



"People are forgetful; from one generation to the next. In the time of the Book of Judges, they had forgotten the Word of God. ... Everyone was choosing their own way to live – they were following their own desires instead of the way of the Lord. There was no fixed standard of morality. We are seeing the same thing today. We've gone from authority to relativism and from truth to pragmatism. No longer do we ask if it's true; we ask if it works. ... This is the culture we live in." Adrian Rogers

"We hold these truths to be _____"

Thomas Jefferson originally called these truths "sacred and undeniable" but the wording was changed to "self-evident" by Benjamin Franklin. This change shifted the emphasis from a religious or divine basis to a foundation in reason and natural law.

1. "All men are _____"

Image of God = Latin: _____

The Jewish and Christian concept that humans were created in the likeness of God and possess inherent _____ and _____ as a _____ of their Creator

2. "All men are endowed by their _____ with certain _____ Rights – among these are _____, _____ and the _____ of _____."

- "L_____"
- "L_____"
- _____ of _____ (pursuit of _____)

3. “Governments are instituted among Men to _____ these rights”

4. “Governments derive their just powers from the _____ of the _____”

5. “When Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the _____ of the People to _____ or _____ it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their _____ and _____.”

1 Sam 8:11-18

- he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots
- he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots
- he will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers
- he will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants
- he will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants
- he will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men^{and} and your donkeys, and put them to his work
- he will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves

“... that whensoever the general government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force ...” Thomas Jefferson, *Kentucky Resolution*, 1798

“Posterity, you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in heaven that ever I took half the pains to preserve it.” John Adams to Abigail, April 26, 1777