

Part One
Living the Good Life Series

“THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE GOOD LIFE”

Psalm 11:7 (NIV) ⁷For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.

Psalm 102:28 (NIV) ²⁸The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.

(Adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776)

**The Unanimous Declaration
of the Thirteen United States of America**

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which **the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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**.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved. . . . And for the support of this Declaration, **with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Four foundation principles found in this document:

1. Laws of Nature and of Nature's God
2. Life and Liberty
3. Pursuit of Happiness
4. A Pledge of Lives, Fortunes and sacred Honor

All of these are foundational to LIFE...the GOOD life. If any of these foundations are destroyed then we lose the life that REVOLUTIONIZED this nation to be one of the GREATEST NATIONS the world has ever known.

AMERICA is not a “**regular ordinary nation made up of ordinary people**”...it was designed according to GOD'S DIVINE ORDER and it is our HONOR and DUTY to preserve this nation accordingly.