

GOD AND COUNTRY

--1 Chronicles 29:15

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

--2 Corinthians 3:17

"But our citizenship is in heaven."

--Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

Independence State of Mind

1) Freed

"Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said, "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

¹²Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name."

--1 Chronicles 29:10-14 (NRSV)

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

--Matthew 22:37 (NRSV)

"Jesus said to them, 'Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.'"

--Mark 12:17

2) Freed

"For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors;"

3) Freed

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom."

--Galatians 3:13-15 (The Message)