

Restoring America To The Strength Of Its Roots

The United States of America became a unique, prosperous, and admired nation because of its faith in God and the willingness of the people to abide in God's standards and principles. Over time, however, the **urge to glorify oneself** rather than God has seriously eroded the strength and future of the nation. Go to www.wallbuilders.com for more info.

What was the strength of America's foundation?

1. What was the spirit that motivated the Founding Fathers? What was the spirit behind the American Revolution?
 - a) Firm dependence of God
 - b) (Declaration of Independence) "With a firm **reliance** on the **protection** of **Divine Providence** we **mutually pledge** to **each other** our **lives**, our **fortunes**, and our **sacred honor**."
2. What was the primary goal of our Founding Fathers? **One nation under God to stop the devil**
3. Where did they get that idea from? The Bible
 - a) (Exodus 18:21 NLT) But **select** from all the **people** some **capable, honest** men who **fear God** and **hate bribes**. **Appoint them** as **leaders** over groups of **one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten**.
 - b) (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, **go** and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 **Teach** these new disciples **to obey** all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
 - c) (Matthew 5:14-16) 14 "**You are the light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it **gives light to everyone in the house**. In the same way, let your **good deeds shine out** for **all to see**, so that **everyone** will **praise your heavenly Father**."

What impact did our Founding Fathers have on Hawaii?

1. In 1840 the Kingdom of Hawaii adopted a constitution with strong parallels to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States

What's America's problem today and why is it dangerous?

1. Problem is lack of light and committed Christians (Ex. 18:21; Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 5:14-16)
2. Situation is dangerous because we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:9-10)

5 Ways To Restore America To The Strength Of Its Roots

1. **Seek God** for our government (1 Tim. 2:1-4; 2 Chron. 7:14, Exodus 18:21, Matt. 28:18-20)
2. **Support** our government (Matt. 22:21; Matt. 17:24-27; Rom. 13:6)
3. **Submit** to our government (1 Pet. 2:13-14, 17; Rom. 13:2-5)
4. **Stand up** to our government (Exod. 2:15-21; Dan. 6:1-23; Acts 5:29)
5. **Select** our government (Exodus 18:19-21; Exodus 20:1-17)
 - a) Vote for leaders who will protect **religious freedoms** (Ex. 20:1-11)
 - b) Vote for leaders who will protect **natural and healthy marriages** (Ex. 20:12; 14)
 - c) Vote for leaders who will protect **life from the womb to the tomb** (Ex. 12:13)
 - d) Vote for leaders who will protect our **property and constitutional rights** (Ex. 20:15)
 - e) Vote for leaders who will protect **ethical, moral, and biblical prosperity** (Ex. 20:17)

Think about it:

1. What was the strength of America's roots 244 years ago?
2. What is it that I need to **pledge**, in order to do my part to restore America to the strength of its roots?
 - Pray?
 - Make committed disciples of Jesus in our nation?

So what? Now what?

1. What call to actions is the Holy Spirit prompting you to OBEY this week to restoring our nation to the strength of its roots?
2. Do you want to make a commitment to Jesus today?

Prophetic community:

1. Take 60 seconds to ask God, what does He love about the people in your group
2. Take the remainder of the time to share what God loves about the people in your group
3. Have someone close in prayer