

## *Donna's Devotional*

### *The Blessings of the United States*

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: that powers that be are ordained by God. Romans 13:1*

We celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>, our Independence Day, as the birthday of America. It was on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 that the Declaration of Independence was signed. William Bennett wrote that the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence “became the greatest, most consequential statement of political philosophy of all time.”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men. . .”

The founding fathers acknowledged that our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness came directly from God, the Creator.

What a heritage we have. George Washington's Farewell Address reminded Americans of the qualities necessary to maintain free government:

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports.”

Today, even though we are saddened by many of the happenings in this great country, we must look at the blessings we have in the United States. Many godly men, including the early Christians and a multitude throughout the centuries, have not enjoyed the freedom we have.

Why are we free to attend the church of our choice this morning? Because our founding fathers knew that Religion and Morality were the support of this nation. Even the first public schools were established to teach children how to read the Bible.

In the history of the world, it is as if God said to man, “I will allow you to set up a nation based on Christian principles and I will see how long you can remain true to Me.” Let us praise God for the blessings we enjoy. Let us pray earnestly that God will send revival to this nation. Let us seek to be faithful to the TRUTH and to tell others.