

“THE MAKING OF A GREAT NATION”

PROVERBS 14:24

INTRO: As we celebrate the 249th birthday of our nation, we would be amiss if we did not remember what God did to craft a unique nation on the North American Continent. God worked through people, conditions, and situations to build a nation that has been a bastion of truth and freedom for the entire world. There are **TEN IMPORTANT THINGS** every Christian ought to know about God’s hand in the founding of America.

- 1) **Christopher Columbus**, who opened up the New World, was motivated by his Christian faith to make his difficult voyage.
- 2) **In 1620**, the Pilgrims drafted our nation’s first self-governing document, The Mayflower Compact in which they stated clearly that they came to the New World to glorify God and advance the Christian faith.
- 3) **The Puritans**, who followed the Pilgrims to New England, created Bible-based commonwealths to practice representative government that was based on their biblically based church covenants, which laid the foundation for the United States Constitution.
- 4) **Various settlements** throughout the colonies provided refuge for religious dissidents of all types, the most famous being those founded by Roger Williams in Rhode Island and William Penn in Pennsylvania.
- 5) **The education of the settlers** and founders of America was uniquely Christian and Bible-based. All America’s early universities, including Harvard, William and Mary, Yale and Princeton, were Biblically Christian in their origin.
- 6) **The Great Awakening**, which took place between 1720 and 1740 through the preaching of great evangelists like George Whitefield brought a spiritual revival to the 13 original colonies that brought a great spiritual revival that drew the colonists closer together spiritually.
- 7) **The Colonial Pulpits of New England** were used of God as the pastors’ sermons were used to inform people what was happening politically and what they, as faithful Christians, should do about it,
- 8) **Christianity and biblical truth** played a very important role in bringing about American Independence by shaping the thinking of George Washington and other early American heroes such as Sam Adams.
- 9) **The Declaration of Independence** was based upon biblical values. The liberties it granted were understood to come directly from the Bible.
- 10) **The Biblical Understanding** of the sinfulness of mankind was the guiding principle behind the U.S. Constitution. The Bible was quoted more than any other source in the political writings of America’s founding era. The Bible was quoted more than any other source in the political writings of America’s founding era.

UNFORTUNATELY, AMERICA HAS DRIFTED AWAY FROM SOME OF THOSE PRECIOUS BIBLICAL VALUES. SO TODAY LET’S CONSIDER WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE AMERICA A RIGHTEOUS NATION AGAIN.

“RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION: BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.”

PROVERBS 14:34

QUESTION: WHY DID GOD BRING AMERICA INTO EXISTENCE?

- 1) To promote freedom and liberty around the world.
- 2) To send out biblically-minded missionaries around the world.
- 3) To stand with the nation of Israel in the world.

WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND, WHAT CAN WE AS CHRISTIANS DO NOW TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA SO THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSES? CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING.

I. BIBLICALLY CENTERED CHRISTIANS – Joshua 1:8

-Christians who read, study, and apply the Word of God to their lives daily.

II. BIBLICALLY CENTERED HOMES – Deuteronomy 6:5-9

-Families that are Bible taught, biblically based, and biblically centered

III. BIBLICALLY CENTERED CHURCHES – 1 Timothy 3:16

-Churches that teach, preach, and practice the truth of God.

IV. BIBLICALLY CENTERED FAMILIES – Ephesians 5:25-6:4

- A. Submitted Wives – 5:22
- B. Loving Husbands – 5:25
- C. Obedient Children – 6:1-3
- D. Training Fathers – 6:4

V. BIBLICALLY CENTERED PHILOSOPHY ON LIFE – Deuteronomy 30:19

-Choose life ALWAYS as God is the author of life.

VI. BIBLICALLY CENTERED REPENTANCE – 2 Chronicles 7:14

- A. Individually
- B. Ecclesiastically
- C. Nationally

VI. BIBLICALLY CENTERED NATION – Psalm 33:12

- A. Biblically based values in every level of the nation.
- B. Biblically minded leaders on every level of government.
- C. Biblically based policies on every issue.

LESSON/APPLICATION

There is no doubt that God brought America together through our founders who recognized God as the sovereign of the universe and whose principals were righteous resulting in a great nation. But in many ways, we have gotten away from those principles. As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation, we as believers in Christ, should seek the direction of the Lord to do all we can to lead America back to God. Let's be like many of our founders and order our personal, ecclesiastical, and national lives according to the righteous principles of the Word of God...ALWAYS... and then watch how God will once again bless America.