

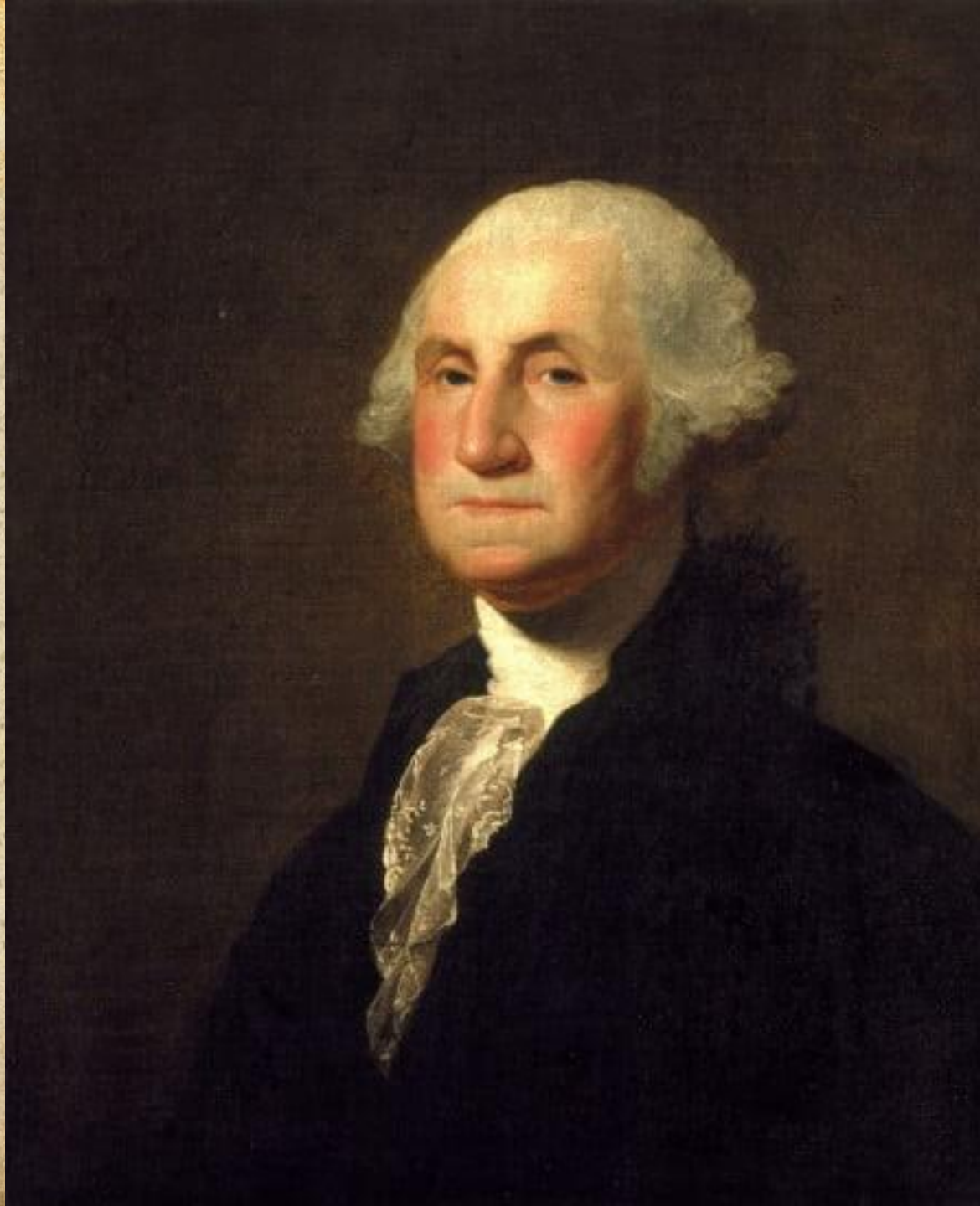
Such a Cloud of Witnesses

"Stories of American Christians"

Temple Baptist Church
February 21, 2021



George
Washington
1798



Matthew 7:12

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour
In Company and Conversation

- 1 Every Action done in Company ought to be without any
of respect to self but a respect
2 When in Company put not your hands to any part of the
body, not especially your face
3 When talking to your friend that may be thought to
4 In the presence of others say not to yourself that I am
5 Do not drink with your fingers or feet
6 If you cough, sneeze, sigh, or yawn, do it not loud but
privately, and speak not in an overbearing and proud
high voice stand before me, and stand last after
7 When you stand when I speak, do not when I stand, but
when you stand, stand your distance from me when I stand
8 When you stand, stand your distance from me when I stand
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10 When you stand, stand your distance from me when I stand
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Rules of Civility

18. Read no letters, books, or papers in company but when there is a necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave: come not near the books or writings of another so as to read them unless desired or give your opinion of them unask'd also look not nigh when another is writing a letter.

