would say to your listeners we will in all likelihood never see a more godly, biblical president again in our lifetimes so we need to be not only praying for him; we need to support him, in my opinion." (*Michele Bachmann praises Trump: Americans will 'never see a more godly, biblical president'*, The Hill, 4-16-2019)
- 3. Why do Christians and pastors support and praise President Trump given what we are going to learn about him in this study?
 - A. The unjust should be an abomination to the just (**Pro 29:27**).
 - B. Woe unto them that call good evil and evil good! (Isa 5:20)
 - C. We are surrounded by wicked people because the vilest men are exalted (Psa 12:8).
 - D. Those that call the wicked righteous deserve to be cursed (**Pro 24:24**).
 - E. It will be proven in this study that President Trump is an ungodly and hypocritical man.

- IV. Why do Christians support and defend a wicked man like Donald Trump considering the following things about him?
- V. President Trump is an ungodly reprobate.
 - 1. President Trump is an adulterer (**Heb 13:4**).
 - A. Trump was secretly recorded on an Access Hollywood bus in 2005 saying, "I moved on her actually. You know she was down on Palm Beach. I moved on her and I failed. I'll admit it. I did try and (bleep) her. She was married. No, no. Nancy. No this was... And I moved on her very heavily, in fact I took her out furniture shopping. She wanted to get some furniture. I said I'll show you where they have some nice furniture. I took her out furniture. I moved on her like a bitch, but I couldn't get there, and she was married......I'm automatically attracted to beautiful I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything." (*Trump's uncensored lewd comments about women from 2005*, YouTube, 10-7-2016)
 - B. It has been alleged that Donald Trump has committed adultery against all three of his wives (*How Many Times Has Trump Cheated On His Wives? Here's What We Know*, Newsweek, 1-12-2018)
 - 2. President Trump is a blasphemer (**Exo 20:7**).
 - A. President Trump has publicly used the Lord's name in vain at least twice.
 - B. Speaking about a rich business man he had spoken to recently, President Trump said the following.
 - i. "I said, you know, you don't like me and I don't like you, I never have liked you and you never have liked me; but you're gonna support me because you're a rich guy, and if you don't support me, you're gonna to be so God damn poor, you're not gonna believe it. (audience cheers)" (*Trump Tells Businessman: You're Going to Vote for Me or You're Going to be So Goddam Poor*, YouTube, Greenville, NC, 7-17-2019)
 - C. At the same rally President Trump again used the Lord's name in vain when referring to bombing ISIS militants.
 - i. "They'll be hit so God damn hard," (FULL RALLY: President Trump Rally in Greenville, North Carolina, YouTube 1:22:38, 7-17-2019)
 - 3. President Trump is a murderer (Mat 19:18; Psa 10:8).
 - A. President Trump has continued the war in Afghanistan.
 - i. Before he was president, Donald Trump said repeatedly that the US needs to get out of Afghanistan.
 - a. "Why are we continuing to train these Afghanis who then shoot our soldiers in the back? Afghanistan is a complete waste. Time to come home!" (Donald Trump, Twitter, 8-21-2012)

- b. "Let's get out of Afghanistan. Our troops are being killed by the Afghanis we train and we waste billions there. Nonsense! Rebuild the USA." (Donald Trump, Twitter, 1-11-2013)
- c. "I agree with Pres. Obama on Afghanistan. We should have a speedy withdrawal. Why should we keep wasting our money -- rebuild the U.S.!" (Donald Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 1-14-2013)
- d. "We should leave Afghanistan immediately. No more wasted lives. If we have to go back in, we go in hard & quick. Rebuild the US first." (Donald Trump, Twitter, 3-1-2013)
- e. "We have wasted an enormous amount of blood and treasure in Afghanistan. Their government has zero appreciation. Let's get out!" (Donald Trump, Twitter, 11-21-2013)
- f. "Do not allow our very stupid leaders to sign a deal that keeps us in Afghanistan through 2024-with all costs by U.S.A. MAKE AMERICA GREAT!" (Donald Trump, Twitter, 11-21-2013)
- ii. Two and a half years into Donald Trump's presidency, he is still killing civilians by the thousands in Afghanistan.
 - a. "Afghan security forces and their American-led international allies have killed more civilians so far this year than the Taliban have, the United Nations said in a report on Tuesday, once again raising alarm that ordinary Afghans are bearing the brunt of an increasingly deadly 18-year war. In the first six months of the year, the conflict killed nearly 1,400 civilians and wounded about 2,400 more. Afghan forces and their allies caused 52 percent of the civilian deaths compared with 39 percent attributable to militants — mostly the Taliban, but also the Islamic State. The figures do not total 100 percent because responsibility for some deaths could not be definitively established. The higher civilian death toll caused by Afghan and American forces comes from their greater reliance on airstrikes, which are particularly deadly for civilians. The United Nations said airstrikes resulted in 363 civilian deaths and 156 civilian injuries. "While the number of injured decreased, the number of civilians killed more than doubled in comparison to the first six months of 2018, highlighting the lethal character of this tactic," the United Nations report said, referring to airstrikes." (Afghan and U.S. Forces Blamed for Killing More Civilians This Year Than Taliban Have, The New York Times, 7-30-2019)
- B. President Trump has continued the war in Yemen.
 - i. Saudi Arabia (aided by the US military) has been waging a brutal war against Yemen since 2015.
 - ii. There have been over 17,000 civilians killed and 50,000 people starved to death by this senseless war.
 - a. "Concurrently, a coalition led by Saudi Arabia launched military operations by using air strikes to restore the former Yemeni government. The United States provided intelligence and logistical

support for the campaign. According to the UN and other sources, from March 2015 to December 2017, between 8,670–13,600 people were killed in Yemen, including more than 5,200 civilians, as well as estimates of more than 50,000 dead as a result of an ongoing famine due to the war.

"The conflict has been widely seen as an extension of the Iran–Saudi Arabia proxy conflict and as a means to combat Iranian influence in the region. In 2018, the United Nations warned that 13 million Yemeni civilians face starvation in what it says could become "the worst famine in the world in 100 years."

"The international community has sharply condemned the Saudi Arabian-led bombing campaign, which has included widespread bombing of civilian areas. The bombing campaign has killed or injured an estimated 17,729 civilians as of March 2019 according to the Yemen Data Project. Despite this, the crisis has only recently begun to gain as much international media as the Syrian civil war.

"The US has been providing bombs to aid the Saudi forces and airstrikes in Yemen. In March 2019, this has led the US Senate to pass a resolution to end US support of Saudi Arabia. It has since been vetoed by President of the United States Donald Trump, and in May, the Senate failed to override the veto." (*Yemeni Civil War* (2015–present), Wikipedia, 8-6-2019)

- iii. Congress passed a bill that would have stopped the US military from aiding Saudi Arabia which would have ended the genocide because the Saudis can't wage their bombing campaign on their own.
- iv. President Trump vetoed the bill, permitting the US military to continue a war that is murdering and starving civilians by the tens of thousands.
 - a. "The Senate on Thursday failed to overturn President Donald Trump's veto of legislation that would have ended U.S. military assistance for the Saudi-led war in Yemen against Iran-backed rebels, but lawmakers promised to keep close watch on the administration's ties with the kingdom. While the 53-45 vote to override fell well short of the required two-thirds, passage of the resolution in April was an unprecedented rebuke of Trump's foreign policy and a milestone for Congress, which invoked never-before-used powers in an effort to halt foreign military activity. The United States is providing logistical support and intelligence-sharing for a war that has killed thousands of civilians and left millions more on the brink of famine." (*Trump's Yemen war policy survives Senate veto override bid*, NBC News, 5-2-2019)
 - b. Therefore, after his veto, President Trump is *personally* responsible for all of the murder and starvation of thousands of civilians that is

happening in Yemen because the Saudis could not continue the war without the support of the US military.

- C. President Trump is reportedly on pace to drop over 175,000 bombs during his first term in office, during a time when were are not even officially at war with any country.
 - i. "The United States Government, under the Trump administration, reportedly drops a bomb every 12 minutes, which means that 121 bombs are dropped in a day, and 44,096 bombs per year. The Pentagon's data show that during George W. Bush's eight years he averaged 24 bombs dropped per day, that is, 8,750 per year. Over the course of Obama's time in office, his military dropped 34 bombs per day, 12,500 per year. This shows that even though American presidents are all war criminals, Trump is the most vicious of them all." (US Government Drops 121 Bombs Every Day, Reports Say, News Click, 6-13-2019)
 - ii. "Six months into Trump's presidency, we now have enough data to assess his own approach. The results are clear: Judging from Trump's embrace of the use of air power the signature tactic of U.S. military intervention he is the most hawkish president in modern history. Under Trump, the United States has dropped about 20,650 bombs through July 31, or 80 percent the number dropped under Obama for the entirety of 2016. At this rate, Trump will exceed Obama's last-year total by Labor Day.

