


**Christian
Citizenship
Sunday**



The Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776

**The Signers declared both our
Independence from Britain
and our
Dependence upon God**

The Declaration of Independence **Refers to God Four Times!**

- 1. ...laws of nature and nature's God**
- 2. ...endowed by their Creator**
- 3. ...the Supreme Judge of the world**
- 4. ...reliance upon Divine Providence**

The Sacrifices of the 56 Signers

These men not only pledged but gave their *lives*, and their *fortunes*, and not one went back on his *sacred honor*



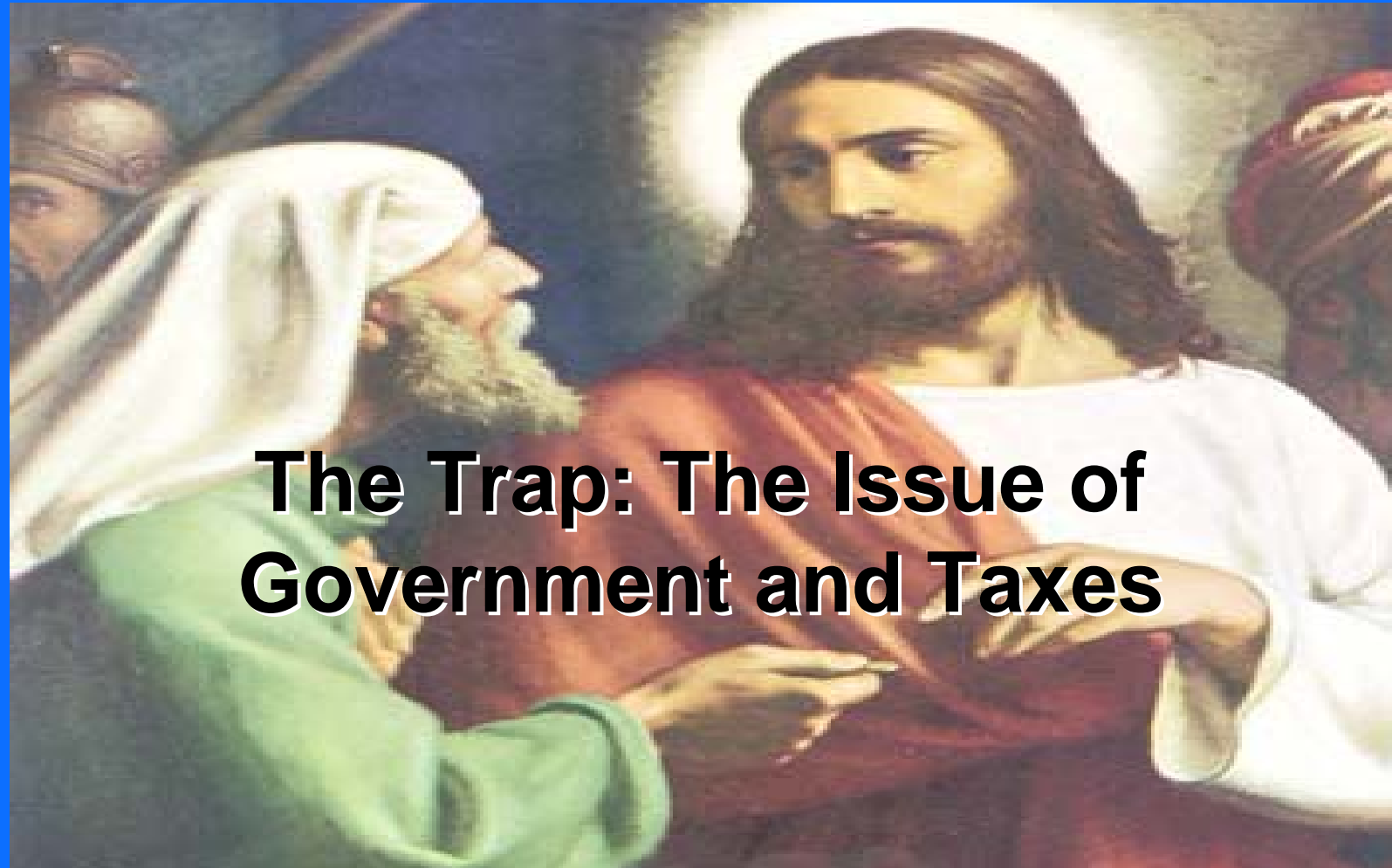
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**What should we do as
Christian Citizens
of such a great nation?**

