

9 Principles, 12 Values

The 9 Principles

1. **America Is Good.**

2. **I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.**

God “The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.” **from George Washington’s first Inaugural address.**

3. **I must always try to be a more honest person than I was yesterday.**

Honesty “I hope that I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.” **George Washington**

4. **The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.**

Marriage/Family “It is in the love of one’s family only that heartfelt happiness is known. By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family.” **Thomas Jefferson**

5. **If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.**

Justice “I deem one of the essential principles of our government... equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political.” **Thomas Jefferson**

6. **I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.**

Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness “Everyone has a natural right to choose that vocation in life which he thinks most likely to give him comfortable subsistence.” **Thomas Jefferson**

7. **I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.**

Charity “It is not everyone who asketh that deserveth charity; all however, are worth of the inquiry or the deserving may suffer.” **George Washington**

8. **It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.**

On your right to disagree “In a free and republican government, you cannot restrain the voice of the multitude; every man will speak as he thinks, or more properly without thinking.” **George Washington**

9. **The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.**

Who works for whom? “I consider the people who constitute a society or a nation as the source of all authority in that nation.” **Thomas Jefferson**

The 12 Values

* Honesty * Reverence * Hope * Thrift * Humility * Charity
* Sincerity * Moderation * Hard Work * Courage * Personal Responsibility * Gratitude