"In Iraq and Syria, data shows that the United States is dropping bombs at unprecedented levels. In July, the coalition to defeat the Islamic State (read: the United States) dropped 4,313 bombs, 77 percent more than it dropped last July. In June, the number was 4,848 — 1,600 more bombs than were dropped in any one month under President Barack Obama since the anti-ISIS campaign started three years ago.

"In Afghanistan, the number of weapons released has also shot up since Trump took office. April saw more bombs dropped in the country since the height of Obama's troop surge in 2012. That was also the month that the United States bombed Afghanistan's Mamand Valley with the largest non-nuclear bomb ever dropped in combat.

"Trump has also escalated U.S. military involvement in non-battlefield settings — namely Yemen, Somalia, and Pakistan. In the last 193 days of the Obama presidency, there were 21 lethal counterterrorism operations across these three countries. Trump has quintupled that number, conducting at least 92 such operations in Yemen, seven in Somalia, and four in Pakistan.

"Hand in hand with Trump's enthusiasm for air power comes a demonstrated tolerance for civilian casualties. Increased air power in Iraq and Syria has resulted in unprecedented levels of civilian deaths. Even by the military's own count, civilian casualties have soared since Trump took office, though independent monitors tally the deaths as many as ten times higher. In

Afghanistan, Trump's tolerance for killing civilians has led to 67 percent more civilian casualties in his first six months than in the first half of 2016, according to the United Nations." (*Donald Trump Is Dropping Bombs at Unprecedented Levels*, Foreign Policy, 8-9-2017)

- D. President Trump is killing innocent civilians everyday in the Middle East, and yet he has the audacity to https://www.hypocritically.condemn the killers in El Paso and Dayton who killed a fraction of a percent as many people as President Trump has.
- 4. Donald Trump is an unrepentant sinner (**Rom 2:4-5**).
 - A. He said that he has never asked God for forgiveness.
 - B. The following is a transcript of an interview of Donald Trump by Frank Luntz at the Family Leadership Summit on 7-18-2015.
 - i. Frank Luntz: "Have you ever asked God for forgiveness?"

Donald Trump: "That's a tough question [crowd laughs]. I don't think in terms [like that], I'm a religious person. Shockingly, these people are so shocked when they find this out. I'm Protestant, I'm Presbyterian, and I go to church and I love God and I love my church....[rambles on about his former pastor]"

Frank Luntz: "But have you ever asked God for forgiveness?" [crowd laughs]

Donald Trump: "I'm not sure I have. I just go on and try to do a better job from there. I don't think so. If I do something wrong, I think I just try and make it right. I don't bring God into that picture. Now when I take, you know, when we go to church, and when I drink my little wine, which is about the only wine I drink, and have my little cracker, I guess that's a form of asking for forgiveness. I do that a often as possible because I feel cleansed." (*Donald Trump: "I haven't asked God for forgiveness"*, YouTube, 7-18-2015)

- C. Trump was later interviewed by Jake Tapper about his admission to Frank Luntz that he has never asked God for forgiveness. The following is a transcript of their conversation.
 - i. Jake Tapper: "One of the potential attack lines has to do with an answer you gave to Frank Luntz months ago when you said that you've never asked God for forgiveness. Do you regret making that remark?"

Donald Trump: "No, I have great relationship with God. I have great relationship with the evangelicals. In fact nationwide I'm up by a lot; I'm leading everybody. But I like to be good. I don't like to have to ask for forgiveness. And I am good. I don't do a lot of things that are bad. I try and do nothing that is bad. I live a very different life than probably a lot of people would think, and I have a very great relationship with God, and I have a very great relationship with evangelicals." (*Trump has "great realtionship"* (sic) with God, YouTube, 1-17-2016)

- D. There is none that doeth good (**Rom 3:12**).
- E. There is none good but God (Mar 10:18).
- 5. Donald Trump has a filthy mouth (Rom 3:14; Jam 3:9-10).
 - A. Here are direct quotes from Donald Trump said in public rallies.
 - i. "The democrats have to now decide whether they will continue defrauding the public with ridiculous bullshit." (*President Donald Trump Swears At Rally, Accusing Democrats Of 'Ridiculous Bull----' | NBC News*, YouTube, 3-28-2019)
 - ii. "But it's political bullshit." (*Donald Trump BAD WORDS! Compilation* YouTube, 1-18-2018)
 - iii. "My tax proposal cuts the hell out of taxes." (Ibid)
 - iv. "You bet your ass I'd approve him." (Ibid)
 - v. "Their ripping the shit out of the sea." (Ibid)
 - vi. "We're going to knock the shit out of ISIS, we're gonna knock the shit out of them." (Ibid)
 - vii. "I would bomb the shit out of them." (Ibid)
 - viii. "We'll beat the shit out of them." (<u>Ibid</u>)
 - ix. "Whoever the hell brought this mic system...the son of a bitch that put it in I'll tell ya." (Ibid)
 - x. "It's 1999, I'm on Meet the Press, a show now headed by sleepy-eyes Chuck Todd, he's a sleeping son of a bitch, I'll tell ya. (audience cheers)" (*President Trump calls NBC's Chuck Todd a sleeping "son of a bitch!"*, YouTube, 3-10-2018)
 - xi. "She said he's a pussy." (*Donald Trump BAD WORDS! Compilation* YouTube, 1-18-2018)
 - xii. "You can tell them to go (mouths the word "fuck") themselves." (Ibid)
 - xiii. "You're not gonna raise that fuckin' price. You understand me?" (Ibid)
 - xiv. "Listen you mother fuckers..." (Ibid)
 - xv. "I said, you know, you don't like me and I don't like you, I never have liked you and you never have liked me; but you're gonna support me because you're a rich guy, and if you don't support me, you're gonna to be so God damn poor, you're not gonna believe it. (audience cheers)" (*Trump Tells Businessman: You're Going to Vote for Me or You're Going to be So Goddam Poor*, YouTube, Greenville, NC, 7-17-2019)
 - xvi. "They'll be hit so <u>God damn</u> hard," (*FULL RALLY: President Trump Rally in Greenville, North Carolina*, <u>YouTube</u> 1:22:38, 7-17-2019)
 - B. Many Christians who support, defend, and apologize for Donald Trump would condemn me for reading his own words in public.
 - i. I realize that using some of these words is not necessarily sinful in certain contexts, but if Donald Trump speaks like this regularly in public, then what must he speak like in private?
 - ii. What would Trump supporters say if Barack Obama spoke like that in public? They would have piously condemned him.
 - iii. What do they say when President Trump speaks like that in public? They ignore it or make excuses for him.

iv. Hypocrites!

- 6. Donald Trump is a proud, arrogant, egotistical man.
 - A. Pride is a wicked sin which God hates (Pro 6:16-17; Pro 8:13; Pro 16:5).
 - i. <u>Pride</u> 1. a. A high or overweening opinion of one's own qualities, attainments, or estate, which gives rise to a feeling and attitude of superiority over and contempt for others; inordinate self-esteem.
 - ii. This definition fits Donald Trump perfectly.
 - B. Donald Trump is possibly the most boastful, proud man that the world has ever seen.
 - i. President Trump said to a crowd of reporters, "I am the chosen one", as he looked up to heaven.
 - a. "Over the last five or six years, China's made 500 billion dollars, 500 billion, ripped it out of the United States. And not only that, if you take a look, intellectual property theft -- add that to it, and add a lot of other things to it. So somebody, excuse me, somebody had to do it. [he turns and looks up to heaven] **I am the chosen one**. Somebody had to do it. So I'm taking on China." (*Trump Says He's the 'Chosen One' to Economically Take on China*, YouTube, 8-21-19)
 - b. Blasphemy!
 - ii. President Trump quoted Wayne Allyn Root on August 21, 2019 saying that Trump is loved by Jews in Israel "like he's the King of Israel" and "the second coming of God."
 - a. ""Thank you to Wayne Allyn Root for the very nice words.
 "President Trump is the greatest President for Jews and for Israel in the history of the world, not just America, he is the best President for Israel in the history of the world...and the Jewish people in Israel love him like he's the King of Israel. They love him like he is the second coming of God...But American Jews don't know him or like him. They don't even know what they're doing or saying anymore. It makes no sense! But that's OK, if he keeps doing what he's doing, he's good for all Jews, Blacks, Gays, everyone. And importantly, he's good for everyone in America who wants a job." Wow!"