19. Let your countenance be pleasant but in serious matters somewhat grave.

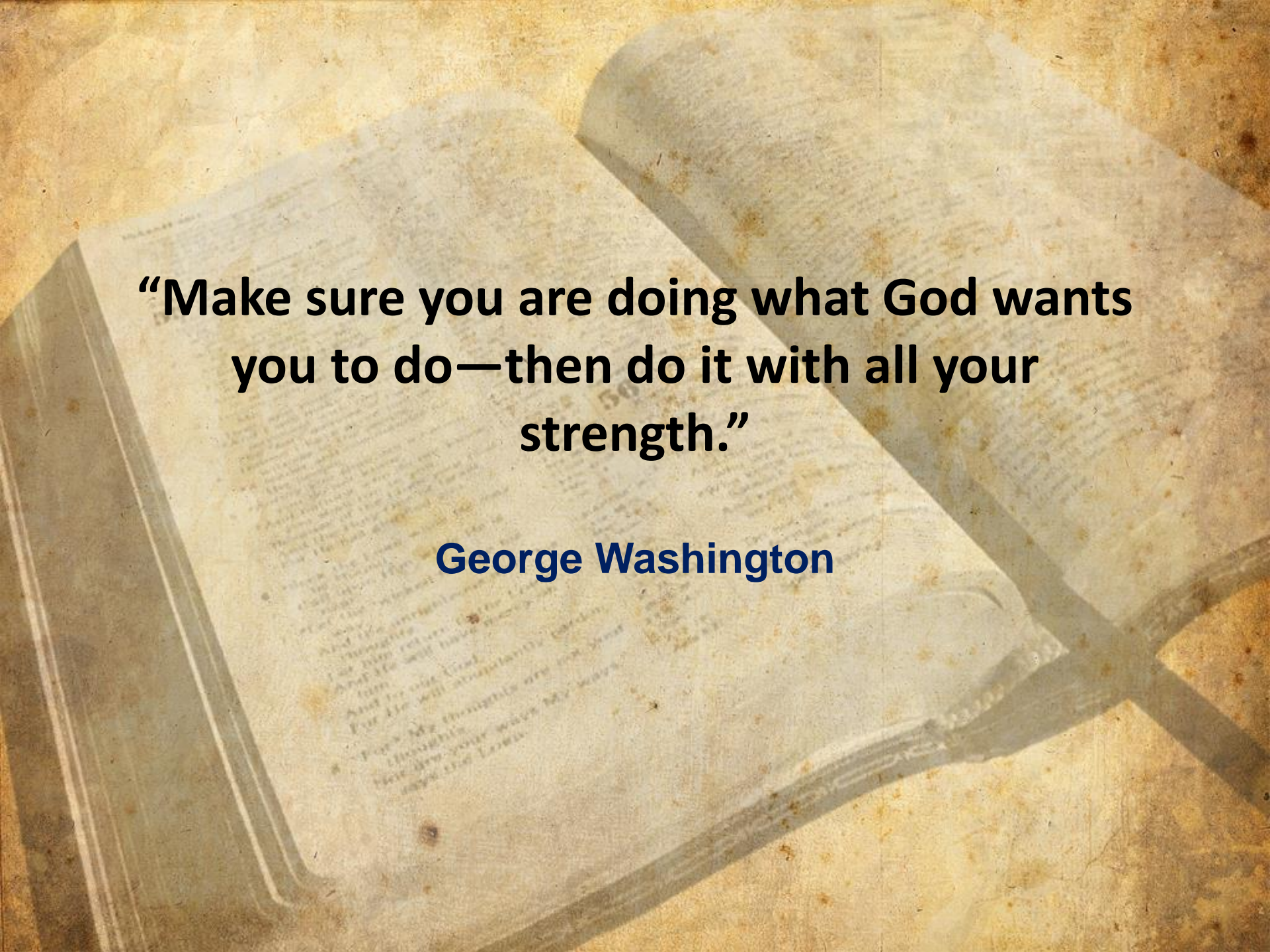
20. The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon.

21. Reproach none for the infirmities of nature, nor delight to put them that have in mind thereof.

22. Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy.

23. When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased; but always show pity to the suffering offender.

24. Do not laugh too loud or too much at any publick spectacle.

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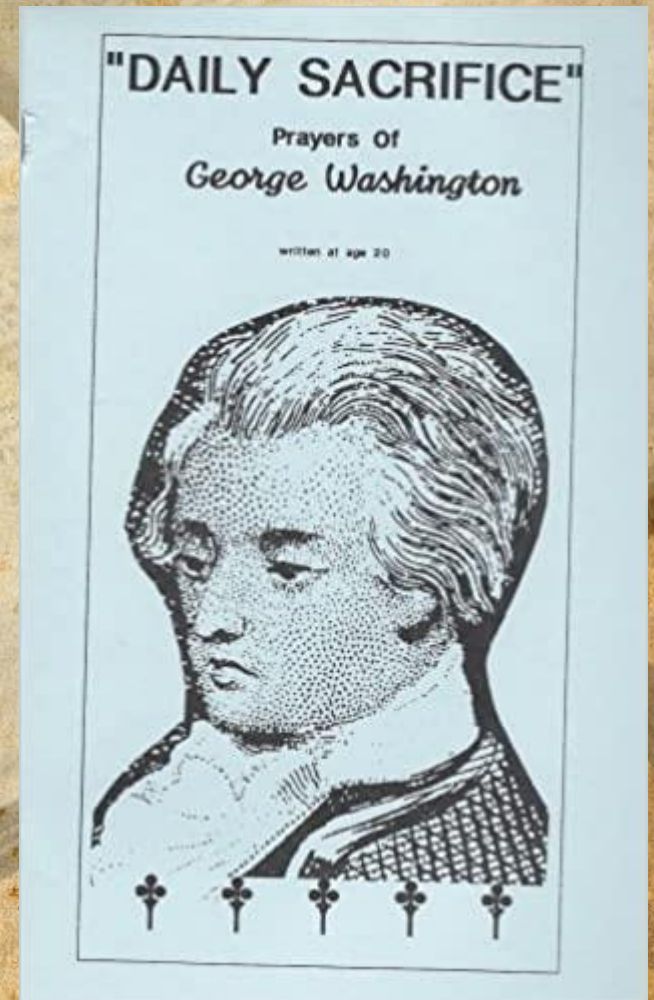
**“Make sure you are doing what God wants
you to do—then do it with all your
strength.”**

