



OUR *Absolute* DEPENDENCE ON GOD



CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES™

“Our Founders’ unshakable belief was that God was the source of their freedom and prosperity.”

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Dear Friend,

You have to wonder if Thomas Jefferson wasn’t smiling as he wrote this last sentence of the Declaration of Independence—a confession of our country’s absolute *dependence* on God:

“...With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.”

He must’ve appreciated the irony of a document that claimed independence while admitting the need for help from on high.

Fifty-six men signed that document in 1776, risking everything and trusting God completely to carry them through the ordeal that surely lay ahead—invasion by Great Britain. And, the idea that these few men representing 13 small, disunited colonies could prevail against the greatest military power on earth was laughable—unless you had an *unshakable faith in God’s divine intervention*.

Sadly, it seems that our Founders knew something that too many Americans today have forgotten—that God is our Provider and Protector and that all blessings flow from Him. The signers of the Declaration of Independence knew that without God, they were doomed.

As America’s economy falters, too many are turning away from God and looking to Washington for financial security, and the results are predictable—misguided bailouts and massive budget deficits. The Congressional Budget Office projects that the federal government will run up an unprecedented \$1.85 trillion deficit in 2009, with deficits averaging another \$1 trillion per year over the next decade.

These deficits must be covered by borrowing, taxing, or printing more money. Borrowing makes us dependent on foreign creditor nations like China; tax increases hurt the economy and cost jobs, and simply printing more money devalues our currency and causes inflation—all are misguided attempts to restore prosperity and good times.

**I think you’ll agree that the result of all this will be less freedom.** The Founders wrote of natural rights bestowed on us by a loving God—*life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness*. **The more we look away from God and toward Washington for security, the less free we will be.** Benjamin Franklin wrote, “Those who would give up *Essential Liberty* to purchase a little *Temporary Safety*, deserve neither *Liberty* nor *Safety*.”

**Today, I am asking you to support Crown Financial Ministries because we are calling God’s people to turn back to Him and His financial principles. That is the only solution to their personal economic problems and the only solution for economic recovery for our nation.**

**By supporting our *MoneyLife* broadcasts and Money Matters newsletter, you’ve given us the ability to reach millions with this message. You practice stewardship, frugality and living on a budget—why shouldn’t Washington?**

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God made America free and blessed her. Our freedom has given us tremendous creativity and innovation. As a people, Americans have flourished and prospered—but our freedom and prosperity depends on God, not the government.

I am convinced that God will continue to bless you and your household for your faithfulness to His principles, even when our leaders have turned away. I want to encourage you to stay the course and, by your example, show others the blessings and peace that flow from obedience to God's Word.

Together, we can start a movement to turn our country back to God and His Divine Providence for solutions to the problems we face. **Your investment with Crown helps get this message to God's people! Your gift today will join your voice with Crown's as together we call our nation back to the Lord.**

The Liberty Bell itself gives proof of our Founders' unshakable belief that God was the source of their freedom and prosperity. Engraved into the side of the bell is Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof."

God is Faithful,

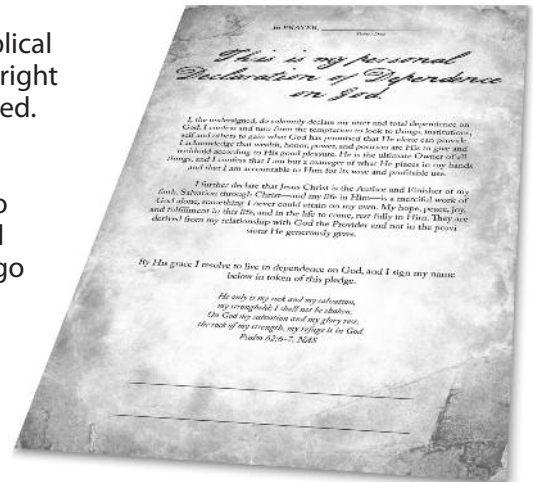


Chuck Bentley, CEO  
1 Corinthians 1:9

P.S. Your financial support gives loud voice to the message of biblical stewardship when our country needs it most. And your support right now, during these "lean" summer months, is especially appreciated. Thank you!

P.P.S. We have enclosed a "Declaration of Dependence on God" to be used as a bold statement and daily reminder of your personal dependence on Him. To print additional copies to share, please go to [Crown.org/Dependence](http://Crown.org/Dependence).

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