

The Plan for a Blessed Culture

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I. THE PRINCIPLES OF A GOVERNMENT OF INTEGRITY

- A. Seek God's direction and help. Psalm 127:1, Joshua 24:15
- B. Set a common goal.
- C. Submit to God's authority.

II. THE PREMISE FOR BUILDING A GOVERNMENT OF INTEGRITY

An Election Day Sermon by Pastor Jason Haven, Massachusetts Bay, May 31st, 1769

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- A. The Existence of government is God's idea.
- B. The Empowerment of government is of God
- C. The Effectiveness of government is linked to submission.

III. THE PLAN FOR BUILDING A GOVERNMENT OF INTEGRITY

A. Understand the Nature and Role of God

- 1. God is Sovereign. Rev 21:6
- 2. God is Creator and Sustainer of life. Col.1:16,17
- 3. God is Supreme Authority. I Tim. 6:15
- 4. God delegated man as His Creation overseer -Gen 1:26

B. Understand the Nature of Man

- 1. Man is born a sinner. Rom 5:12
- 2. Man is depraved and doesn't naturally do right. Mark 7:21-23

C. Understand the Purpose for Government

An Election Day Sermon from New Hampshire delivered by Rev. William Morrison, June 7th, 1772

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- 1. Government is to enact justice. Romans 13:1-6
- 2. Government is to punish evil and praise good. I Pet. 2:13,14

D. Understand the Purpose for Law

An Election Day Sermon by Rev. Samuel West in Massachusetts Bay, May 29th 1776

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1. The Law is to establish the framework for right actions and to enact justice. I Tim. 1:9

2. The Law was made for Lawbreaker.

E. Understand the natural tendency of government

1. Gov't tends to consolidate control. Gen. 11:1-9

2. Government tends to take the place of 'God'.

F. Understand the components of Biblical Justice-Isa. 59:14

1. Truth is the absolute standard.

2. Mercy's goal is restoration.

3. Equity is judgment imparted without partiality.

G. Understand the need for Maintaining a Republic

1. Maintaining a republic requires responsible citizens

2. Maintaining a republic requires responsible government leaders

Sermon: The People Responsible for Their Rulers by Rev. Henry Van Dyke, Feb 24th 1895 in New York

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H. Understand the need to build in safeguards

1. Man is naturally selfish

2. God initiated separation of powers. Isa 33:22

I. Understand the need to Biblically educate

1. Parents must train their children in God's ways. Prov.22:6

2. Parents must teach the history of God's blessings.

Josh.4:19-24

J. Understand the need for prayer for God's help in building the nation. (Ps. 127:1; I Kings 8:54-60, II Chron. 7:14)

An Election Day Sermon by Pastor James Cogswell, Connecticut, May 9th, 1771

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