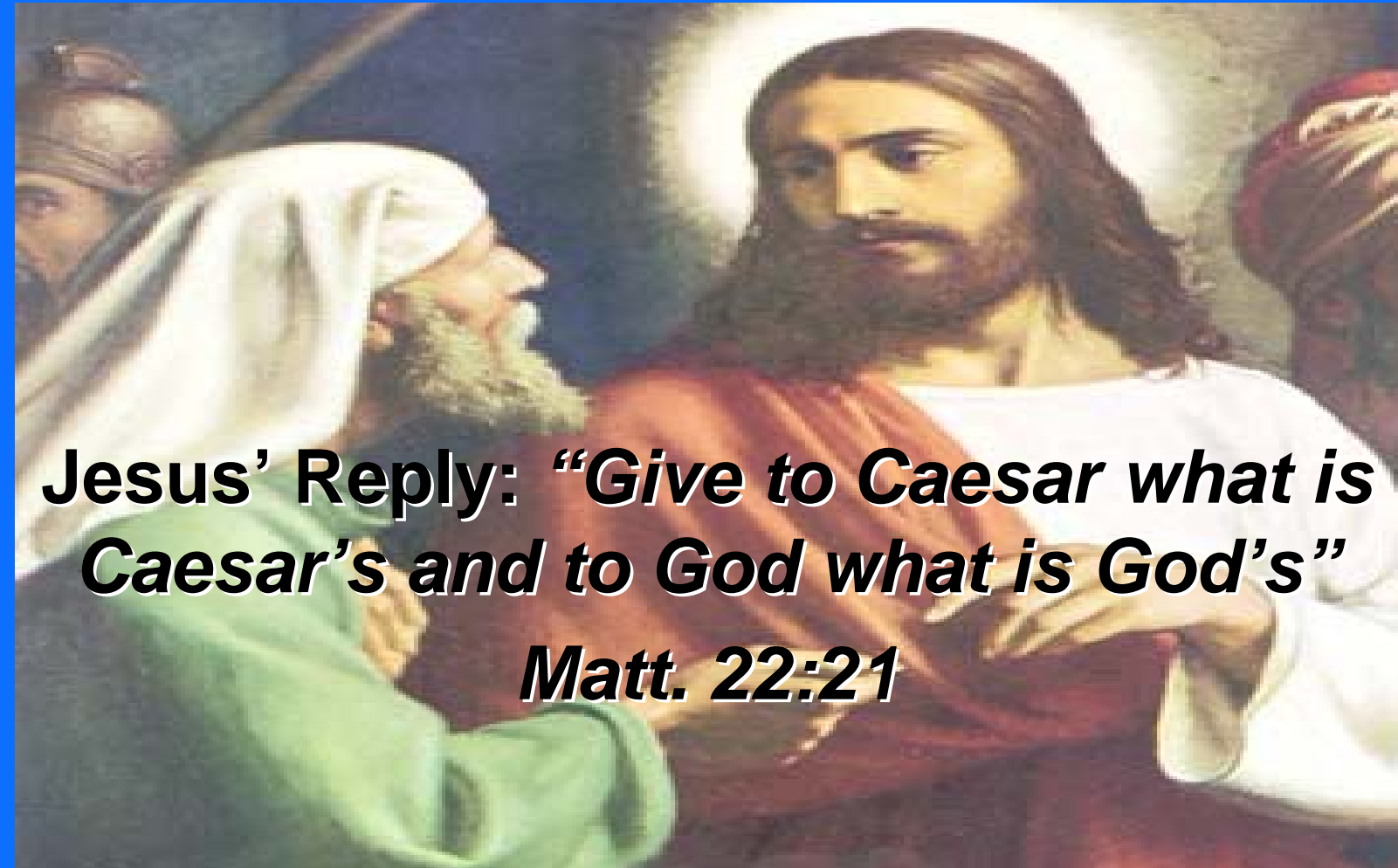


The Text: Matthew 22:15-21



**The Trap: The Issue of
Government and Taxes**

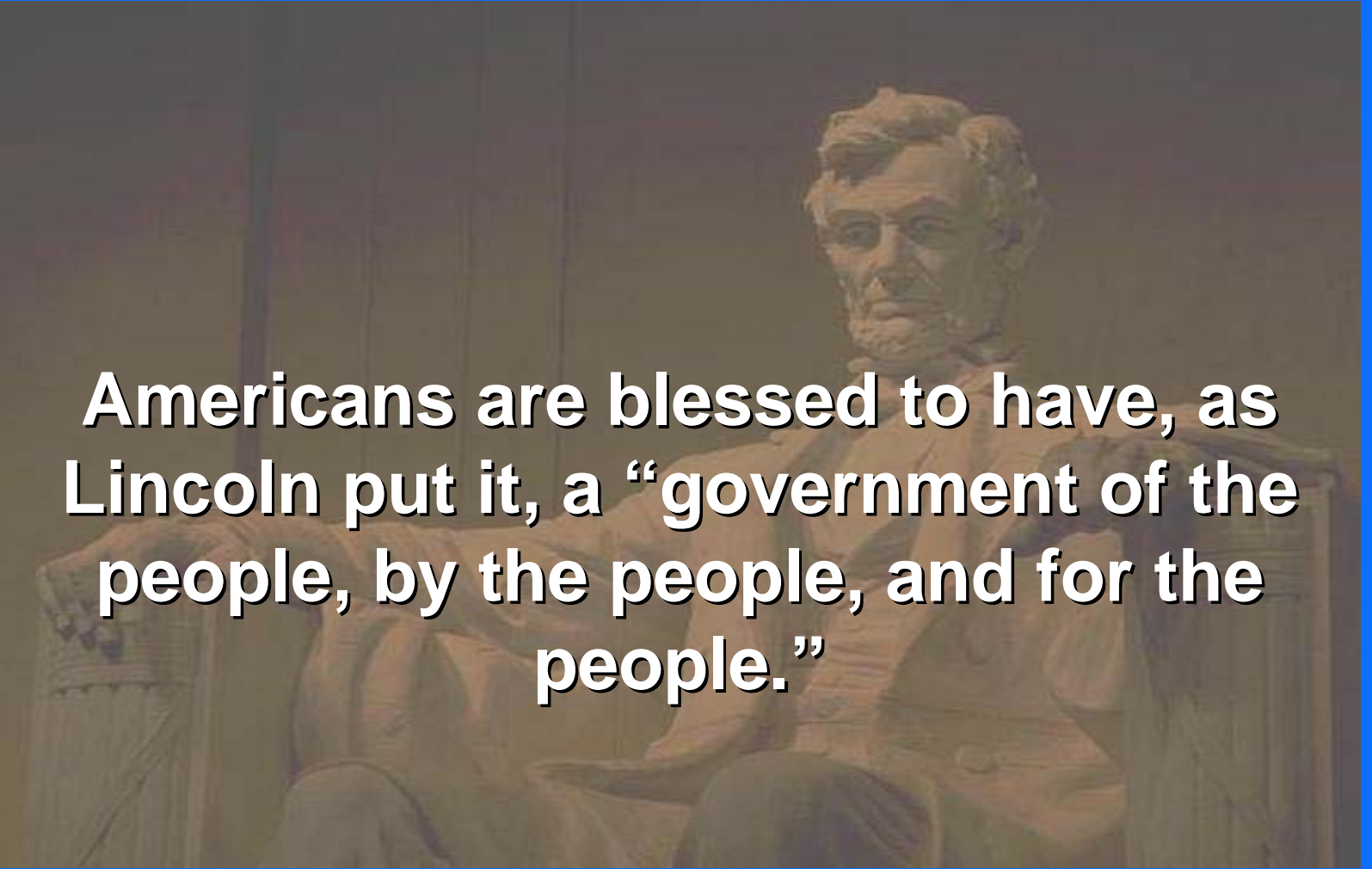
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**Jesus' Reply: *"Give to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is God's"***