George Washington

Washington's Prayer Journal

The Daily Sacrifice

Bought at auction by Dr. William
Herbert Burk in 1891



Washington's Prayer Journal

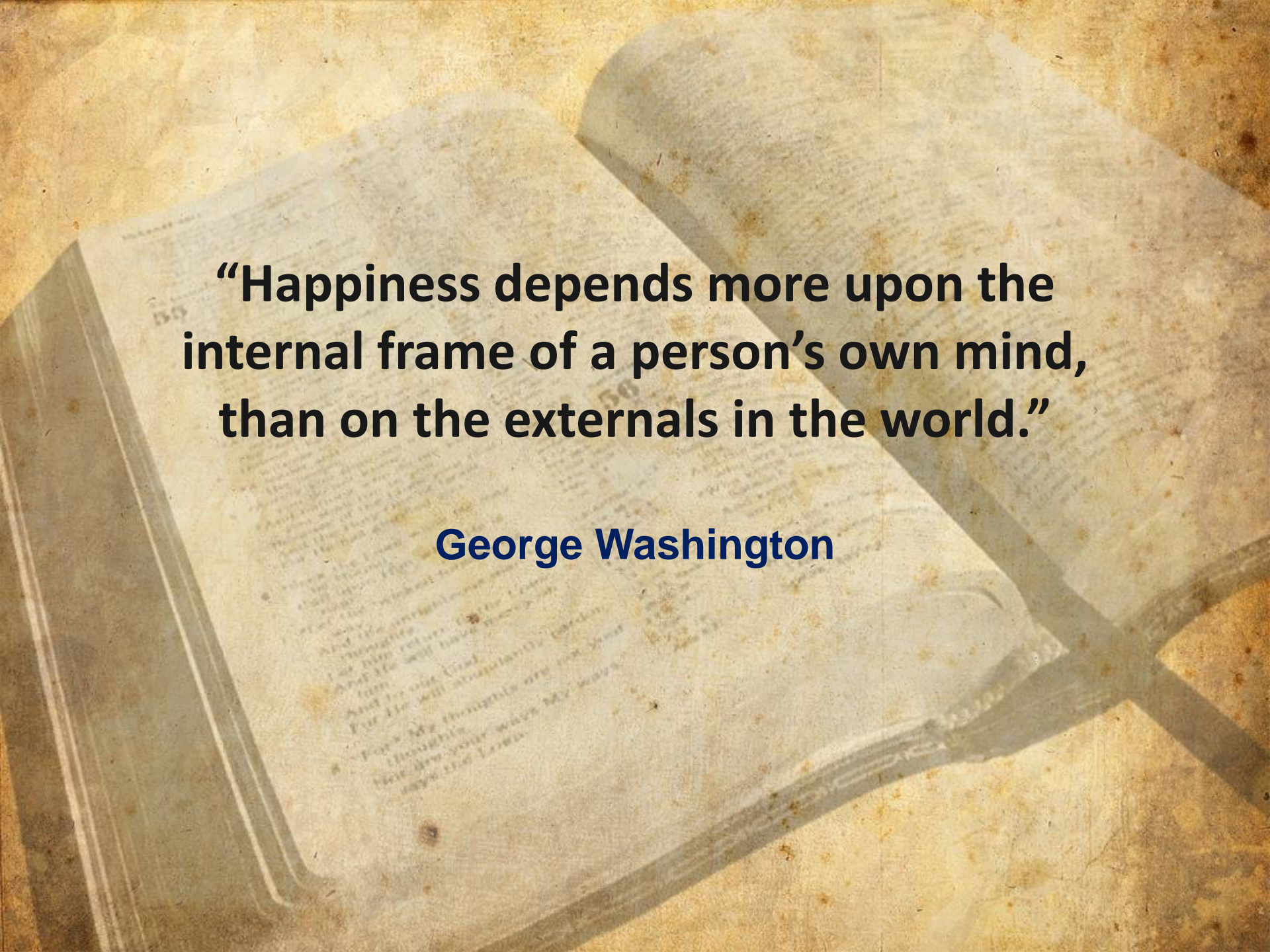
The Daily Sacrifice

Sunday morning prayer

Almighty God, and most merciful father, who didst command the children of Israel to offer a daily sacrifice to thee, that thereby they might glorify and praise thee for thy protection both night and day, receive, O Lord, my morning sacrifice which I now offer up to thee; I yield thee humble and hearty thanks that thou has preserved me from the danger of the night past, and brought me to the light of the day, and the comforts thereof, a day which is consecrated to thine own service and for thine own honor.

Sunday evening prayer

O most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ my merciful and loving father, I acknowledge and confess my guilt, in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on thee for pardon and forgiveness of sins, but so coldly and carelessly, that my prayers are become my sin and stand in need of pardon. I have heard thy holy word, but with such deadness of spirit that I have been an unprofitable and forgetful hearer.

An open, antique book with yellowed, stained pages. The book is open to a page with faint, illegible text. A quote is overlaid in the center of the image. The background is a textured, aged parchment or paper.

**“Happiness depends more upon the
internal frame of a person’s own mind,
than on the externals in the world.”**

George Washington

George Washington - Health

- 1. Diphtheria**
- 2. Tuberculosis**
- 3. Malaria**
- 4. Smallpox**
- 5. Dysentery**
- 6. Quinsy (Tonsilitis)**
- 7. Carbuncle (Skin Cancer)**
- 8. Epiglottitis (Influenza)**

George Washington - Teeth



French & Indian War 1754-1763



Romans 12:17-21

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, **as much as lieth in you**, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 **Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

French & Indian War 1754-1763



Christopher Gist

French & Indian War 1754-1763



French & Indian War 1754-1763



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**“Let your heart feel for the afflictions and
distress of everyone.”**

George Washington

Hebrews 13:5-8

5 Let your conversation be **without covetousness**; and **be content with such things as ye have**: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

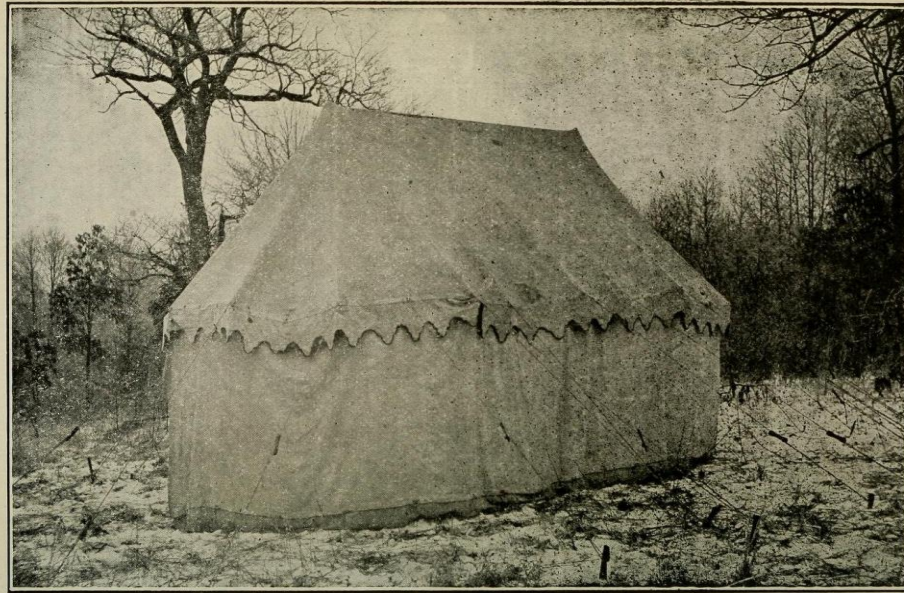
7 **Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow**, considering the end of their conversation.

8 **Jesus Christ the same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Valley Forge 1777-1778



Washington's Valley Forge Tent



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WASHINGTON'S MARQUEE.
Now in the Valley Forge Museum of American History.





**Museum of the American Revolution, Dr. Burk Collection,
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Conway ~ Gates Cabal

1777-1778



General Horatio Gates

Revolutionary War 1775-1783



General Washington Resigns His Commission

December 23, 1783



Washington's Farewell to the Army

The disadvantageous circumstances on our part, under which the War was undertaken, can never be forgotten—**The singular interpositions of Providence in our feeble condition were such, as could scarcely escape the attention of the most unobserving,** while the unparalleled perseverance of the Armies of the United States, through almost every possible suffering and discouragement, for the space of eight long years, **was little short of a standing Miracle.**

Washington's Farewell to the Army

And being now to conclude these his last public Orders, to take his ultimate leave, in a short time, of the Military Character, and to bid a final adieu to the Armies he has so long had the honor to Command—he can only again offer in their behalf his recommendations to their grateful Country, and his prayers to the God of Armies. May ample justice be done them here; and may the choicest of Heaven's favors both here and hereafter attend those, who under the divine auspices have secured innumerable blessings for others: With these Wishes, and this benediction, the Commander in Chief is about to retire from service—The Curtain of separation will soon be drawn—and the Military Scene to him will be closed for ever.

Returns to Mount Vernon 1783-1787

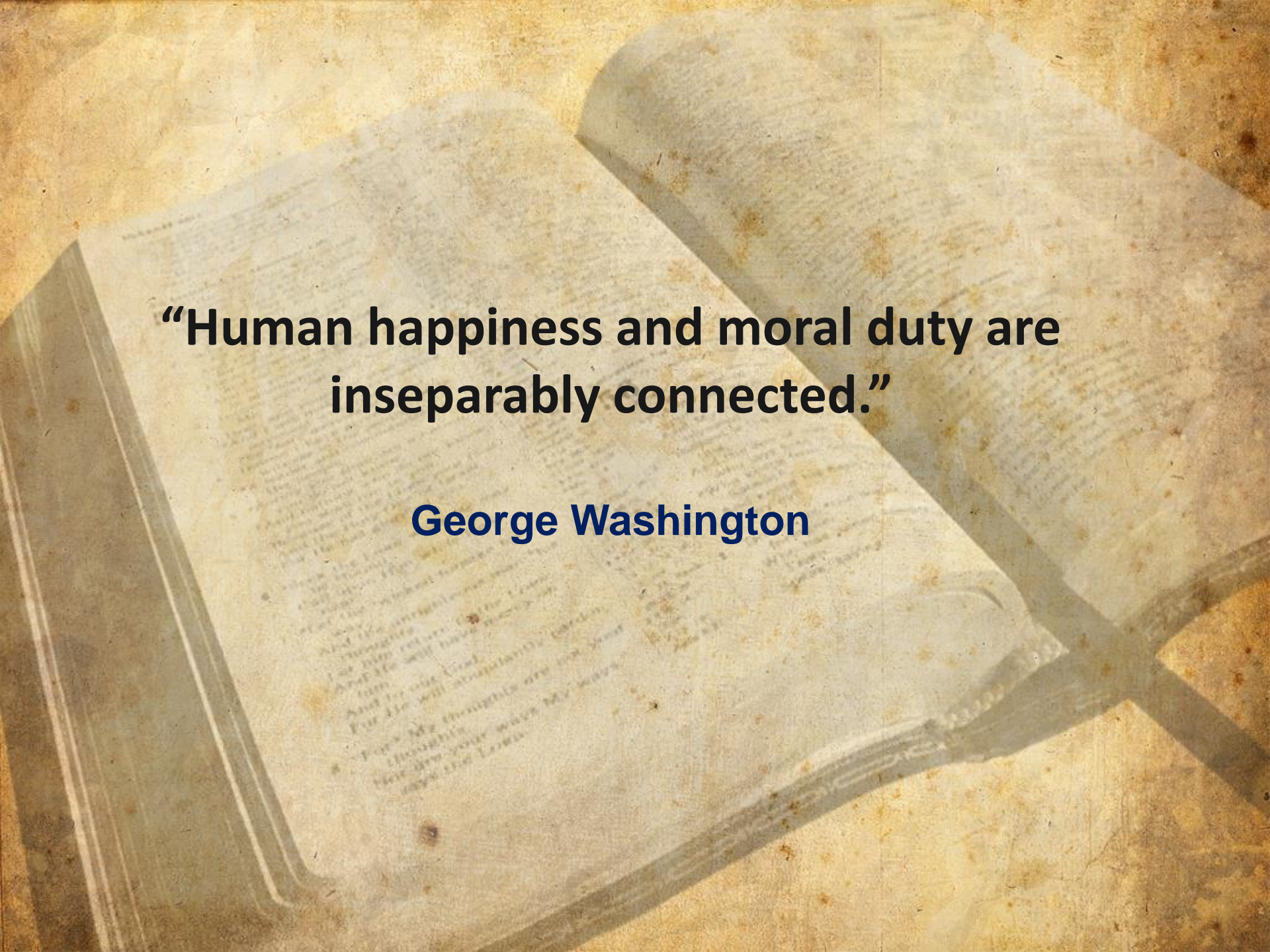


Mount Vernon



Mount Vernon Study



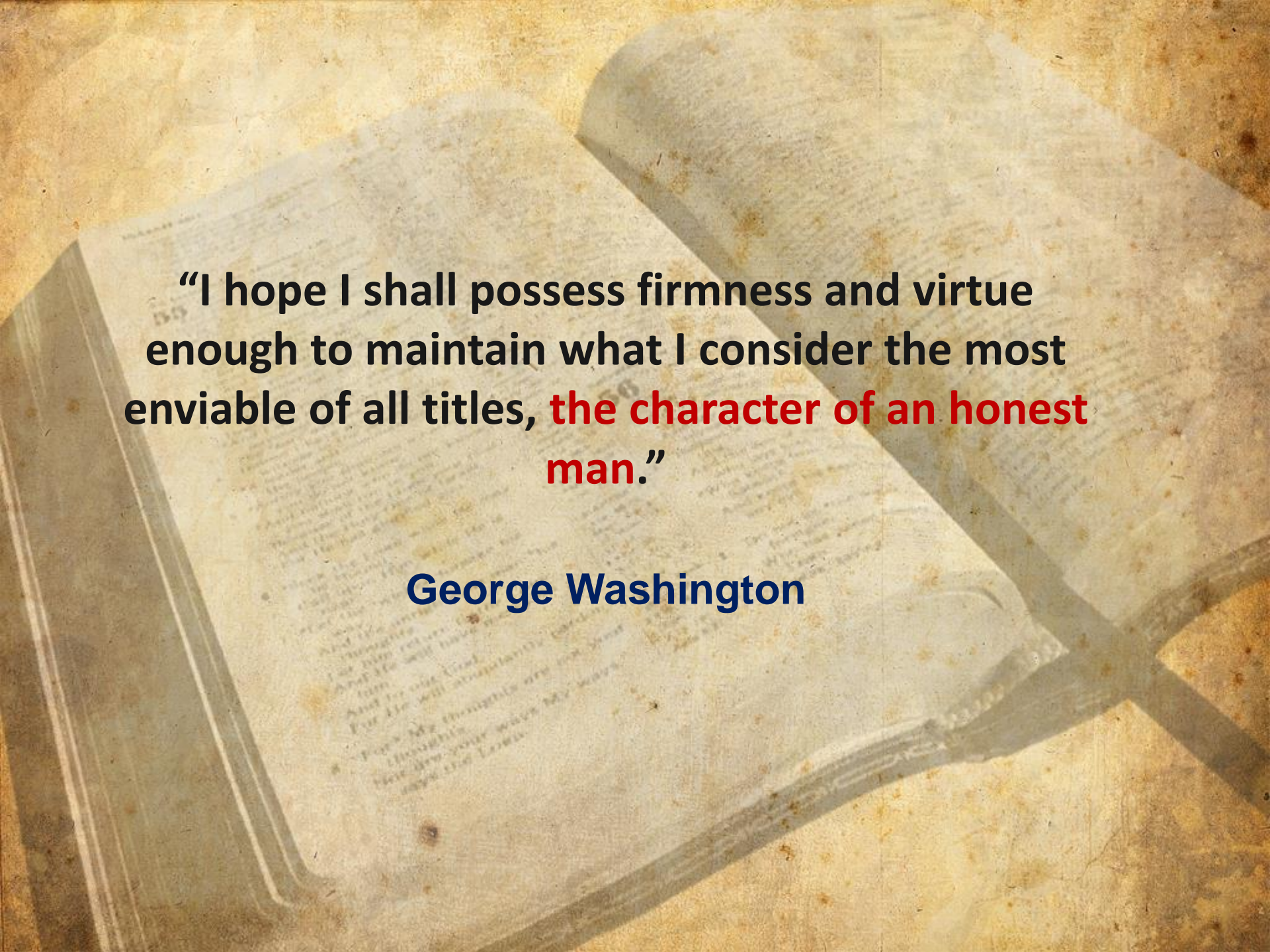


**“Human happiness and moral duty are
inseparably connected.”**

George Washington

Constitutional Convention





**"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue
enough to maintain what I consider the most
enviable of all titles, **the character of an honest
man.**"**

