

HEROES: The Founding Fathers

Psalm 101:6 I will make the godly of the land My heroes. (LB)

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AMERICA YESTERDAY...*A Nation Establisher*

Video - "In Their Own Words"

Psalm 33:12 What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.

PRINCIPLES that made America Great...

...DIGNITY of human life

Matthew 5:21-22 "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!

...Traditional monogamous FAMILY

Genesis 2:24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Ephesians 5:31-32 As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

...Common DECENCY

Genesis 3:7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness.

Ephesians 5:3-5 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. ⁴ Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. ⁵ You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world.

...The WORK ETHIC

Exodus 20:9-10 You have six days each week for your ordinary work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."

...ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

...GOD-centered education

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 "Listen, ...! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

AMERICA TODAY: *A Nation "forgotten/rejecting" God*

Video - "America's Religious Freedoms"

Judges 2:10-12 After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done...(they) did evil in the LORD's sight and served the images of Baal. ¹² They abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors

AMERICA TOMORROW: *A nation reborn?*

My HEROIC response...

2 Chronicles 7:14 Then if my people who are called by my name will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

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