 (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 8-21-2019)
 - b. Trump obviously agrees with Root that he is like the "king of Israel" and "the second coming of God."
 - c. Blasphemy!
 - C. Here is just a sampling of things that President Trump has said which demonstrate his pride.
 - i. "Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart. Crooked Hillary Clinton also played these cards very hard and, as everyone knows, went down in flames. I went from VERY successful businessman, to top T.V. Star to President of the United States (on my first try). I think that would qualify as not smart, but

- genius....and a very stable genius at that!" (Donald Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 1-6-2018)
- ii. "Nobody knows the system better than me." (*Donald Trump Can't Stop Congratulating Donald Trump*, YouTube, 3-1-2018)
- iii. "Nobody knows politicians better than I do." (Ibid)
- iv. "There's nobody bigger or better at the military than I am." (Ibid)
- v. "I love the first amendment. Nobody loves it better than me." (Ibid)
- vi. "Nobody loves the Bible more than I do." (Ibid)
- vii. "There is nobody that respects women more than I do." (Ibid)
- viii. "Nobody builds walls better than me." (Ibid)
- ix. "Nobody, in the history of this country, has ever known so much about infrastructure as Donald Trump." (<u>Ibid</u>)
- x. "Nobody knows debt better than me." (<u>Ibid</u>)
- xi. "Nobody even understands it but me." (Ibid)
- xii. "Nobody can do it like me." (Ibid)
- xiii. "Which is why I alone can fix it." (<u>Ibid</u>)
- xiv. "I have Ivy League education, smart guy." (Ibid)
- xv. "I know words, I have the best words." (Ibid)
- xvi. "I mean, like, I'm a smart person." (<u>Ibid</u>)
- xvii. "I'm good at war. I've had a lot of wars of my own. I'm really good at war." (Ibid)
- xviii. "It's a rigged system. I think I've done a great service pointing this out." (Ibid)
- xix. "I was the one that really broke the glass ceiling on behalf of women." (Ibid)
- xx. "I truly believe that the first 100 days of my administration has been just about the most successful in our country's history." (Ibid)
- xxi. "I think we've done more in two and a half years than any president ever." (FULL RALLY: President Trump Rally in Greenville, North Carolina, YouTube, 7-17-2019)
- xxii. "I promise: 2024, I leave. By that time, just so you know, by that time our country will be so well seated, it will be so strong like never ever in our history." (Ibid)
- xxiii. Speaking before the UN General Assembly: "In less than two years, my administration has accomplished more than almost any administration in the history of our country." (When Donald Trump's bragging triggers the UN General Assembly's laughter, YouTube, 9-26-2018)
- xxiv. "I had an uncle who was a great professor at MIT for 35 years. Is Donald Trump an intellectual? Trust me, I'm like a smart person." (*Donald Trump Believes His Genes Are The Secret To His Success, Says Children Will Benefit | TIME*, YouTube, 9-12-2017)
- xxv. "You ever notice they always call the other side, and they do this on purpose, the elite, the elite. Why are they elite? I have a much better apartment than they do. I'm smarter than they are. I'm richer than they are. I became president and they didn't. And I'm representing the greatest, smartest, most loyal, best people on earth, the deplorables, remember that?"

(In Chaotic Speech, Trump Brags About How Freaking Rich He Is, YouTube, 6-21-2018)

xxvi. "They said, well he's probably not as rich as people think. But then it turned out I was much richer." (*Donald Trump brags about his wealth and success*, YouTube, 8-16-2015)

xxvii. "I'm really rich." (*Donald Trump: I'm Rich!*, <u>YouTube</u>, 6-17-2015) xxviii. "Well, China is wonderful for China, but I'm wonderful for the USA." (*Trump Says He's the 'Chosen One' to Economically Take on China*, YouTube, 8-21-19)

- D. President Trump is heading for destruction (Pro 16:18; Pro 18:12).
- 7. Donald Trump is a liar (**Eph 4:25**).
 - A. He said repeatedly that if he were president Hillary Clinton would be in jail.
 - B. During one of the presidential debates Trump said that when elected he would create a special prosecutor and look into Hillary Clinton's email scandal and she would be in jail.
 - i. Trump: "[speaking to Hillary Clinton] If I win, I am going to instruct my attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation because there has never been so many lies, so much deception. There has never been anything like it, and we're going to have a special prosecutor."

(Trump threatens to put Clinton in jail if he becomes president, <u>YouTube</u>, 10-10-16)

ii. Trump: "After getting the subpoena you delete 33,000 emails and then you acid wash them, or bleach them as you would say, very expensive process. So we're going to get a special prosecutor and we're going to look into it because you know what, people have been, their lives have been destroyed for doing one fifth of what you have done. And it's a disgrace, and honestly, you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Clinton: (She denies everything) and then says "It's just awfully good that someone with the temperament of Donald Trump is not in charge of the law in our country."

Trump: "Because you'd be in jail."

(Trump Just Suggested Clinton 'Would Be in Jail' if He Were President, YouTube, 10-9-2016)

- C. During a rally in October, 2016, Trump said the following: "She gets a subpoena and after, not before, that would be bad, but after getting the subpoena to give over your emails and lots of other things, she deleted the emails. She has to go to jail." (*Donald Trump: Clinton 'has to go to jail'*, YouTube, 10-12-2016)
- D. After being elected, he reneged on that promise. He said the following when being interviewed on 60 minutes.

i. Interviewer: "Are you going to ask for a special prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton over her emails, and are you as you had said to her face going to try to put her in jail?"

Trump: "Well, I'll tell you what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna think about it. I feel that I want to focus on jobs, I want to focus on healthcare, I want to focus on the border and immigration, and doing a really great immigration bill; we want to have a great immigration bill, and I want to focus on all of these other things that we've been talking about and get the country straightened away."

Interviewer: "You called her Crooked Hillary, said you wanted to get her in jail. Your people and your audiences kept saying 'lock 'em up'."

Trump: "Yeah. She did some bad things. I mean She did some bad things."

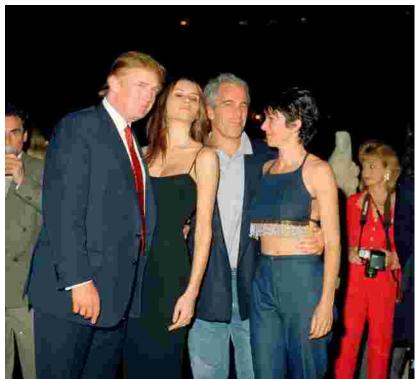
Interviewer: "I know, but that special prosecutor?"

Trump: "I don't want to hurt them. I don't want to hurt them. They're good people. I don't want to hurt them. And I will give you a very, very good and definitive answer the next time we do 60 Minutes together."

(Trump: "[The Clintons] are good people. I don't want to hurt them" vs. Marx, YouTube, 11-13-2016)

- ii. President Trump called Bill and Hillary Clinton, some of the most corrupt and vile people on the face of the earth, "good people."
 - a. He condemned Bill Clinton for sexually abusing women and Hillary for trying to cover it up only a month before calling them "good people."
 - (i) "Bill Clinton was abusive to women. Hillary Clinton attacked those same women, and attacked them viciously, four of them are here tonight. One of the women, who is a wonderful woman, at 12 years old was raped at 12. [He points at Hillary Clinton] Her client she represented, got him off, and she's seen laughing on two separate occasions, laughing at the girl who was raped." (*Presidential debate: Trump attacks Bill Clinton for alleged abuse to women*, YouTube, 10-9-2016)
 - (ii) "There's never been anyone more abusive to women in politics than Bill Clinton. My words were unfortunate-the Clintons' actions were far worse" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 10-9-2016)
 - b. President Trump calls evil good (Isa 5:20). Woe unto him!
- iii. President Trump never kept his word and hired a special prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton. He is a liar.

- 8. Donald Trump is (or at least was) friends with desperately wicked men (**Pro 13:20**).
 - A. He was friends with the convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein.
 - B. Trump is seen here on video partying with Jeffrey Epstein in 1992 at Trump's Mara-Lago estate in Florida.
 - C. Trump and his then girlfriend Melania also posed with Epstein and his partner in crime Ghislaine Maxwell at Trump's Mar-a-Lago in this photo on February 12, 2000.



