

VETERAN'S DAY
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"Proclaim liberty throughout the whole land,"
Lev. 25:10.

Our country certainly needs to obey this verse and herald those who have made our liberty possible. We are fast losing this great freedom purchased by many a battle by the military over the years. Our nation is like none other in the world and we have it at great cost and the blood and tears of those who have given their lives to purchase and maintain it. In this time it is a shame and disgrace for any American to cry out against the heroes of our nation and speak against the men and women that seek to keep terrorists out of our country. Let's consider our priceless heritage of Liberty.

IT CAME AT GREAT COST. First, the hardships of colonial times as danger, starvation and sickness plagued the settlers. Many wars and bloodshed have followed. The Revolution, Civil War, World war 1 & 2, the Korean and Viet Nam, Desert Storm and now Iraq. We are the freest nation on earth because of countless thousands that gave their lives so we could be free. Many of our past leaders honored God, but now most of the new ones are turning the nation against Him. We must remember that greatness is the result of Godliness. **THE FOES OF LIBERTY ARE MANY.** Communism and Socialism are still a danger as the peril of Islam builds daily. The curse of Humanism along with Satanism compete daily in our nation. Immorality is taught by books, entertainment, music, TV and styles. True marriage is ridiculed as all the kinky stuff is praised and morals are trashed by lustful adherents. Greed and Laziness and Gambling along with Pleasure Loving pursuits all tear at the family and the structure of our American homes. Indifference and Unconcern toward the needs of others plus Unthankfulness for all the blessings Freedom brings us. Past History is being rewritten, our courts seem

hesitant to rule with righteousness. The twisting of the First Amendment has brought about a deadly separation of the church and state our forefathers never intended. **WE MUST ALL WORK TO PRESERVE FREEDOM OR WE WILL LOSE IT.** Stop and remember the sacrifices of others and stop taking our freedom for granted. Preserve Patriotism, honor our flag and sing at the top of your lungs, God bless America. We need to Right the Wrongs and Preserve the right. All true freedom comes from God. The UN is a poor substitute for US. Today, would be a good day to seek out a military friend and thank them for risking his live for the freedoms you and I often take for granted. **I WOULD LIKE TO LIST FOUR STEPS TO MAINTAIN LIBERTY.** We true believes must take time to preserve the very freedoms that allow us to preach and live the Christian life. **BE OBEDIENT TO LAW.** *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. The powers that be are ordained of God."* Rom. 13:1. We believers must show love and respect for our nation. We must vote and do our best to elect the best we can. You cannot crawl into a religious hole and refuse to participate without losing freedoms and endangering our great America. Be very law abiding in all that you do or you will ruin your testimony. **ADD FAITHFULNESS IN WORSHIP.** Many believers are unfaithful to the services in their church. What about you? Skipping services injures the strength of your church which must be salt in this decaying world. Never be too busy to attend prayer meeting. *"Forsake not the assembly"* Heb. 10:25. Christ died for His church while many believers of today won't sacrifice to spread the message of the liberty to be found in Christ. Church neglect is a destroyer of our freedom. Weak churches develop a weak neighborhood and a compromised nation. We must back our pastor and spread the message of freedom in Christ. Thirdly, **WE MUST PRESERVE OUR FREEDOMS BY BEING STRONG IN**

FAMILY. God complimented Abraham when He said, "*He will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord,*" Gen. 18:19. Raise your family under the moral precepts of God. Don't let a whining teen keep you from following and requiring Biblical standards. Teach loyalty to your church by example and requirement. You must enforce God's Biblical standards or the impurities of the world will creep into your family. Family interaction is essential plus good visual example in the neighborhood. Be sure to guard against bad TV and computer compromise. Sinner friends need to see our Godly love for freedom and right in this world of confusion and slavery. Lastly, **BE ATTENTIVE TO YOURSELF.** "*Take heed to thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them,*" I Tim. 4:16. Righteousness in example helps lead others in righteousness. We must each oppose evil and stand for the right. We must show love and give aid to others. Start by stopping the quibble and undertow toward your pastor which like termites hurts our freedom to worship as one. Questioning pastoral authority is a sin and many believers pair off and hurt others by their wounded thoughts and actions. Every church has some resistors and ours is no exception. The soldiers of the church must discipline themselves to say and do right. Please remember we will give an account for every word and action at the throne of God. In closing let me remind you, "*If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed,*" John 8:36. Man's greatest freedom is freedom from sin possible only through our relationship to Christ. On Veteran's day be sure to thank a vet for risking his life to defend the freedoms we take for granted. Love and honor our dear pastor, church commander, as he leads us in the paths of righteousness. Give him a good hug and promise to be obedient to our leader in this battle of freedom and liberty.