George Washington

Constitutional Convention

May 5, 1787-September 17, 1787



Washington President

December 23, 1789-1797

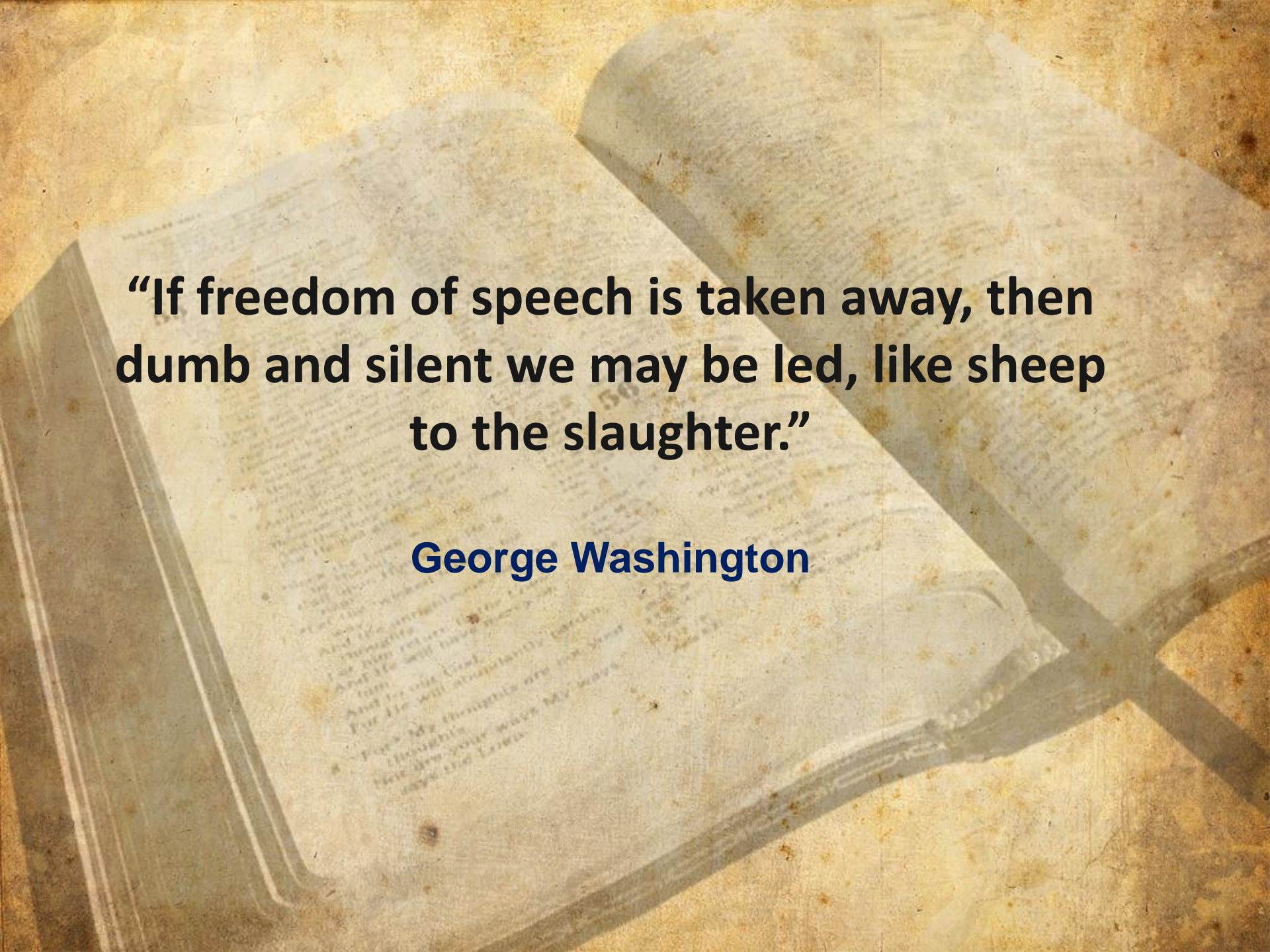


Martha Custis Washington 1759-1799



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**“If freedom of speech is taken away, then
dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep
to the slaughter.”**

George Washington

Bill of Rights 1791

First Amendment - Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, Petition

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment - Right to Bear Arms

Third Amendment - Quartering of Troops

Fourth Amendment - Search and Seizure

Fifth Amendment - Grand Jury, Double Jeopardy, Self-Incrimination, Due Process

Sixth Amendment - Criminal Prosecutions - Jury Trial, Right to Confront and to Counsel

Seventh Amendment - Common Law Suits - Jury Trial

Eighth Amendment - Excess Bail or Fines, Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Ninth Amendment - Non-Enumerated Rights

Tenth Amendment - Rights Reserved to States or People

1787-1788 Shay's Rebellion
1791-1794 The Whiskey Rebellion
1799-1800 The Whiskey Rebellion

The Rebellions



Washington's Farewell as President

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them.

Washington's Farewell as President

A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule, indeed, extends with more or less force to every species of free government. Who that is a sincere friend to it can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of the fabric?

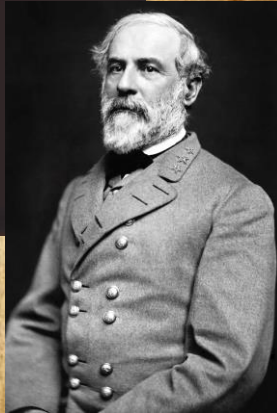
George Washington

Born February 22, 1732 - Died December 14, 1799 (67)



Light Horse Henry Lee

“First in War, First
in Peace, and First
in the Hearts of
His Countrymen.”



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Mason Locke Weems 1759-1825



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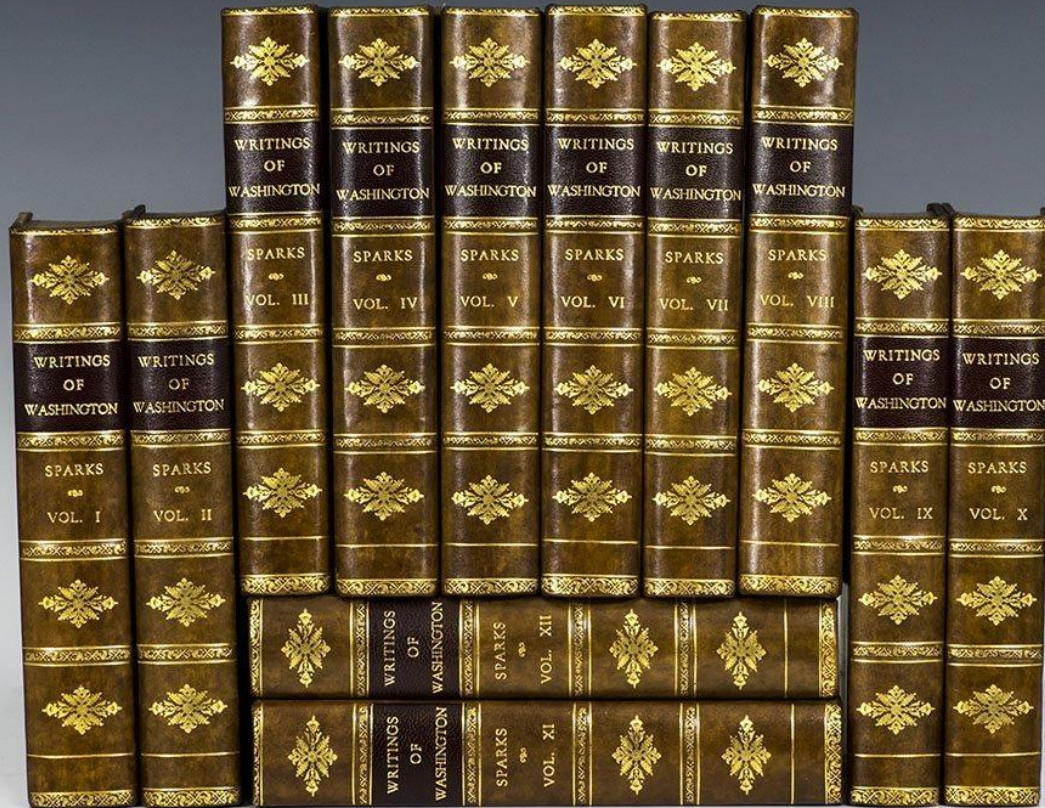
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And with like deeds your own great names adorn.

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1 Timothy 5:17-18

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**

18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, **The labourer is worthy of his reward.**



George Washington

"The Father of His Country"



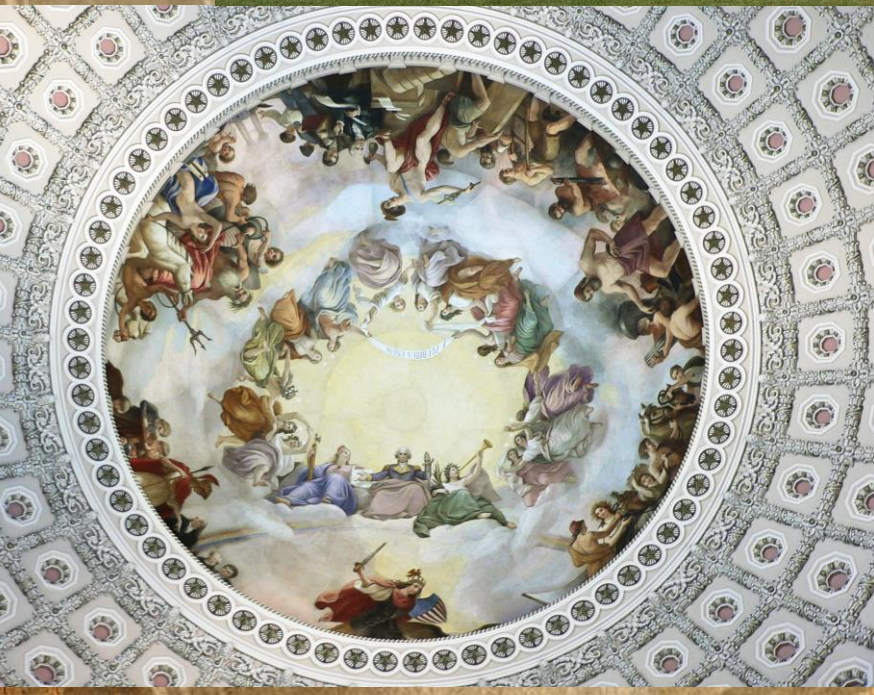
George Washington
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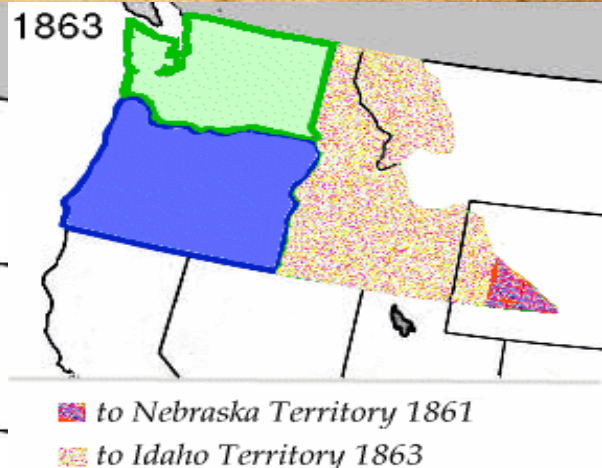
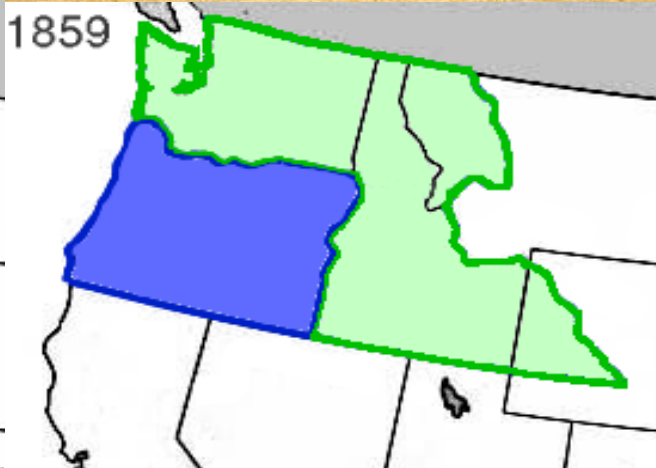
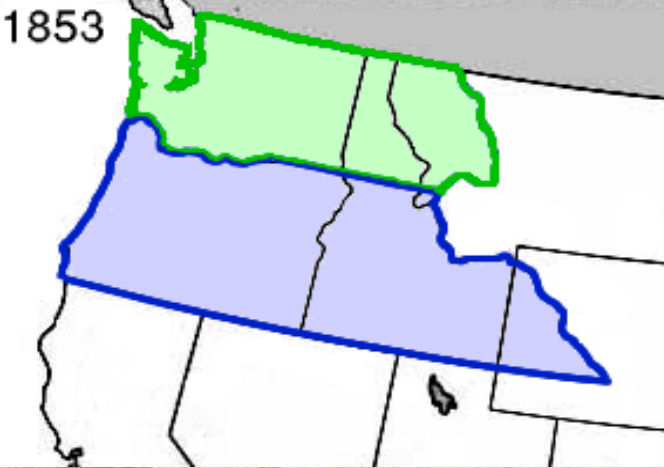