- D. Trump said the following about Epstein to New York Magazine in 2002: "I've known Jeff for fifteen years. Terrific guy. He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it Jeffrey enjoys his social life." (*Jeffrey Epstein: International Moneyman of Mystery*, New York Magazine, 10-28-2002)
- 9. Donald Trump doesn't have control of his tongue (Ecc 10:11-14).
 - A. A quick look at his Twitter feed will demonstrate this.
 - i. "From the morning of his inauguration through its one-year anniversary, Trump has sent out a whopping 2,568 tweets. That amounts to just a bit more than seven tweets per day." (How Many Times Has Trump Tweeted As President? Twitter Is His Best Friend, Bustle.com, 1-24-2018)
 - ii. "Donald Trump's use of social media has attracted worldwide attention. He frequently uses Twitter and other social media platforms to make comments about other politicians, celebrities and daily news. From his official declaration of candidacy in June 2015 through the first two-and-a-half years of his presidency, he tweeted over 17,000 times. Since early in his presidency, his tweets have been considered official statements by the president of the United States. He often posts controversial or false

- statements, and his advisors have warned him that his tweets may alienate some of his supporters. In a June 2017 Fox News poll, 70 percent of respondents said Trump's tweets were hurting his agenda. In a January 2019 UMass Lowell poll, 68 percent of all respondents aged 18–37 said Trump tweets too much." (*Donald Trump on social media*, Wikipedia, 8-8-2019)
- iii. 17,000 tweets in the four years since announcing his candidacy for president in June 2015 means that Donald Trump has send over 11 tweets per day on average.
- B. A wise man spares his words (Pro 17:27-28).
- C. A fool utters all his mind (Pro 29:11).
- 10. Donald Trump encourages the ungodly and unwise practice of taking on debt (**Pro 22:7**; **Rom 13:8**).
 - A. ""I'm the king of debt. I'm great with debt. Nobody knows debt better than me," Trump told Norah O'Donnell in an interview that aired on "CBS This Morning." "I've made a fortune by using debt, and if things don't work out I renegotiate the debt. I mean, that's a smart thing, not a stupid thing." "How do you renegotiate the debt?" O'Donnell followed up. "You go back and you say, hey guess what, the economy crashed," Trump replied. "I'm going to give you back half." (*Trump: 'I'm the king of debt'*, Politico, 6-22-2016)
 - B. "I'm the king of debt. I understand debt better than probably anybody. I know how do deal with debt very well. I love debt. But you know debt is tricky and it's dangerous and you have to be careful and you have to know what your doing." (Donald Trump: My debt comments were misrepresented, YouTube, 5-9-2016)

VI. President Trump is not pro-life in practice.

- 1. The Alabama legislature passed very strict laws outlawing abortion in nearly every circumstance including rape and incest.
- 2. Instead of supporting that law and truly opposing the murder of innocent children, President Trump insinuated that the Alabama bill went too far.
 - A. "President Trump and GOP Sen. Mitt Romney said they favor exceptions to strict abortion bans recently passed by several states in an effort to get the Supreme Court to overturn the landmark case of Roe v. Wade.

""As most people know, and for those who would like to know, I am strongly Pro-Life, with the three exceptions – Rape, Incest and protecting the Life of the mother – the same position taken by Ronald Reagan," Trump wrote on Twitter late Saturday.

"But he encouraged Republicans to remain united on the controversial issue.

""If we are foolish and do not stay UNITED as one, all of our hard fought gains for Life can, and will, rapidly disappear!," he wrote.

"Romney said he doesn't support Alabama's abortion law — the country's strictest — that forbids abortions in nearly all cases, including rape and incest.

""I believe that there ought to be exceptions. I'm pro-life, but there ought to be exceptions for rape and incest and where the life of the mother is at risk," the Utah Republican said on CNN's "State of the Union." (*Trump and Romney say Alabama abortion law went too far*, New York Post, 5-19-2019)

- 3. A truly pro-life president would oppose the murdering of unborn children under any circumstance (Isa 7:14 c/w Mat 1:23 c/w Mat 19:18).
- 4. If President Trump and the republicans really wanted to end abortion, they would pass Ron Paul's *Sanctity of Life Act* which would immediately overturn Roe v. Wade by defining legal personhood as beginning at conception (*Sanctity of Life Act*, Wikipedia, 8-27-2019).
- 5. Ron Paul introduced the bill four years in a row beginning in 2005, but it was never brought up for a vote and died in subcommittee.
- 6. President Trump and the republican representatives and senators are hypocrites when it comes to abortion (and many other things).

VII. President Trump supports the sodomites (Rom 1:26-27, 32; Lev 18:22; Lev 20:13).

1. Trump showed off a sodomite rainbow flag at one of his rallies that had "LGBTs for TRUMP" written on it. (*Donald Trump's Trans Military Ban Walks Back Promises To LGBTQ Community | NBC News*, YouTube, 7-26-2017)



- 3. Image from Pacific Standard.
- 4. Here is what President Trump has said about his support for sodomites and transgenders.
 - A. "The LGBT community, the gay community, the lesbian community, they are so much in favor of what I've been saying over the last three or four days." (*Donald Trump's Trans Military Ban Walks Back Promises To LGBTQ Community | NBC News*, YouTube, 7-26-2017)
 - B. "I am far better for women. I am far better for gays [crowd cheers]." (Ibid)
 - C. "[referring to transgender bathrooms] You leave it the way it is. There have been very few complaints the way it is. People go, they use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate." (Everything President Trump Has Said About The LGBTQ Community, Including Fighting For Them | TIME, YouTube, 4-21-2016)
 - D. Interviewer: "So if Caitlyn Jenner were to walk into Trump Tower and want to use the bathroom, you would be fine with her using any bathroom she chooses?"

Candidate Trump: "That is correct." (Ibid)

- E. While speaking at the Republican National Convention, Candidate Trump said, "As your president, I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology." (*Donald Trump's Trans Military Ban Walks Back Promises To LGBTQ Community | NBC News*, YouTube, 6-21-2016)
- F. Interviewer: "One of the groups that's expressing fear are the LBGTQ group."

President Trump: "And did I mention them at the Republican National Convention?

Interviewer: "You did."

President Trump: "And everybody said 'that was so great'. I have been, you know, I have been a supporter." (Ibid)

- G. "Ask yourself, 'who is really the friend of women and the LGBT community? Donald Trump with actions, or Hillary Clinton with her words?' I will tell you who the better friend is, and some day I believe that will be proven out bigly." (Ibid)
- H. "A radical Islamic terrorist targeted the night club. Not only because he wanted to kill Americans, but in order to execute gay and lesbian citizens because of their sexual orientation. It's a strike at the heart and soul of who we are as a nation."

 (Everything President Trump Has Said About The LGBTQ Community, Including Fighting For Them | TIME, YouTube, 6-13-2016)
- I. "A friend of mine called up, he said 'you know, you don't get enough credit because in Palm Beach, you opened a club that nobody would do, nobody would do, and it's open to everybody, it's open to everybody.' And a person, a member of the club, a great guy, who is gay, wrote this magnificent letter saying what Donald Trump did, nobody else would do." (Ibid)
- J. Interviewer: "Do you support marriage equality?"

President-elect Trump: "It's irrelevant because it was already settled, it's law. It was settled in the Supreme Court, I mean, it's done."

Interviewer: "So even if you appoint a judge that...[didn't finish her question]"

President-elect Trump: "It's done, and you have these cases have gone to the Supreme Court, they've been settled, and I'm fine with that." (Ibid)

- K. "Thank you to the LGBT community! I will fight for you while Hillary brings in more people that will threaten your freedoms and beliefs." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 6-14-2016)
- L. "As we celebrate LGBT Pride Month and recognize the outstanding contributions LGBT people have made to our great Nation, let us also stand in solidarity with the many LGBT people who live in dozens of countries worldwide that punish,

- imprison, or even execute individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation. My Administration has launched a global campaign to decriminalize homosexuality and invite all nations to join us in this effort! (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 5-31-2019)
- M. President Trump is a wicked man for supporting what God hates.

