Dear Lexie,

A Day of Independence

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Upcoming Events

Future events include:
This Sabbath:
July 4, 2015

Speaker:
Pastor Joseph Khabbaz
"In Dependence Day"

Music Leaders:
Patrick Alston
John Gilbertson
Marilyn Dimas

From the Prayer Ministry

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Although independence brings with it newly found freedoms, there is responsibility attached to it as well. This is one of the lessons that many of us failed to take into account when we were young. Yes, we made it clear to our parents and others in authority that we desperately wanted our independence, but somehow at the time we failed to recognize the unique set of responsibilities that independence is linked with, many of which we neither wanted nor were equipped to handle. Jesus said it best when he said, “To whom much is given, of him much will be required (Luke 12:48).”

Although we as a nation will proudly celebrate our independence, that was fought so desperately to achieve, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we must never forget that declaring one’s independence can in many respects become a liability, especially when it involves declaring our independence from God. And declaring one’s independence from God doesn’t always mean that we have declared an all out war against God, but it can be as simple as neglecting to be intentional about protecting those special times that we should reserve for strengthening our relationship through the study of His word and precious time spent in intimate fellowship through prayer. And it is only as we maintain this vital connection with God that we will be able to produce a life that is filled with the abundance of the fruit of God’s spirit that is so desperately needed in our lives and the lives of others (Gal. 5:22-23).

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