Matt. 22:21

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Americans are blessed to have, as Lincoln put it, a “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

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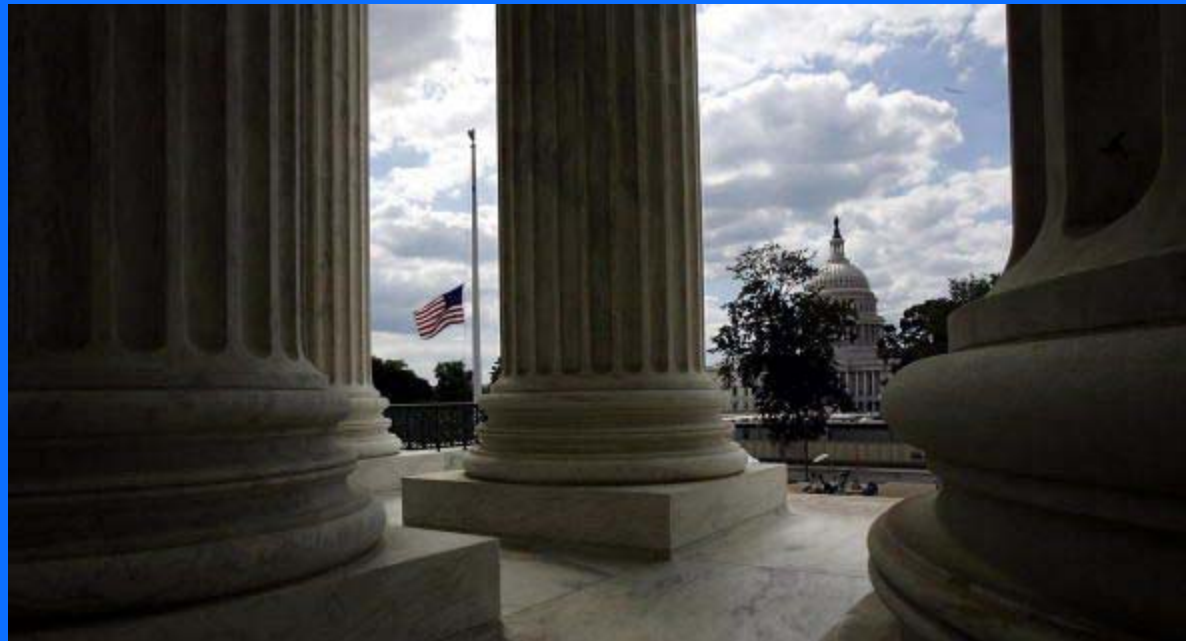


**Five things every Christian
can do to have**

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Action Step # 1

_____ FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT



Action Step # 1

SEEK GOD FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT



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PRAY!

“I urge then first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth”

1Timothy 2:1-4

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“The heart of the King is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases”

Proverbs 21:1

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"If my people who are called by my name, will 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."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Action Step # 2

_____ YOUR GOVERNMENT



Action Step # 2

SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT



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Jesus' Teaching:

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s”

Matthew 22:21

Jesus' Example:

“Coin for Taxes in the Fish’s Mouth”

Matthew 17:24-27

Action Step # 2

SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT

Paul reasons:

“This is why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.”

Romans 13:6

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Take Pride!

“If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.”

