

#2. _____ and be the _____ who God *can* bless.

Deuteronomy 30 – “¹ When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart . . . ² and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart . . . ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you . . .”
“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.” Jonah 3:10

#3. _____ for your freedom

By fight I mean _____ and _____.

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By fight I mean _____ letters to editors, and state and national leaders.

By fight I mean _____ for people of character.

By fight I mean _____ candidates and organizations that are on the front lines in the public venue.

If our way of life is worth saving then it's worth _____.

“How did the early church supplant those diverse and often hostile ideas [of the Roman Empire]? It studied, critiqued, argued against, sometimes adapted, and finally overcame them. Individuals also demonstrated their commitment by authentic living, to the point of sacrifice and even death. One of the most amazing success stories in history is the way Christianity supplanted classical religions and worldviews to emerge as the leading influence on Western culture.” (Nancy Pearcey, *Saving Leonardo*, p. 14)

#4. _____ your children and grandchildren.

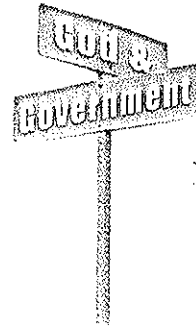
Resources:

John Adams by David McCullough

1776 by David McCullough

Rediscovering God in America book & DVD's by Newt & Callista Gingrich

Saving Leonardo, Nancy Pearcey



Part 4

The Religious Decline of America

THE FOUNDERS VIEW OF GOD, ETHICS, & GOVERNMENT

Judges 2:10 – 12 – ¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹² They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the LORD's anger . . .

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” John Adams, Letter, October 11, 1798

“Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There was never a democracy that did not commit suicide.” John Adams, Letter, April 15, 1814

Genesis 2: 8 – 9 & 15 – 17

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

WALK THROUGH OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS

CAPITOL BUILDING

The Capitol was the first mega-church in America and continued for almost 100-years. By 1857 almost 2000 people attended church in the hall of the US House of Representatives.

Three other churches met at the Capitol — First Congregational, First Presbyterian, and Capitol Hill Presbyterian.

As Commander-In-Chief, Jefferson decided to help the worship service by ordering the Marine Corps Band to play at the worship services.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

“It is poignant that the first rays of sun that illuminate our nation’s capital each morning first fall upon the eastern side of its tallest building—the 555-foot monument to the father of our country. And there on its top, inscribed on the eastern side of the four-sided aluminum capstone are the Latin words *Laus Deo* (“Praise to God”). Newt Gingrich, *Rediscovering God in America*

These simple words, placed there *for the eyes of heaven alone*, are a fitting reflection of George Washington’s deep conviction that the securing and maintaining of American liberty is owed to divine blessing, for which Americas should humbly give thanks.”

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

SUPREME COURT BUILDING

Justice William O. Douglas wrote: “We are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a supreme being. When the state encourages religious instruction or cooperates with religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs, it follows the best of our traditions. We cannot read into the Bill of Rights a philosophy of hostility to religion.” *Zorach vs. Clauson*, 1952

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

Completed in 1997 and reflects the decline of religion in America and the advancement of the secular progressive agenda.

It is made up of four open-air rooms that walk visitors through the major challenges of FDR’s four terms as President.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Congress authorized the construction of the memorial on July 1, 1980.

Wall of Names completed in November 1982, start at about 18-inches high and rise to a little over 10-feet in the center where the two walls converge.

Three Servicemen Statue added in November 1984.

The Vietnam Women’s Memorial added in November 1993.

WHAT HAPPENED?

The 60’s, unlike any other time in our history, marked a seismic shift from moral absolutes to relativism . . . from moral absolutes to values.

Jefferson knew that what he was doing was _____

“They (the Founders) were very knowledgeable. Even the most skeptical Founders, in terms of religious dogma, would have known their Bible backwards and forwards.” (Neil Ronk, Senior Guide/Historian at Christ Church in Philadelphia, PA, in *Rediscovering God in America II, Our Heritage*, DVD)

TAKE-AWAY

#1. Be _____

Romans 1:18 – 28

Verse 21 – “For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

“...they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind...” verse 28