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Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail an exclusion of religious principle.

- George Washington

We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions unbridled by morality and religion... Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." - John Adams

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- A. God loves the world, not just the United States. (John 3:16)
- B. God loves the United States. (Acts 17:26)
- C. God encourages us to seek the welfare of our country. (Jeremiah 29:7)
- D. We are to be good citizens of our country. (Romans 13:1)
- E. Our Christianity should trump our nationalism. (Philippians 3:20)
- F. Our hope is in Christ alone. (Psalm 62:5)

1. THE FREEDOM <u>FROM SIN</u>

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)- <u>For freedom Christ has set us free</u>; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

John 8:36 (ESV)-So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Freedom from Personal Guilt

Freedom from Penalty of Death

Tendency 1: LEGALISM

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)- For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:6 (ESV)-For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor <u>uncircumcision counts for anything</u>, but only faith working through love.

Tendency 2: LICENSE

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)-For you were called to freedom, brothers. <u>Only</u> <u>do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh.</u>

2. THE FREEDOM <u>TO SERVE</u> <u>OTHERS</u>

Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)-For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2 Peter 2:16-17 (ESV)-Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but <u>living as servants of God. Honor everyone.</u> Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

3. THE FREEDOM IN RELATIONSHIP

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)- <u>But I say, walk by the Spirit</u>, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)-Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Here is the Point: Let us use our incredible freedom to serve others!