

America’s God and Country

Excerpts from William J. Federer’s book

**Samuel Adams (1722-1803)**

*He therefore is the truest friend of the liberty of his country who tries most to promote its virtue, and who, so far as his power and influence extend, will not suffer a man to be chosen into any office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man. …The sum of all is, if we would truly enjoy this gift of Heaven, let us become a virtuous people.*

**Henry Clay (1777-1852)**

In 1839, when he was about to give a speech in which he would declare himself against slavery, one of his friends warned him that this would ruin his chances to become President. To this Henry Clay gave his famous reply:

*I would rather be right than President.*

**George Washington (1732-1799)**

In his first general order to his troops, General George Washington called on:

*Every office and man…to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country.*

**Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969)**

*The spirit of man is more important than mere physical strength and the spiritual fiber of a nation than its wealth.*

**Charles G. Finney (1792-1875)**

*The Church must take right ground in regards to politics….The time has come for Christians to vote for honest men, and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them…*

*God cannot sustain this free and blessed country, which we love and pray for, unless the Church will take right ground. Politics are a part of a religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to their country as a part of their duty to God….*

*God will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics.*