

Four Pillars of a Godly Society

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Intro

Mike Warren suggests that there are 4 pillars of a godly society, that America was based on those pillars, and that those pillars have crumbled.

If the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do? [Psa 11:3](#)

With a destroyed foundation, we find ourselves on a rescue mission to save as many individuals as we can, but the overall society is beyond repair.

Our personal question becomes, “Is Christ and Christ alone the purpose and reason for my life?” [Php 1:21](#)

*Look within and be depressed.
Look without and be distressed.
Look at Jesus and be at rest.
-Corrie Ten Boom*

Is your conversation in heaven, [Php 3:20](#)? Your conversation is your worldview, the way you live, think, and behave. Is your hope based on the return of Jesus Christ or is it on things such as getting your preferred political leader in office?

When Jesus returns, He isn’t going to drain the swamp. He is going to remove the swamp entirely.

Remember, if you are a Christ-follower, the land in which you live is not your home. This land is foreign and getting worse every day, not better.

God won’t bless nations who pervert the truth and go against His Word, [Psa 2](#).

Interestingly, the USA is the only nation in the history of the world that, at its inception, was founded on the four pillars.

1-God is Creator of Heaven and Earth

This truth was woven into the DNA of the US Constitution:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and are endowed by their **Creator** of certain inalienable rights - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

The intent was for us to be one nation under God who is our **Creator**. That is the first pillar of a godly society.

2-God is Our Sustainer

The government was not meant to be our sustainer. The second pillar of a godly society is that God is our **Sustainer**.

3-Man's Heart is Flawed

The founding fathers understood that man's heart is flawed and men need to be redeemed. That's the third pillar of a godly society, to admit man's **heart is flawed**.

4-God's Word is the Final Authority

Our founder understood that God's Word is the rule for life and conduct. Are you aware that 29 of the 56 founding fathers that signed the Declaration of Independence were seminary-trained ministers? They weren't Deists. They were Christians. They began every session of Congress with two hours of prayer. They ended each session with one of the 29 ordained ministers delivering a message from God's Word.

The statue of George Washington pictures him with his left hand on his sword and his right hand leaning firmly on a book that's risen up on a pedestal. That book is the Word of God. This nation was founded on biblical principles. That's the fourth pillar of a godly society, treating God's Word as the **Final Authority**.

Result of Destroying the Foundations

The 4 pillars began to crumble in the 20th century.

Destruction of Pillar-1

In 1967, our society destroyed pillar-1 by replacing belief in God as Creator with Evolution. This has become prevalent in our public school system.

Destruction of Pillar-2

Our society began destroying pillar-2 by moving toward the government providing for people rather relying on God as sustainer. We're moving toward Socialism and even Communism. One thing that is causing this is that people don't **hearken** (intently listen) to God, [Deu 28:1-2](#).

In 1973, the Humanistic Manifesto stated, "No deity will save us. We must save and provide for ourselves." They vowed to change our public education system to bring about their goals. In other words, they are indoctrinating our children to destroy the pillar of God as our Sustainer.

Destruction of Pillar-3

Our society has destroyed pillar-3 by denying that man's heart is flawed and substituting psychology for redemption. We mistakenly think we're wiser than God when it comes to fixing relationships. We like to blame our issues on our environment or on other people.

The issue always has been that man's heart is flawed, [Jer 17:9](#), [Rom 1:21-22](#), [Titus 3:3-5](#). Trying to use psychology to fix our minds won't help our heart issues. Our society has thusly destroyed the pillar of Man's Heart is Flawed.

Destruction of Pillar-4

We see [Psalm 2](#) in action in our society today. The heathens are raging to get God's Word out of our society. They haven't completely eliminated God's Word in our society. On the other hand, they have destroyed pillar-4 by removing God's Word as the Final Authority.

What Can the Righteous Do?

We can follow the advice in [2Chronicles 7:14](#).

- *If my people which are called by my name*
(If you are a Christ-follower, this is you.)
- *shall humble themselves*
(Acknowledge that you are nothing without Him and depend on Him for everything.)
- *and pray*
(View prayer as a great privilege to tell Him how you love Him and seek His help.)
- *and seek my face*
(Don't just seek His hand for help. Seek His face for relationship. Tell Him that you belong to Him, want to grow closer to Him, and help others do the same.)
- *and turn from their wicked ways*
(Tell Him where you are struggling to be the person He desires you to be. Admit your sinful thoughts and deeds. Ask for cleansing, for removal of the bad things that displease Him.)
- *then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land*
(Once cleansed, you'll be face-to-face with Him spiritually.)

The righteous can humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways.