

**God and Country**  
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America's National Motto:

*In God We Trust*

God has been removed from the conversation because we are so \_\_\_\_\_.

***Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV)***

...give me neither poverty or riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God.

***Deuteronomy 8:6-20 (NIV)***

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

<sup>12</sup> Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>15</sup> You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."

<sup>16</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

<sup>17</sup> If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

<sup>18</sup> Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.