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THE RIGHT KIND OF PATRIOTISM

1 Timothy 2.1-7

This weekend, millions of Americans flew flags, gathered with family, watched fireworks, and celebrated the blessings of our nation. That's appropriate. Gratitude is a Christian virtue. But how should a follower of Jesus love his or her country? Is there a right way to be patriotic for the believer? In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he gives some guidelines for worship, and in them, we can discover the right kind of patriotism.

Pray for Babylon's well-being. If things go well for Babylon, things will go well for you.
Jeremiah 29.7 The Message

The Right Kind of Patriotism:

1. Understands that our true citizenship **IS IN HEAVEN**.

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...
Philippians 3.20

2. Saves our greatest gratitude **FOR JESUS**.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people...
1 Timothy 2.5-6

3. Prays for its **LEADERS**.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority...
1 Timothy 2.1-2

4. Lives a **HOLY LIFE**.

...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness...
1 Timothy 2.2

5. Has a loving concern for **THEIR NEIGHBORS** that they might **COME TO KNOW JESUS**.

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2.3-4

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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