

**WHAT DO WE
REMEMBER?**

Mayflower Compact:

In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. Having undertaken, **for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honour of our King and Country**, a Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern Parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic,

Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created** equal, that they are endowed by **their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Washington's Prayer:

"dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the **Divine Author of our blessed Religion**, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation.

Washington's Farewell Address

"Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of **religious principle.**"

John Adams

was a self-confessed "church going animal,"

Benjamin Franklin

"the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this Truth--that God governs in the Affairs of Men... I also believe... [that] without His concurring Aid, we shall succeed in this political Building no better than the Builders of Babel."

James Madison

“The civil rights of none shall be abridged on account of religious belief or worship, nor shall any national religion be established, nor shall the full and equal rights of conscience be in any manner nor any pretext infringed.”

First Amendment

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

Gettysburg address:

“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, **under God**, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Five things to avoid: **Ignorance of God:**

(Gen 1:1 NIV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gouverneur Morris:

“since I have been in this country (France) I have seen the worship of many idols but little of the true God.”

John Adams:

*"Without Religion this World would be
Something not fit to be mentioned in polite
Company, I mean Hell."*

Five things to avoid:
Ignorance of the Bible:

*(John 17:17 NIV) Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.*

Five things to avoid: **Ignorance of Man:**

(Prov 14:34 NIV) Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Gouverneur Morris:

“...the system of government that would work for a highly religious people (like the US) would not work for a ‘immoral society’ like France.”

Five things to avoid:

Ignorance of the Law:

(Romans 13:1-2 NIV) Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Five things to avoid:

Ignorance of the Law:

(Romans 13:3-4 NIV) For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Five things to avoid:

Ignorance of the Law:

(Romans 13:5-7 NIV) Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

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

Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Five things to avoid: **Absence of prayer:**

(Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Adams's Fast Day Proclamation

"acknowledge before God the manifold sins and transgressions with which we are justly chargeable as individuals and as a nation; beseeching him at the same time, of His infinite grace, through the Redeemer of the World, freely to remit all our offences, and to incline us, by His Holy Spirit, to that sincere repentance and reformation which may afford us reason to hope for his inestimable favor and heavenly benediction."

Conclusion