The Washington Monument 1888





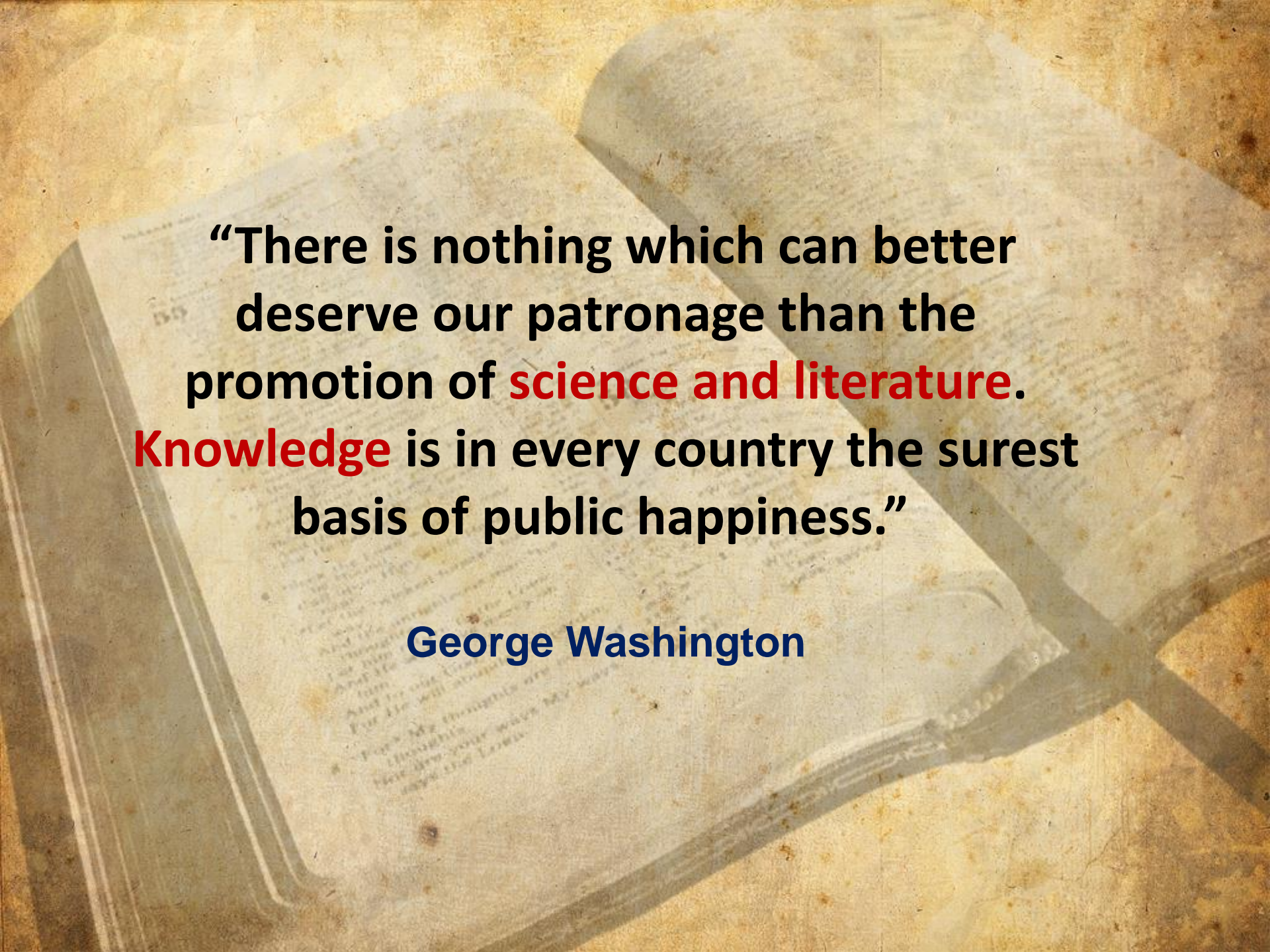


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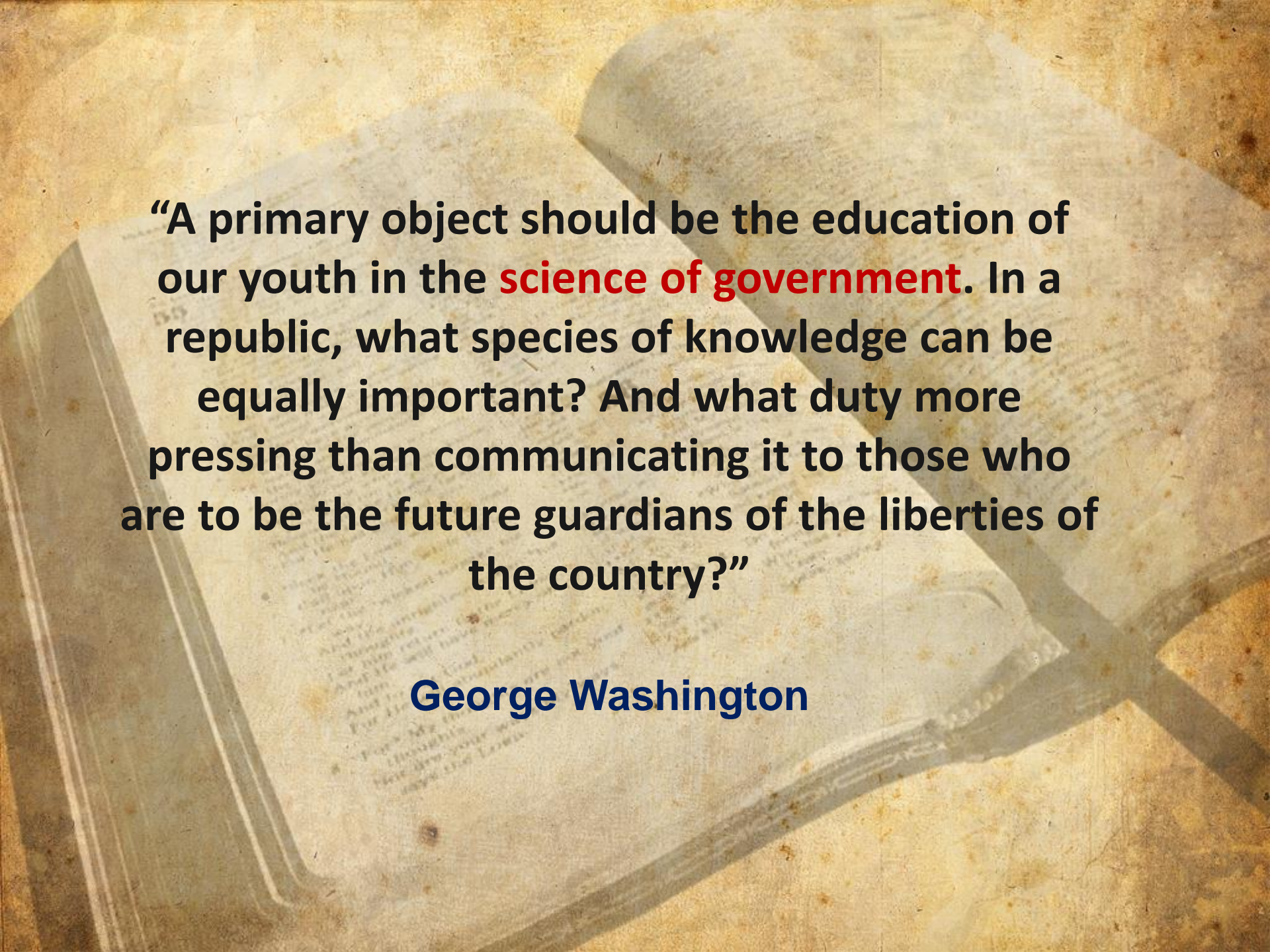
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**“There is nothing which can better
deserve our patronage than the
promotion of **science and literature**.
Knowledge is in every country the surest
basis of public happiness.”**

George Washington



“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the **science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”**

George Washington

Recommended Books to Read