Psalm 137:5-6

Action Step # 3

_____ TO YOUR GOVERNMENT



Action Step # 3

SUBMIT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT



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Peter instructs:

“*Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king who is the supreme authority or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.*”

1 Peter 2:13-14

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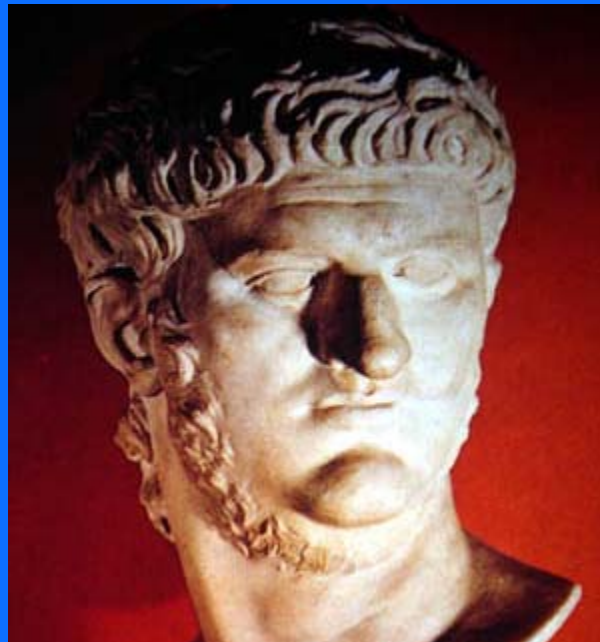
Peter instructs:

“Show proper *respect* to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, *honor* the king.”

1 Peter 2:17

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**Nero
was the
Emperor!**

Action Step # 4

_____ TO YOUR GOVERNMENT



Action Step #4

STAND UP TO YOUR GOVERNMENT



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Biblical Examples

- **Moses petitioned Pharaoh**
- **Nathan confronted King David**
- **Elijah faced off against King Ahab**
- **Isaiah condemned moral decay in the culture**
- **Amos inveighed against injustice in society**
- **Daniel pointed out pride in Nebuchadnezzar**
- **John the Baptist called out King Herod**

Action Step # 5

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Action Step # 5 **SELECT YOUR GOVERNMENT**



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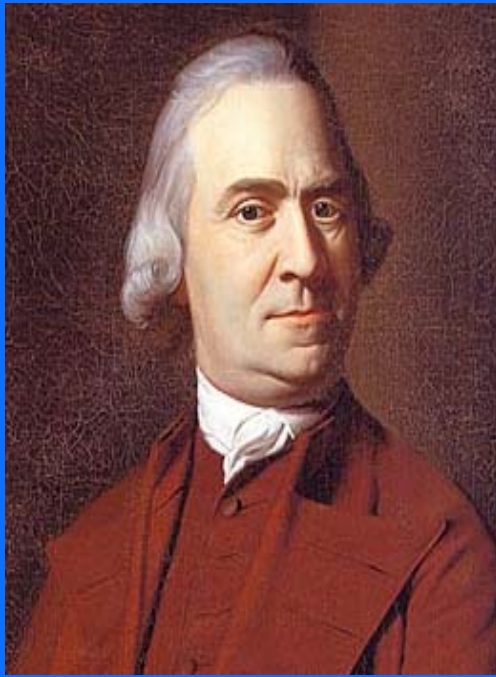
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“But *select* capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials...”

Exodus 18:21

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“Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote... that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.”

Samuel Adams – Founding Father

Action Step # 5

SELECT YOUR GOVERNMENT

First, Register to Vote:

**According to the U.S. Census Bureau,
as many as 35% of the voting-age
population are not registered.**

Action Step # 5

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**Second, Register a Friend:
Take a friend a Voter Registration Form
or organize a non-partisan Voter
Registration Drive – see
iVoteValues.org for details.**

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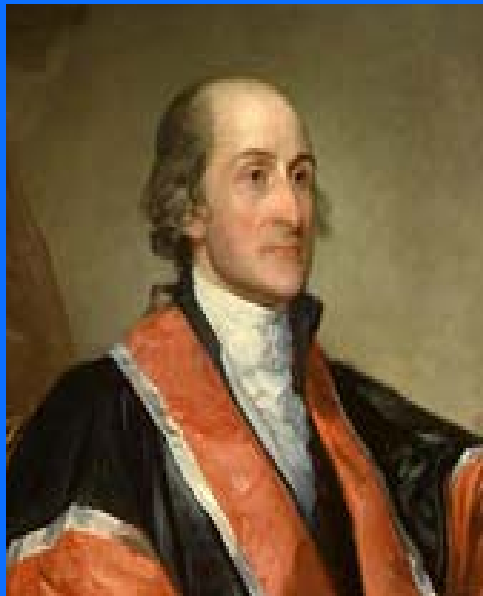
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Third, Vote Your Values:

Every Candidate has values. Don't you think it is important to find out what they are and see how they match up with your own values, beliefs, and convictions?

