

**BIBLE PRINCIPLES THAT MADE AMERICA GREAT  
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**Introduction**

In 1789, the first President of the United States, George Washington, spoke with caution when he said these words in his first inaugural address, "*The propitious (favorable) smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained.*"

In 1796, as he was leaving the presidency he spoke these words in his farewell speech, "*Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, **religion and morality are indispensable support...***"

Though some may try to deny it, true history bears witness to the fact that this great nation of ours was established as a nation under the LORD God as revealed to us in His Word. **The Bible was important in laying the foundation of what became the U.S.A.**

And as we celebrate the 240<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of our nation by the signing of the Declaration of Independence, I want to share with you today at least some of the Biblical principles that made America great when it was first established. I believe that in doing so we can understand why our nation is in such a fix right now!

**I. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE!**

This is a Bible principle that goes all the way back to when Cain killed his brother Abel in the first recorded sin after the fall of man. *Genesis 4:10—“What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground.”*

This principle was continued in Noah’s day. *Genesis 9:6—“Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”*

The principle was stated in the 10 commandments to Moses. *Exodus 20:13—“Thou shalt not kill.”* The meaning of which is *“Thou shalt not commit murder.”*

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It was restated by Jesus as he preached the Sermon on the Mount in *Matthew 5:21.*

**The Bible is clear that God places great value on human life!**

However, we see that in the days in which we live, and particularly since the 1973 Supreme court decision of Roe vs Wade, **our nation has blatantly, barbarically and shamefully violated this vital moral and biblical principle upon which it was built!**

Since 1973 it is estimated that over **59 million babies lives** have been terminated in the womb through legalized abortion! The voices of the blood of 59 million babies cry out to God!

And our government not only **sanctions it** and **condones it** but many times **encourages it** and even **funds it!**

If we as a nation cannot see the need of protecting life in the womb, then there is not much hope in seeing the dignity of life expressed elsewhere in our society.

I believe that one of the reasons why we see so much violence in our land stems from the violence against these innocent human lives before they are born! We are a nation that is reaping what has been sown! If you sow violence, you are going to reap violence! And we are reaping violence on every front!

If the senseless murder of the unborn continues, can the extermination of the elderly and others who are unproductive in our country for the benefit of society be far behind?

The beginning of euthanasia (mercy killing) is very kin to abortion.

The termination of a pregnancy in abortion is justified by its proponents because it prevents a woman and society from being burdened with the consequences of an unwanted pregnancy.

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What do you think will happen when older folks who are no longer productive to society are seen as a burden to society? It has already begun with Obamacare restricting access to medicine to the elderly!

**II. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF THE TRADITIONAL  
MONOGAMOUS FAMILY!**

*Matthew 19:4-6—“And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*

Not in their wildest dreams would the founders of our nation have believed that our nation would sink to the point it has in promoting the abominable lifestyle of homosexuality.

Many of the men who framed our Constitution with its Bill of Rights are the same ones who wrote the laws against sodomy in the states! To say that there is an implied right to engage in homosexuality based on the Constitution is to ignore the true intent of those who drafted the Constitution.

The Bible says that a family begins when a man marries a woman! Homosexual marriages are not acceptable to God! They never have been and they never will be! I don't care what the President or Supreme Court or Congress or the opinion polls have to say about it!

I'll go to jail and even be put to death before I will ever join a man with another man or a woman with another woman!

These vile unions are an abomination unto God who divinely ordained order in the family relationship. Satan has used both Hollywood and the ACLU to destroy the moral fabric of our society by destroying the family and trying to redefine it!

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**III. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF COMMON DECENCY!**

*Genesis 3:7, 21—“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 21Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”*

*Ephesians 5:3-5—“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”*

Decency used to be the norm in our country! However, what the Bible calls *lasciviousness* is now the norm of our society!

What is “*lasciviousness*”? *It is a “looseness; irregular indulgence of animal desires; lustfulness. Negligence of restraint. Lewdness. Tendency to excite lust, and promote irregular indulgences.”*

Many men and women alike have become **immodest** in their dress and their mannerisms and they have become **vile** in their affections!

Some may argue, “*Well, who has a right to define what immodesty is?*” God does! It doesn't take much of a brain to discern what is modest and what is immodest now does it?

We all need to remember that God's principles of dress are two-fold – **Distinction and Modesty.**

Pornography has become a multi-billion dollar business! One big reason is because of the proliferation of pornography through the internet that allows people to become involved in it in the privacy of their own homes.

