

In God We Trust???

This motto was adopted by the fathers of our country in the days when we were a weak and struggling nation. The fathers felt the absolute necessity of trusting in a higher power for the making and preservation of the nation. But with the increase of wealth, prestige, and power there has been a corresponding decrease in the consciousness of the need of God. We trust in our national wealth, our great army and navy, our fame, our intellectuals, and God is too often left out of the picture.

Once the “most religious and God-fearing nation on earth,” now the true God and the Bible are legislated out of public life. A preacher in Virginia applied for a personalized license plate for his car. He wanted to put a Bible reference on it and was rejected. Biblical principles are no longer considered worth teaching our children in public schools. Even posting the “Ten Commandments” in court houses and public school classrooms has become a debatable proposition.

Our nation is following the pattern God knew his people would when they entered the “Promised Land.” He warned them,

“And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied, then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day” ((Deut 8:13, 17-18:).

We should do more than take notice of the godless direction our nation is taking. We should talk about this matter to every person with any influence at all in governmental affairs. Unless and until “In God We Trust,” is more than an ancient motto, like the children of Israel of old, our nation will continue a downward spiral. Godlessness has shown us what happens when we don’t trust God. None can honestly say that the defection from “In God We Trust,” has made our nation any better — it just the opposite!

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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Desire

Of desire, Joseph Thayer defines it as a, "craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust." While it is used mostly in a negative sense, it can also be positive depending on the context. Negative: "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever" (Rom. 1:24,25). Positive: "Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God'" (Lk. 22:15,16). The difference between the two is the focus, or lack thereof, on God. Consider Christ's parable of the sower in Mark. The seed that fell among the thorns (things of the world) was choked because desire remained for the world. "the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word" (Mk. 4:19). On the other hand, we can focus our desire on the things of God. Notice though, that in desiring Christ we must deny ourselves. One cannot serve both God and ourselves (Mat. 6:24). "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul'" (Mat. 16:24-26)?

Desire is the motivator for action. In Romans 1:24, lust (desire for things of this world) was in their hearts, so they dishonored their bodies. However, in Luke 22:15, Christ desired to eat the Passover with his disciples, so He ate and there instituted the Lord's Supper. Desire does not always end in action. I might initially desire to do good, but then not do it. The good desire does not make me righteous (Mat. 21:28-31). Also, one might desire something sinful, but never act on it. However, one cannot desire evil and still be acceptable to a God who cannot abide evil (Mat. 5:22,28). A desire for the things of this world, to fulfill its lusts (1 Jn. 2:16), is not of God and therefore sin. Let us therefore grow in our desire for the things of God and act upon it!

Will Vann

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks FV) Jeffrey Burks

(O) Jack Wall (A) Vernon Houts

1st prayer Mike Mallet 2nd prayer Doug Pruet

Announcements: Calvin Burks Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List: Naomi Wall , Mildred Lovell , Gene Payne, Lloyd Crownover, Ruby Jones, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

You should know that the New Testament is the standard by which we shall all be judged.

1. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18)
2. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48)



To

Mike & Connie Mallet

July 19th



To

Mike Lovell July 16

Keith Stifflemire July 22

Dates to Remember

July 3rd

Mission Sunday

July 4th

Independence Day

July 31st

Noon Fellowship