VIII. President Trump is not pro-gun (Luk 22:36; Luk 11:21).

- 1. President Trump has called for outlawing the sale of rifles to adults aged 18-20.
 - A. "It doesn't make sense that I have to wait till I'm 21 to get a handgun, but I can get this weapon at 18, I don't know?" (*Trump clashes with Republicans in gun control meeting*, YouTube, 2-18-2018)
 - B. "I will be strongly pushing Comprehensive Background Checks with an emphasis on Mental Health. Raise age to 21 and end sale of Bump Stocks! Congress is in a mood to finally do something on this issue I hope!" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 2-22-2018)
- 2. President Trump has called for universal background checks for purchasing guns.
 - A. President Trump knows that background checks do not prevent criminals from getting guns, yet he is calling for them anyway.
 - i. Here is what Donald Trump himself wrote in his own book.
 - ii. "Unfortunately, as expected, bringing more government regulation into the situation has accomplished very little. The main 'benefit' has been to make it difficult for a law-abiding American to buy a gun. As study after study has proven, few criminals are stupid enough to try to pass a background check or have their names in any kind of system." (Donald Trump, *Great Again: How to Fix Our Crippled America*, 2015)
 - B. "We're going to do strong background checks. We're gonna work on getting the age up to 21 instead of 18. We're getting rid of the bump-stocks." (*Trump proposes changes to gun laws*, YouTube, 2-22-2018)
 - C. "Whether we are Republican or Democrat, we must now focus on strengthening Background Checks!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 2-20-2018)
 - D. "We cannot let those killed in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, die in vain. Likewise for those so seriously wounded. We can never forget them, and those many who came before them. Republicans and Democrats must come together and get strong background checks, perhaps marrying this legislation with desperately needed immigration reform. We must have something good, if not GREAT, come out of these two tragic events!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 8-5-2019)
 - E. "Serious discussions are taking place between House and Senate leadership on meaningful Background Checks. I have also been speaking to the NRA, and others, so that their very strong views can be fully represented and respected. Guns should not be placed in the hands of mentally ill or deranged people. I am the biggest Second Amendment person there is, but we all must work together for the good and safety of our Country. Common sense things can be done that are good for everyone!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 8-9-2019)
 - F. ""There is a great appetite, and I mean a very strong appetite, for background checks. And I think we can bring up background checks like we've never had

- before," Trump said. "I think both Republican[s] and Democrat[s] are getting close to a bill on to doing something with background checks."" (*Poll: Most Republicans support assault weapons ban, despite Trump saying 'no appetite'*, Politico, 8-7-2019)
- G. The FBI just recently said that if you believe in conspiracy theories, you are a "domestic terrorist threat".
 - i. "The FBI for the first time has identified fringe conspiracy theories as a domestic terrorist threat, according to a previously unpublicized document obtained by Yahoo News." (Exclusive: FBI document warns conspiracy theories are a new domestic terrorism threat, Yahoo News, 8-1-2019)
 - ii. I think this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to who the government will determine to be "mentally ill" and "deranged" and will therefore not be allowed to purchase or own a gun.
- 3. President Trump signed a law outlawing bump-stocks.
 - A. "The Trump administration rolled out a new federal regulation Tuesday officially banning bump-fire stocks. Those who possess the devices, which make it easier to fire rounds from a semi-automatic weapon by harnessing the gun's recoil to "bump" the trigger faster, will have 90 days to turn in or otherwise destroy them from the date that the final rule is published in the federal register -- likely this Friday -- according to senior DOJ officials." (*Trump administration officially bans bump stocks*, CNN, 12-18-2018)
 - B. "Trump said in October he told the National Rifle Association that "bump stocks are gone,"" (Ibid)
 - C. "I will be strongly pushing Comprehensive Background Checks with an emphasis on Mental Health. Raise age to 21 and end sale of Bump Stocks! Congress is in a mood to finally do something on this issue I hope!" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 2-22-2018)
 - D. "Very strong improvement and strengthening of background checks will be fully backed by White House. Legislation moving forward. Bump Stocks will soon be out. Highly trained expert teachers will be allowed to conceal carry, subject to State Law. Armed guards OK, deterrent!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 3-12-2018)
 - E. "Obama Administration legalized bump stocks. BAD IDEA. As I promised, today the Department of Justice will issue the rule banning BUMP STOCKS with a mandated comment period. We will BAN all devices that turn legal weapons into illegal machine guns." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 3-23-2018)
- 4. President Trump has publicly advocating taking guns from people without due process.
 - A. Regarding a Florida shooter, President Trump said, "The police saw that he was a problem; they didn't take any guns away. Now that could have been policing; I think they should have taken them away anyway, whether they had the right or not." (*Trump clashes with Republicans in gun control meeting*, YouTube, 2-18-2018)
 - B. "Take the firearms first, and then go to court." (*Trump stuns lawmakers with gun control demands*, YouTube, 3-1-2018)
 - C. "I like taking the guns early; so you could do exactly what you're saying, but take the guns first, go through due process second." (<u>Ibid</u>)

- 5. President Trump has called for "red-flag gun laws".
 - A. "Red flag" laws allow authorities to prevent a person from ever buying a gun or to take a person's guns based on a family member's or other's testimony claiming that the person is a danger to himself or others before the person has committed a crime.
 - B. "We must make sure that those judged to pose a grave risk to public safety do not have access to firearms, and that if they do, those firearms can be taken through rapid due process. That is why I have called for red-flag laws, also known as extreme risk protection orders." (WATCH LIVE: Trump addresses nation after backto-back mass shootings in Ohio and Texas, YouTube, 8-5-2019)
 - C. Red-flag laws are a very dangerous assault on our God-given rights to possess firearms to protect ourselves and our families.
- 6. A democrat could never get away with the assault on our gun rights that President Trump has.
- 7. Christians and conservatives who support President Trump, knowing these things, should be ashamed of themselves.

IX. President Trump is not fiscally conservative.

- 1. President Trump is increasing the Federal debt at a rate closely approaching what Obama did in his first term as president when the deficit was over \$1 Trillion per year in the depths of the Great Recession.
- 2. President Trump has increased the National Debt by \$1Trillion each year of his presidency so far.
 - A. The Federal Debt was \$19.9 Trillion when Trump was sworn into office on January 20, 2017 (*Trump and the National Debt*, The Balance, 8-1-2019).
 - B. The Federal Debt is now over \$22.5 Trillion on 8-19-2019 (usdebtclock.org).
 - C. That is in increase of \$1Trillion per year (2.6T/2.583 years).
- 3. "With a new bipartisan budget deal that does nothing to cut federal spending, Trump is on track for another \$1 trillion deficit this year. And there's no reason to believe the following fiscal year will be any different, with ballooning deficits from higher spending, the 2017 tax cuts Trump's signature legislative achievement, which slashed revenue and none of the entitlement reforms long preached by Republican leaders on Capitol Hill. Candidate Trump bragged that he would pay off the entire federal debt in eight years, but President Trump is governing as if deficits don't matter. In fact, Trump is approaching the level of red ink from President Barack Obama's first term, when Obama racked up trillion-dollar deficits four years in a row. Trump is on pace to do the same, starting with this year's yawning deficit of more than \$1 trillion, according to budget estimates. But there are huge differences: Trump has a growing economy with historically low unemployment and a soaring stock market, while Obama was battling a brutal downturn in the economy during the worst recession in 80 years, making it much harder to curb federal spending." (Deficit Don? Red ink gushes in Trump era, Politico, 7-22-2019)
- 4. "Donald Trump: As projected in Table S-10 in the FY 2020 budget, Trump plans to add \$5.088 trillion to the debt in his first term. That's a 30 percent increase from the \$20.245 trillion debt at the end of Obama's last budget for FY 2017. If he remains in office for a second term, he plans to add \$9.1 trillion. Trump had promised to eliminate the debt during his campaign.

- "Barack Obama: Added \$8.588 trillion, a 74 percent increase from the \$11.657 trillion debt at the end of Bush's last budget, FY 2009." (*US Debt by President by Dollar and Percent*, The Balance, 5-12-2019)
- 5. Those numbers don't factor in the considerable increase in government spending that will almost surely occur when the next recession hits (which has likely already begun).
- X. President Trump believes that he has unlimited power as president and jokes about being president for life.
 - 1. President Trump publicly said the following:
 - 2. "Then I have an Article 2, where I have the right to do whatever I want as president, but I don't even talk about that." (*Trump: 'I have an Article 2 where I have the right to do whatever I want as president'*, The Week, 7-23-2019) (video in link)
 - 3. "In the closed-door remarks, a recording of which was obtained by CNN, Trump also praised China's President Xi Jinping for recently consolidating power and extending his potential tenure, musing he wouldn't mind making such a maneuver himself. "He's now president for life. President for life. No, he's great," Trump said. "And look, he was able to do that. I think it's great. Maybe we'll have to give that a shot some day."" (*Trump on China's Xi consolidating power: 'Maybe we'll give that a shot some day'*, CNN Politics, 3-3-2018)
 - 4. There is an audio recording of Trump making that remark on the video in the CNN article above.