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TV programs, movies, and even cartoons are filled with **vulgaritys**, filled with **sexuality and sensuality**, and filled with **slanderous remarks against God and Christians**,

You know, there was a time when people used to at least watch their language around women and children and men of God.

Now it is even the women and children and even some who claim to be men of God who are joining in with the profanity and wicked talk.

**IV. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF THE WORK ETHIC!**

Did you know that God intended for mankind to work even before the fall? *Genesis 2:15*—“*And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*”

After the fall of man, the Bible records the LORD saying: *Genesis 3:19*—“*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*”

*Exodus 20:9*—“*Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*”

*2 Thessalonians 3:10*—“*For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*”

The Word of God makes it clear that a man is to live by working!  
My how there is a need for a Biblical work ethic today!  
There is dignity in hard work!

It was a good work ethic that built America into a great industrialized nation!

However, we now live in a society where there are multitudes of people who try their dead level best to avoid work!

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Rather than looking for work, they look for a cheap, easy buck – gambling, lawsuits, and disabilities, and welfare!

One of the greatest burdens on both Federal and State budgets is that which goes for what is called “*entitlements*.”

An “*entitlement*” is defined as “*a just claim; a right.*”  
Now understand that I am not against helping folks who are truly in need and are unable to help themselves. I’m not hard hearted!

However, many of those dependent on “*entitlements*” are nothing more than lazy good for nothings who are living off the honest hardworking citizens of this land!

And this entitlement mentality is helping to bankrupt our economy!

**V. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD OF GOD!** (The principle of “Thus saith the LORD God!”  
*2 Timothy 3:16*—“*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*”

The Word of God was once looked on as **an authority**, but now it is seen by many as just **an agitation!**

It used to be the basis for our laws, but it is now refused even abhorred by many because it **rebukes our lawlessness** and **doesn’t match our preferred lifestyles!**

It used to be quoted as the basis for the direction in our country!  
But, now it is looked at as being a **political millstone** by most who want to distance themselves as far away as they can from it!

It use to be seen as necessary for an orderly society, now it is looked at as being a stumbling block to a “*progressive*” society.

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It used to be **consulted, quoted, and revered** as a Holy book!  
But now it is lightly regarded, ridiculed and removed at every opportunity!

When you move away from the source of righteousness, what do you get? You get unrighteousness!

When you move away from the source of stability, what do you get? You get instability!

When you move away from the source of wisdom, what do you get? You get folly! We are now being destroyed by fools who have found their way into high places of authority!

Oh how our nation needs to get back to the principle of the Authority of the Word of God!

**VI. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF A GOD-CENTERED EDUCATION!**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9—“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”*

*Ephesians 6:4—“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”*

And, by the way, the Church nor the government is suppose to be the answer to this problem, the home is!

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Our educational system has moved from being God-centered to being man-centered! God has been removed and even forbidden! Godless humanism prevails in the public education arena! And thus, we have failed the last generation and are continuing to fail to instill godly character into the lives of the most of this generation that is coming up!

**VII. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF DIVINELY ORDAINED INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR PURPOSES!**

There are three divinely ordained institutions:

**A. Marriage—The Home.**

A society is only as strong as the homes within that society. As the family crumbles, society crumbles!

**B. The Government.**

*Romans 13:1—“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”*

Government is failing in many ways to do its god-given duty! Multitudes of people have no respect for those who help keep our society a peaceful society! (Policemen and soldiers)

Consequently, we are on the verge of anarchy and possibly another civil war!

Government is supposed to bear the sword against evil doers and protect the innocent! But they’ve got it backwards!

**C. The Local Church.**

*Matthew 16:18—“I will build my Church”*

But, people are now abandoning the Church in large numbers! Why? Because the Church has lost its importance in our Society!

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Also, because many Churches have forgotten why the LORD Jesus Christ established the Church in the first place!

A social gospel and the purposes of men has replaced the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His purpose in way too many Churches!

We've raised a generation that "*knows not the LORD!*"

The problem is that these three institutions are not operating as God intended.

Anytime a river overflows its banks it is apt to cause problems!

**VIII. THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! (Romans 1:16)**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ instilled in the hearts and lives of our people made this nation great! And He is still the answer!

**Conclusion**

We need Revival to call America back to her religious and moral roots!  
We need our government to function as God intended for it too!

But one of the keys to Revival in our nation is Revival in our Churches!  
The remnant of true New Testament Churches must lead the way!

But that's not going to happen in our Churches until we experience Revival in our families and get them back to where they need to be!

To get the family back to where it needs to be takes personal Revival!

*2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*