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“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation... to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”
John Jay – Founding Father

Action Step # 5

SELECT YOUR GOVERNMENT

**Which Values?
The Value of Life**



Action Step # 5

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The Value of Life:

“You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

Psalm 139:15-16

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The Value of Life:

“All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

The Declaration of Independence

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The Value of Life:

- **Every day in America, more babies are aborted than those who died in the 9/11 attacks.**
- **Abortion ends the lives of more than one million unborn children in America every year.**
- **Nearly 25% of all pregnancies end in abortion.**
- **Nearly 50 million have been murdered by abortion.**

It is the American Holocaust!

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The Value of Life:

“Rescue those who are being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.”

Proverbs 24:11

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**Which Values?
The Value of Family**



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The Value of Family

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”

Genesis 1:27; 2:24

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The Value of Family



**The Homosexual Agenda Threatens
to Redefine and Destroy Marriage and the Family**

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Which Values?

The Value of Freedom



Action Step # 5

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The Value of Freedom

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Galatians 5:1

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The Value of Freedom

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

First Amendment to the Constitution

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Declared Unconstitutional:

- For Kindergarteners to recite: "God is great, God is good"
- For an Elementary student to ask and for the teacher to answer whose birthday is being celebrated at Christmas
- For two Middle School students to bring their Bibles to class, which were confiscated, called "garbage," and trashed
- For an Honor Guardsman to say: "God bless you, this family, and may God bless this country" at a veteran's graveside
- For a county government building exterior to display our national motto: "In God We Trust"

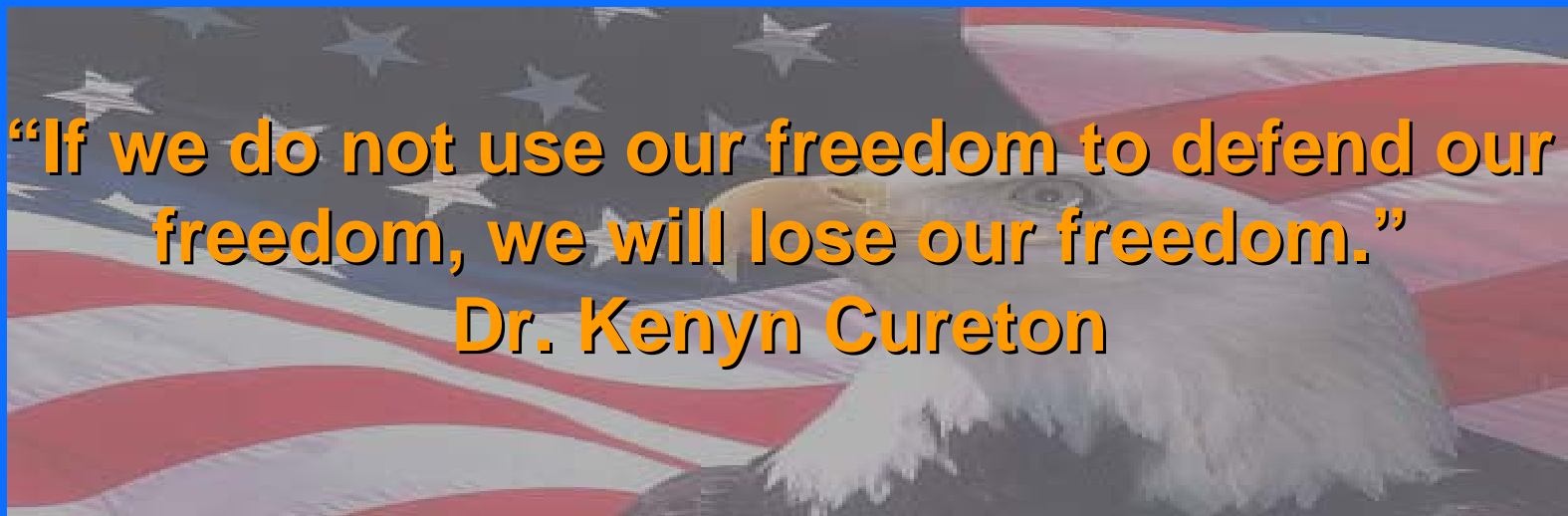
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The Value of Freedom

“If we do not use our freedom to defend our freedom, we will lose our freedom.”

