

# From the Family Room

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*“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” – John Adams*

*“Man will ultimately be governed by God or by tyrants.” – Benjamin Franklin*

*“Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.”*

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

***“If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”*** John 8:32

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” II Corinthians 3:17*

We have much to be thankful for and to ponder as we celebrate the Fourth of July and remember the history of the United States this weekend.

- I am thankful for the blessings God has given the United States. It is because of His providence and guidance that we have enjoyed our freedom in the past. Like Israel and Judah could not exist without Him, we cannot stand without Him.
- I am thankful for the freedom we have in our country. Many risk their lives to come to America and live in the freedom we enjoy.
- I am thankful for the founding fathers of our country. The wisdom, sacrifice and courage they showed in the establishment of a free United States are admirable. These are examples we must follow today if we are to continue to enjoy freedom.
- I am thankful for the sacrifice many have made in the past 240 years to keep our freedom and protect our country from foreign tyrants.
- I am thankful for those serving today to preserve our freedom.

As we look to the future, there is much to ponder regarding the freedom our children and grandchildren will enjoy. Based on the quote listed above from John Adams, how long will our form of government last? How long will we enjoy the freedoms we have enjoyed for the last two centuries? How long will citizens of the United States have the wisdom, the willingness to sacrifice and the courage to maintain our freedom? How long will it be until our country has stopped serving God and serve a tyrant? The spread of irreverence regarding God is insidious and rapid. The rapid erosion of belief in and respect for God’s word as inerrant truth is frightening. Can we remain free without His truth? The infringements on our freedom are alarming. The waning of morals in society is distressing. The vision of the future is murky and uncertain based on current conditions. One thing we know for certain is that God is sovereign. His will will be done in His own time.

What are we as Christians to do regarding these perplexing questions? The most important thing we can do is love God with all of our being. When we do that, we will trust Him to handle things we cannot control. We will also love others in the same way He loves everyone. We will love them enough to teach them the truth. When we love God, we will obey Him. The United States will be truly blessed by God only when its citizens, including all of us who are His children, truly trust in God.

I hope your celebration on our nation’s birthday was a happy one filled with watermelon, bar-b-que, homemade ice cream, and whatever your family enjoys. I pray that our trust in God will grow stronger in our worship of Him today. May God’s Spirit continue throughout America and bless us with His liberty.

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