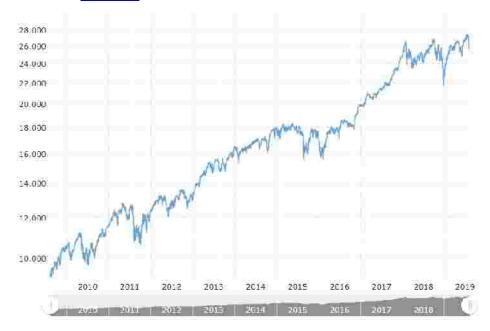
XI. President Trump is a hypocrite (Mat 23:28; 1Ti 4:2).

- 1. Candidate Trump said that the stock market was "a big fat ugly bubble" in 2016 when he was running for president.
 - A. Here is what candidate Trump said during his campaign for president in 2015 and 2016.
 - i. "Reduce our 18 trillion in debt because believe me, we're in a bubble. We have artificially low interest rates. We have a stock market that frankly has been good to me, but I still hate to see what's happening. We have a stock market that is so bloated. Be careful of a bubble, 'cause what you've seen in the past might be small potatoes compared to what happens. So be very, very careful." (*Trump Alludes to Stock Market Bubble*, YouTube, 6-16-2015)
 - ii. "The stock market now is starting to go down. We're sitting on a big, beautiful bubble." (*Trump's shifting views on stock market highs*, YouTube, 3-1-2016)
 - iii. "We have the worst revival of an economy since the Great Depression; and believe me, we're in a bubble right now. And the only thing that looks good is the stock market, but if you raise interest rates even a little bit, that's gonna come crashing down. We are in a big, fat, ugly bubble, and we better be awfully careful. And we have a Fed that's doing political things this Janet Yellen of the Fed. The Fed is doing political by keeping the interest rates at this level, and believe me the day Obama goes off and he leaves and he goes out to the golf course for the rest of his life to play golf, when they raise

- interest rates, you're gonna see some very bad things happen because the Fed is not doing their job. The Fed is being more political than Secretary Clinton." (*Trump: We Are in a Big Fat Ugly Bubble*, YouTube, 9-29-2016)
- B. Now President Trump says we have the greatest economy in the history of the country and he says the stock market is the barometer of his success.
 - i. During President Trump's first 15 months after being elected he tweeted about how great the stock market was at least 60 times.
 - a. "Since he won the presidency, Donald Trump has become Wall Street's cheerleader in chief. As markets climbed at the end of 2016 and throughout 2017, the president promoted a string of new milestones or records. He explicitly tied the rally to his policies and optimism about the economy's prospects during his administration. Presidents have typically tried to limit talk about stock market success because equities can just as easily slide. But Trump has embraced the stock market run since Election Day 2016, tweeting about stocks at least 60 times and highlighting markets during numerous public appearances." (Wall Street's cheerleader in chief: Trump has tweeted about the stock market at least 60 times since he was elected, CNBC, 2-6-2018)
 - ii. Without any sense of hypocrisy, President Trump, who just over a month before the election warned that the stock market was "a big, fat, ugly bubble", began to boast about the level of the market less than two months after being elected.
 - a. "The world was gloomy before I won there was no hope. Now the market is up nearly 10% and Christmas spending is over a trillion dollars!" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 12-26-2016)
 - b. "Stock market hits new high with longest winning streak in decades. Great level of confidence and optimism even before tax plan rollout!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 2-16-2017)
 - c. "We're doing tremendously well. Our stock market just hit an all-time high." (*Trump's shifting views on stock market highs*, <u>YouTube</u>, 7-6-2017)
 - d. "Stock Market hit another all-time high yesterday despite the Russian hoax story! Also, jobs numbers are starting to look very good!" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 7-15-2017)
 - e. "Stock market hit yet another all-time record high yesterday. There is great confidence in the moves that my Administration...is making. Working very hard on TAX CUTS for the middle class, companies and jobs!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 11-7-2017)
 - f. "If the Dems (Crooked Hillary) got elected, your stocks would be down 50% from values on Election Day. Now they have a great future and just beginning!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 12-31-2017)
 - g. "Dow goes from 18,589 on November 9, 2016, to 25,075 today, for a new all-time Record. Jumped 1000 points in last 5 weeks, Record fastest 1000 point move in history. This is all about the Make

America Great Again agenda! Jobs, Jobs, Jobs. Six trillion dollars in value created!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 11-5-2018)

- iii. This is going to come back to bite him very badly when this bubble economy bursts and comes crashing down to earth.
- iv. There has been no change in the trajectory of the stock market in the last 10 years which includes nearly all of President Obama's tenure.
 - a. Look at this chart of the stock market over the last 10 years, and please point out to me where the election of Donald Trump is based on this chart.



2. Candidate Trump said that the unemployment numbers and other statistics on the economy were fake numbers that were hiding a bad economy.

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- A. Candidate Trump said that the economy was in terrible shape during Obama's presidency, which he was right about.
 - We have the worst revival of an economy since the Great Depression; and believe me, we're in a bubble right now. And the only thing that looks good is the stock market, but if you raise interest rates even a little bit, that's gonna come crashing down. We are in a big, fat, ugly bubble, and we better be awfully careful. And we have a Fed that's doing political things this Janet Yellen of the Fed. The Fed is doing political by keeping the interest rates at this level, and believe me the day Obama goes off and he leaves and he goes out to the golf course for the rest of his life to play golf, when they raise interest rates, you're gonna see some very bad things happen because the Fed is not doing their job. The Fed is being more political than Secretary Clinton." (*Trump: We Are in a Big Fat Ugly Bubble*, YouTube, 9-29-2016)
- B. He said that the unemployment numbers were not showing the real state of the economy, which he was right about.
 - i. "It's not a question of unfair, ah, you know, it's a false, it's a false economy that we're living in. We're in a bubble. And more importantly, when you

- look at unemployment in this country, we have close to 100 million people that are out of work, and yet we have a 5.3% unemployment rate which is a total joke. I think the real number is probably into the 30s. Somebody I actually read the other day, they said it's actually 42%. And that's the real number. You know when you go out there you see tremendously unhappy people, and then you read, oh the jobs numbers. Well, it's a phony number because when you stop looking for a job you're no longer in that statistic. So if you're looking for a job and you stop, you're no longer in the statistic, John. And then they say it's a 5.2, 5.3%; it's not 5.3%, it's in the 20s, 30s, it could even be in the 40s. And there are a lot of unhappy people out there. And it's just this was made up by the politicians for the politicians, the accounting method, so that they could look good. But let me tell you something, the Obama administration we have tremendous unemployment in this country." (*Donald Trump: We're living in a "false economy"*, YouTube, 9-14-2015)
- ii. "At the core of my contract is my plan to bring back our jobs about time. The terrible jobs report that just came out shows the number of people not in the work force increased by another 425,000 people last month. That's why you see these phony numbers about 5% unemployed people are stopping, they're not looking for work anymore because they can't get a job and they take them off the roles. These numbers are an absolute disaster. Labor force participation has fallen to it's lowest level in nearly 40 years. That's what's happened. Nearly one in four people in their prime working years are not working. They wanna work, they're not working. After eight years, Obama is the first president in modern history not to have a single year of 3% growth. We're growing at an average of probably 1-2%, nobody even knows. Nobody believes the numbers anyway; the numbers they put out are phony as far as I'm concerned. For millions of Americans it's an economic nightmare." (Donald Trump: Jobs Numbers an "Absolute Disaster", YouTube, 11-4-2016)
- C. Now President Trump says we have the greatest economy in the history of the country and brags about how low unemployment is.
 - i. "This is my 500th. Day in Office and we have accomplished a lot many believe more than any President in his first 500 days. Massive Tax & Regulation Cuts, Military & Vets, Lower Crime & Illegal Immigration, Stronger Borders, Judgeships, Best Economy & Jobs EVER, and much more..." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 6-4-2018)
 - ii. "The Economy is the BEST IT HAS EVER BEEN! Even much of the Fake News is giving me credit for that!" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 7-2-2019)
 - iii. "Stock Market at all time high, unemployment at lowest level in years (wages will start going up) and our base has never been stronger!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 7-2-2017)
 - iv. "JOBS, JOBS, JOBS! "Jobs surge in April, unemployment rate falls to the lowest since 1969"" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 5-3-2019)
- D. Less than two months after assuming office, President Trump said that the numbers used to be phony, but they aren't anymore.

- i. The following is from a press conference with Press Secretary Sean Spicer at the White House on March 10, 2017.
 - a. Spicer: "Obviously we're very pleased to see the jobs report that came out this morning; it's great news for American workers. During the first full month of the Trump presidency the economy added 235,000 new jobs and the unemployment rate ticked down to 4.7%. Notably we also saw significant growth in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors. The unemployment rate ticked down and labor force participation rate ticked up."