Dr. Kenyn Cureton



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The Value of Freedom

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.”

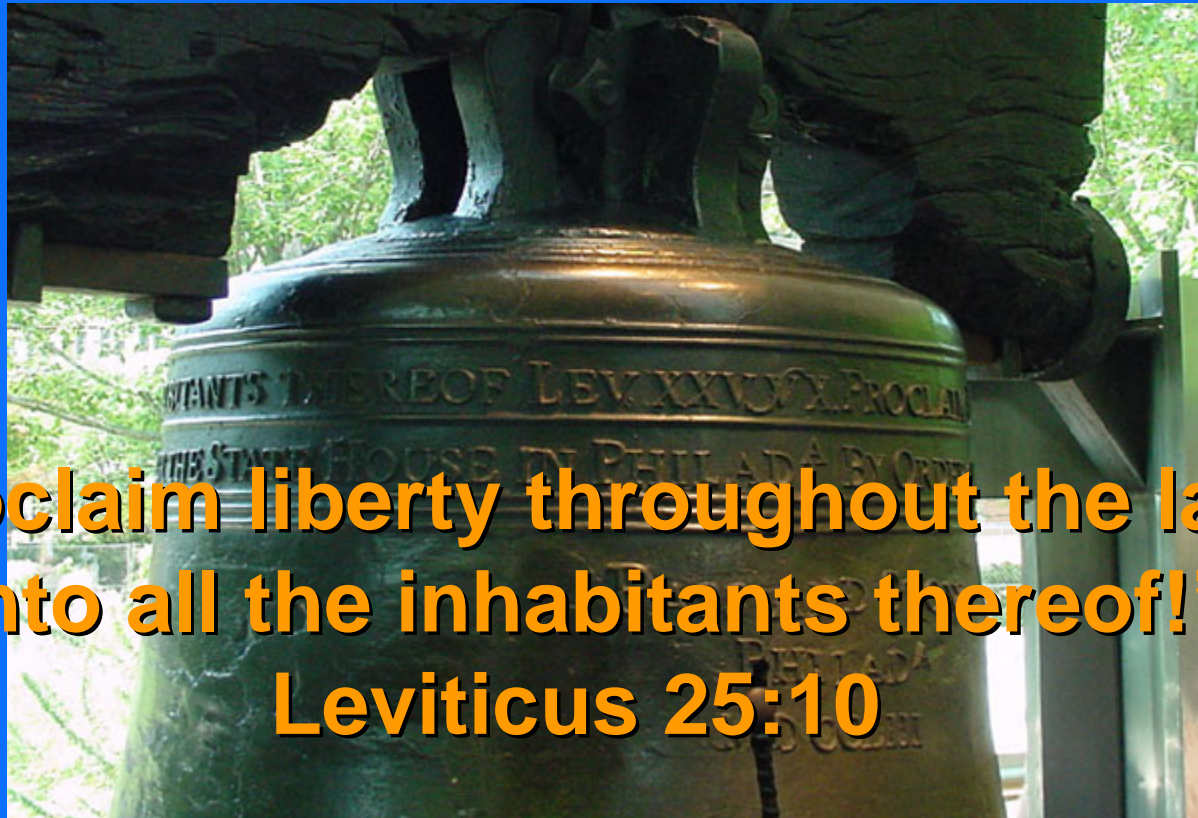
George Washington – Farewell Address

The Value of Freedom



The Liberty Bell

The Value of Freedom



**“Proclaim liberty throughout the land
unto all the inhabitants thereof!”**

Leviticus 25:10

The Liberty Bell

Let Freedom Ring!



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