

The Bible in American Culture and History

Proverbs 14:34; Psalm 33:12; Joshua 1:8

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Pro. 14:34
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance Psalm 33:12

Prosperity and Success

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America is 4% of the World's population, but our Innovation equals more:

- Creativity
- Copyrights
- Patents
- Inventions
- Technology
- Scientific advancement
- Medical discovery and cures

America produces 25% of the World's Gross National Product

**The reason for America's stability,
prosperity, and distinct blessing is the
Bible.**

The Bible's Impact on American Culture.

1. The Bible's impact in the way we talk to one another

There are 257 English idioms from the Bible

by the skin of your teeth

Job 19:20

I'll give you my two cents worth

Mark 12:41-44

leopard can't change its spots

Jeremiah 13:23

there's nothing new under the sun

Ecclesiastes 1:9

signs of the time

Matthew 16:3

a thorn in the flesh

2 Corinthians 12:7

from the cradle to the grave

Job

10:19

handwriting on the wall

Daniel 5:5

a fly in the ointment

Ecclesiastes 10:1

“In regard to the history contained in the Bible, It's not so much praiseworthy to be acquainted with it as it is shameful to be ignorant of it.” — **John Quincy Adams**

"The Bible's so much a part of our civic and our social life, it would be impossible for us to figure what life would be if these teachings were removed.” — **Theodore Roosevelt**

2. Bible's impact on America's Free Market System

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America's Free Market Economy Prosperity

- 1 Timothy 5:8
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- Matthew 25
- Luke 19
- Matthew 20

3. Bible's impact on America's Form of Government

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But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Exodus 18:21 | Ex 1:15-16; 16:18

America is NOT a Democracy.

**The Constitution requires each state
to have a
Republican form of Government.**

"In the formative days of the republic, the directing influence the Bible exercised on the fathers of the nation is conspicuously evident."

— **Franklin Roosevelt**

"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the republic." — **Franklin Roosevelt**

The Constitutional Convention, 1787

"Gentlemen, in this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we've not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding?"

— **Benjamin Franklin**

"In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for divine protection."

— **Benjamin Franklin**

"Our prayers, sir, were heard and they were graciously answered."

— **Benjamin Franklin**

"All of us engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor. And have we not forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance?"

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we should succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel, and we should become a reproach and a byword down to future ages.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings on our deliberation—be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

Verses in Ben Franklin's 14 sentence speech

Luke 12:6	James 1:17
1 Kings 9:7	2 Chronicles 7:20
Daniel 4:17	Psalm 75:7
Psalm 44:14	Psalm 121:7
Psalm 127:1	Genesis 11:1-9
James 1:5	Deuteronomy 28:37
Matt. 10:29	Job 12:25

Reverend Roger Williams prayed over the Constitutional Convention

4. Biblical Scripture in the Constitution

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- Article I, Section 8: Uniform Immigration, **Leviticus 19:34**
- Article II, Section 1: President, Natural-Born, **Deuteronomy 17:15**
- Article III, Section 3: Witnesses, **Deuteronomy 17:6**
- Article III, Section 3: Attainder, limits for treason, **Ezekiel 18:20**

"The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests." — **Andrew Jackson**

"The Bible is the best of books. I wish it were in the hands of everyone. It's indispensable to the safety and permanence of our institutions."—

Zachary Taylor

"Especially should the Bible be placed in the hands of the young. It is the best schoolbook in the world. I would that all of our people were brought up under the influence of that holy book."

— **Zachary Taylor**

5. The Bible is the Best School Book for America

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The Bible taught in American Schools

- 1791, Benjamin Rush, The Bible is the preferred textbook for Schools in America.
- 1844, US Supreme Court, Government won't fund any school that does not teach the Bible.
- 1963, US Supreme Court, without historical or legal precedent, removes Bible from schools.

The Bible explicitly addresses

Minimum Wage	Progressive Income Tax
Competition	Self-Defense
Capital Gains Tax	Due Process
Criminal Justice	Education
Estate Tax	The Rights of Conscience
Free Enterprise	

6. Biblical influence in Scientific Knowledge

Matthew Maury

You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Psalm 8:6-8

The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. Ecclesiastes 1:6

7. Biblical insight that set up our Government

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.

Isaiah 33:22

Three Branches of Government

- Judicial
- Legislative
- Executive

The reason for our separation of powers

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

United States Circuit Courts

Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life. From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. 1 Samuel 7:15-16

Written Constitution

When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

Exodus 31:18

Average American home has 4.4 Bibles

Only 9% of Christians read the Bible on a daily basis.

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