Journalist: "In the past the president has referred to particular job reports as phony or totally fiction. Does the president believe that this jobs report was accurate and a fair way to measure the economy?

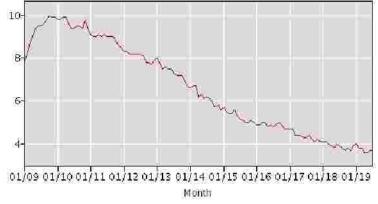
Spicer: "Yeah, I talked to the president prior to this. And he said to quote him very clearly, 'they may have been phony in the past, but it's very real now." (*Spicer: Trump says jobs reports aren't phony anymore*, YouTube, 3-10-2017)

- E. The fundamentals of the economy did not change under President Trump's tenure.
- F. There has been no change in the trajectory of the unemployment in the last 10 years which includes nearly all of President Obama's tenure.
 - i. Look at this chart of the unemployment over the last 10 years, and please point out to me where the election of Donald Trump is based on this chart.

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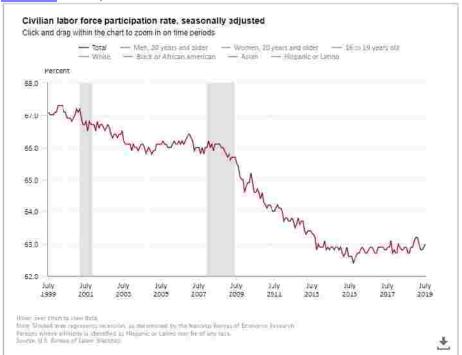
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- G. President Trump was right about the unemployment numbers being misleading under President Obama.
- H. The whole time that unemployment number was going down (meaning that there were supposed to be more people employed), the labor force participation rate was

also steadily falling, meaning that there were fewer people in the labor market (see the chart below).



- I. The unemployment figures were going down because of people leaving the labor market and not collecting unemployment anymore (just like Trump said before he was elected), and because of people's full time jobs before the recession being replaced by low paying part time jobs after it.
- K. As the above chart shows, the labor force participation rate bottomed out and began to increase in November, 2015, one whole year before the election of Donald Trump.
- L. After rising slightly from November 2015 until March 2016 (8 months before Trump's election), it has pretty much flattened out until now.
- M. Remember what Candidate Trump said about the Labor Force Participation number just before the election when it was about the same as it is now 2.5 years into his presidency.
 - i. "These numbers are an absolute disaster. Labor force participation has fallen to it's lowest level in nearly 40 years. That's what's happened. Nearly one in four people in their prime working years are not working. They wanna work, they're not working." (*Donald Trump: Jobs Numbers an "Absolute Disaster"*, YouTube, 11-4-2016)
- 3. Candidate Trump rightly criticized President Obama for never reaching 3% GDP growth during any year of his presidency.
 - A. "After eight years, Obama is the first president in modern history not to have a single year of 3% growth. We're growing at an average of probably 1-2%, nobody even knows. Nobody believes the numbers anyway; the numbers they put out are phony as far as I'm concerned. For millions of Americans it's an economic nightmare." (Ibid)

B. Trump has not achieved 3% GDP growth for either of his first two years in office. See this chart.

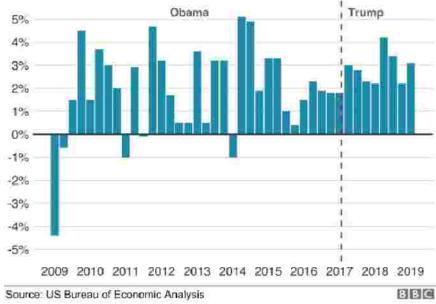
U.S. GDP by Year Compared to Recessions and Events

	2009	\$14.449	\$15.209	-2.5%	Stimulus Act.
	2010	\$14.992	\$15,599	2.6%	ACA. Dodd-Frank.
	2011	\$15.543	\$15,841	1.6%	Japan earthquake,
la P	2012	\$16.197	\$16.197	2.2%	Fiscal cliff.
	2013	\$16.785	\$16,495	1.8%	Sequestration.
	2014	\$17.527	\$16.912	2.5%	QE ends.
	2015	\$18.225	\$17.404	2.9%	TPP, Iran deal.
	2016	\$18.715	\$17.689	1.6%	Presidential race.
with	2017	\$19.519	\$18,108	2,4%	Trump Tax Act.
	2018	\$20.580	\$18.638	2.9%	Deficit spending.

C. Obama had four quarters with higher GDP growth than Trump's highest quarter so far. See this chart.

US economic growth

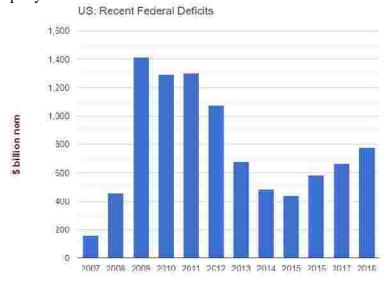
US GDP: quarter-on-quarter, annualised % change



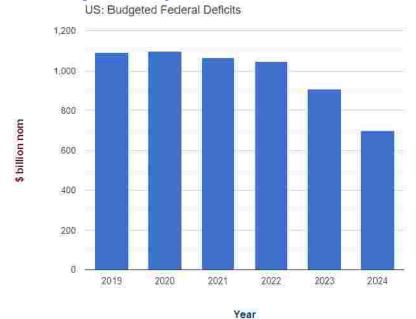
- D. Trump nevertheless says we have the greatest economy in the history of the country.
- 4. Candidate Trump rightly criticized President Obama for the size of the national debt.
 - A. Here are tweets from Trump repeatedly condemning Obama during his presidency for the size of the national debt.

- i. "@BarackObama inherited \$10.6 Trillion in National Debt---will leave after his first term with the Debt at over \$17.6 Trillion." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 8-25-2011)
- ii. "Our national debt has grown by 30% and a gallon of gas has doubled so far under @BarackObama. He is a disaster." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 10-4-2011)
- iii. "@BarackObama has already added \$5 Trillion to the national debt in less than 3 years. We must defeat him in 2012. #TimeToGetTough" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 11-15-2011)
- iv. "With our national debt passing \$16T during the @DNC convention,
 @BarackObama has amassed more debt than the first 42 presidents. Scary."
 (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 9-4-2012)
- v. "Our \$16T national debt is now bigger than our \$15T GDP. If Obama is reelected watch for an economic meltdown in 2013." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 9-12-2012)
- vi. "Concerns over the national debt are stopping businesses from hiring and expanding http://onforb.es/RyZx2O Obama's policies are unsustainable" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 11-2-2012)
- vii. "Our \$17T national debt and \$1T yearly budget deficits are a national security risk of the highest order." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 11-13-2012)
- viii. "Yesterday our national debt topped a record \$18T. Over 44% has accrued under Obama. A real mess." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 12-2-2014)
- B. Candidate Trump said he would pay off the national debt in 8 years.
 - i. "Donald Trump insists he would be able to wipe out the United States's debt in eight years. The Republican presidential front-runner said in a wideranging interview with The Washington Post that he'd be able to get rid of the more than \$19 trillion debt "over a period of eight years."" (*Trump: I will eliminate U.S. debt in 8 years*, The Hill, 4-2-2016)
- C. Once President Trump was elected, he started to increase the national debt faster than President Obama did in his last few years in office.
 - i. "President Donald Trump has blasted bipartisan politicians for failing to address the federal debt and repeatedly vowed to eliminate it within eight years. On his watch, it has exploded to more than \$22 trillion. The country was already headed for a \$1 trillion deficit this year. Yet, the president has made clear his support for the federal budget deal reached Monday, which would increase spending by billions against a backdrop of lower tax receipts. "House Republicans should support the TWO YEAR BUDGET AGREEMENT which greatly helps our Military and our Vets," the president said Thursday of the bill, which would lift the debt ceiling until July 2021 and permanently end a series of automatic spending cuts. "I am totally with you!"" (*Trump vowed to pay off the national debt in 8 years. But he's touting a budget deal that would raise spending by more than \$300 billion.*, Business Insider, 7-25-2019)
 - ii. The following charts show that President Trump has run bigger deficits than President Obama did in his last few years in office, and the official on-

budget deficit for the years 2019-2022 are projected to be over \$1 Trillion per year.

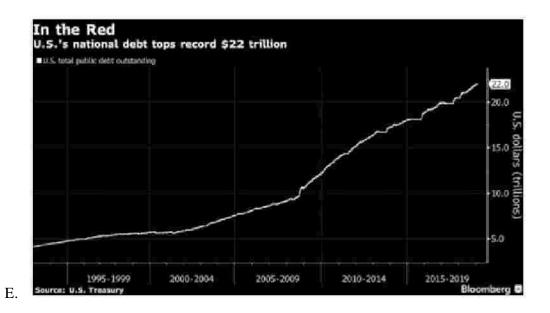


iii. Year iv. Source: https://www.usgovernmentdebt.us/federal_deficit



vi. Source: https://www.usgovernmentdebt.us/federal_deficit

D. Look at <u>the following chart</u> and see that President Trump is spending out of control just like President Obama did.



- 5. Candidate Trump rightly condemned the Fed for keeping interest rates so low for so long and for doing quantitative easing (QE) (money printing).
 - A. Trump condemned the Fed's low interest rates before he was president.
 - i. "The Fed's reckless policies of low interest and flooding the market with dollars needs to be stopped or we will face record inflation." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 9-29-2011)
 - B. Trump said the following in September 2016 about the Fed keeping interest rates low which kills savers.
 - i. "And you know the people who are hurt the most are people that saved all their lives, and thought they were going to live off the interest. Those people are getting absolutely creamed." (*Trump: Low Interest Rates Are Great For Rich People Like Me, Bad For The Country*, RealClear Politics, 9-12-2016)
 - ii. "Trump said that for his own business is [sic] real estate, he "loves low interest rates," but average Americans are hurt by it. "The ones who did it right they saved their money [and] they cut down on their mortgages, ... and now they're practically getting zero interest on the money," Trump said. "Those people have really been -- you could almost say discriminated against."" (Ibid)
 - C. During Obama's presidency Trump condemned the Fed for destroying the dollar through inflation (quantitative easing, i.e. money printing).
 - i. "The Fed's reckless monetary policy is going to create record inflation." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 10-11-2011)
 - ii. "Printing money is neither a short or long term solution to our country's economic woes. The Fed is destroyin... (cont)" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 10-25-2011)
 - iii. "The Fed is destroying the dollar. When inflation hits the economy then even more jobs will go overseas." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 2-9-2012)

- iv. "The Fed should not do QE3. Neither the economy nor the dollar can withstand another round of artificial liquidity." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 4-11-2012)
- v. "My @SquawkCNBC interview discussing why the Fed shouldn't do a QE3, @BarackObama's college records & 2012 election" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 7-17-2012)
- vi. "QE3 is going to further sink the dollar into oblivion. Creates artificial numbers for short term market gains. There will be a big price to pay in the future." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 9-14-2012)
- vii. "QE3, a political favor for Obama, will cause record inflation on food and fuel. This hits low income families the hardest. Big mistake." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 9-19-2012)
- D. Now that he's in office, he condemns the Fed for *raising* interest rates and *he calls* for lowering of rates and quantitative easing.
 - i. "President Donald Trump has let loose again on Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell for raising interest rates while Powell indicated that further increases in 2019 are not a certainty. In an interview with the Washington Post the president added to comments he made in October that expressed disapproval of Powell: "So far, I'm not even a little bit happy with my selection of Jay. Not even a little bit. And I'm not blaming anybody, but I'm just telling you I think that the Fed is way off-base with what they're doing."" (*Trump slams Fed chair again, but rate increases in 2019 are uncertain*, Bankrate, 11-28-2018)
 - ii. "China is adding great stimulus to its economy while at the same time keeping interest rates low. Our Federal Reserve has incessantly lifted interest rates, even though inflation is very low, and instituted a very big dose of quantitative tightening. We have the potential to go......up like a rocket if we did some lowering of rates, like one point, and some quantitative easing. Yes, we are doing very well at 3.2% GDP, but with our wonderfully low inflation, we could be setting major records &, at the same time, make our National Debt start to look small!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, Twitter, 4-30-2019)
 - iii. "Because of the faulty thought process we have going for us at the Federal Reserve, we pay much higher interest rates than countries that are no match for us economically. In other words, our interest costs are much higher than other countries, when they should be lower. Correct!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 7-19-2019)
 - iv. "The E.U. and China will further lower interest rates and pump money into their systems, making it much easier for their manufacturers to sell product. In the meantime, and with very low inflation, our Fed does nothing and probably will do very little by comparison. Too bad!" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 7-29-2019)
 - v. "Speaking to reporters on the White House lawn, Trump said he wanted "a large cut" from the central bank. He also said he wants the Fed to immediately halt shrinking its balance sheet, a process dubbed "quantitative

- tightening."" (*Trump keeps up drumbeat for significant Fed easing*, MarketWatch, 7-30-2019)
- vi. "For them to have done quantitative tightening and also higher interest rates simultaneously, I think was a big mistake," (Ibid)
- E. This is blatant hypocrisy.
- 6. Candidate Trump condemned Obama for how much golfing he did while in office.
 - A. The following are a litany of tweets wherein Donald Trump condemned President Obama for how much he golfed while in office.
 - i. "@BarackObama played golf yesterday. Now he heads to a 10 day vacation in Martha's Vineyard. Nice work ethic." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 9-15-2011)
 - ii. "I play golf to relax. My company is in great shape. @BarackObama plays golf to escape work while America goes down the drain." (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 12-30-2011)
 - iii. "Too busy playing golf? @ BarackObama sends form letters with an electronic signature to the parents of fallen SEALs" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 8-30-2012)
 - iv. ""@gretawire: PresObama is not busy talking to Congress about Syria..he is playing golf ...go figure"" (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 9-7-2013)
 - v. ""@BackOnTrackUSA: @realDonaldTrump While Obama vacations,golfs, attends parties & jazz concerts, ISIS is chopping heads off of journalists."" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 8-19-2014)
 - vi. "Can you believe that, with all of the problems and difficulties facing the U.S., President Obama spent the day playing golf. Worse than Carter" (Donald J. Trump, Twitter, 10-13-2014)
 - vii. "We pay for Obama's travel so he can fundraise millions so Democrats can run on lies. Then we pay for his golf." (Donald J. Trump, <u>Twitter</u>, 10-14-2014)
 - B. President Obama golfed 306 times during his eight years in office.
 - i. "Obama played 306 rounds while in office, a healthy amount, but well short of the estimated 1,200 rounds Woodrow Wilson played during his term, or the 800 rounds that Dwight Eisenhower played as POTUS. Still, it's more than his immediate predecessors George W. Bush or Bill Clinton, both of whom were golfers as well." (We've crunched the numbers, and it's official: President Obama played A LOT of golf while in office, Golf Digest, 1-19-2017)
 - ii. That's a lot of golf, but it doesn't hold a candle to President Trump.
 - C. President Trump golfed 220 times in his 2.5 years in office and is on pace to spend 745 days on the golf course during his eight years as president if he is reelected.
 - i. "How many times has Trump played golf as President of the United States? Since taking office on Jan. 20, 2017, Mr. Trump has reportedly been on the grounds of his golf courses or played golf elsewhere 220 times since becoming President, and that's as of Aug. 12, 2019. The cost of Trump's golf rounds to the American taxpayer varies by round and course, but it has totaled so far in the tens of millions of dollars. He previously was on pace to

visit his golf clubs more than 650 times in an eight-year presidency. However, his pace as of Aug. 6, 2018 now indicates Trump would spend as much as 745 days of his presidency at a golf course if he wins a second term and serves both terms to completion." (How many times has President Donald Trump played golf while in office?, Golf News Net, 8-13-2019)

- D. Can you say, hypocrite?
- XII. Despite all of this evidence, as candidate Trump said, "I could stand in the middle of 5th avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose any voters." (*Donald Trump BAD WORDS! Compilation*, YouTube, 1-18-2018)
- XIII. Showing partiality is sinful (1Ti 5:21; Jam 3:17).
 - 1. Christians would have (and did) condemned Barack Obama for doing the same things that they either tolerate in Donald Trump or praise him for.
 - 2. This is shameful (**Pro 24:23**).
 - 3. Because they think President Trump is going to make them wealthy, they hypocritically support him (**Pro 28:21**).
 - 4. Christians should be better than that (**Jam 2:1**).
- XIV. President Trump is part of God's judgment on this nation.
 - 1. God gives wicked nations wicked leaders (Dan 4:17 c/w Act 17:5).
 - 2. Just look at the wicked kings that God gave the wicked nation of Israel.
 - 3. We are being made to eat of the fruit of our own ways (**Pro 1:29-32**) by being ruled by presidents we have chosen who are taking away our liberties and bankrupting us morally and financially.