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education in a Biblical-theistic worldview to glorify
God above all and bless the people by applying
wise principles to all areas of life.*

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I am with you heart and soul

Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, 'Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.' And his armor-bearer said to him, 'Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.' (v. 6). 1 Samuel 14:6-7

Matthew Henry comments that “an active faith will venture far in God’s cause upon an ‘it may be.’” The future might be uncertain, but if we pursue good, and we are confident in God’s power, we should not be afraid to pursue it. We have the liberty to attempt great things in faith knowing the Lord may bless it.

Nothing is certain this side of eternity, except eternity. But the Word of God is both eternal and certain; it is sure. It is Truth in which we are confident.

Though many say today that the degeneration of the times warrants God’s judgment, and while I cannot say with certainty what God will do about the apostasy of our nation, my responsibility is to trust His power.

The Scripture warns us that we have no ‘out’ when it comes to dealing with the realities of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our responsibility is to have confidence in the Lord’s power, to deliver, and to redeem. God is sovereign.

God honored Jonathan’s courage and trust in the ‘it may be’ of God’s purpose.

It may be that God intends to redeem the nation, one community at a time, word of mouth, neighbor by neighbor, church by church. It may be that God is calling you to invite your friends, or your neighbors, or your Sunday school class to study with you and be part of the “it may be” for the nation.

That’s exactly where I want to be. How about you? I am with you heart and soul.



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The Mission of Enlightening The Nation Community by Community

To secure the future liberty and prosperity of our children, it is essential to rebuild the culture upon the founding principles that formed the idea of America, structured its liberty, and upheld the inalienable rights belonging to its people.

Rebuilding culture upon Biblical principles begins with equipping the family, the church, and the schooling in local communities with Godly truth applicable to all areas of life. The Principled Studies restore Godly channels of knowledge and wisdom to parents and children, to pastors and Sunday school teachers, and to patriots and community-minded organizations.

The influence of a teaching and learning community over time brings lasting change as history has proven. As Principled Studies are initiated in local communities and churches, FACE plans to provide a network of support of families and schools across the country.

The FACE five-year plan establishes fifty FACE Teaching Centers across the nation within driving distance of every major center of population.

As American Christians refuse to succumb to the waves of secularism in the present culture that appear to wipe away the influence of Christ, the sanctity of life, and the prosperity and opportunity that have long distinguished the American system—the moral foundation of the nation—the FACE center re-energizes the families, the churches, and the schools to influence the culture locally and sustainably through education.

The community is composed of the family, the church, and the school. Each component has a role to play in building the community—the role of the family, to form the character; the role of the church, to form the conscience; the role of the school to build wisdom and knowledge upon the base of strong character and good conscience.

Because the American system of government is structured by eternal, Biblically-defined principles, the sustenance of the Republic depends upon educating each generation of our young in those principles that are germane to America and that enable 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' "Without Christ there would be no America." (Verna M. Hall)

Principled Study Groups: Our Mission, Goal, and Support

FACE will train and equip leaders to establish Principled Studies groups to teach and learn and live the Biblical principles that will bring liberty to individuals, families, churches, businesses and civil governments.

We provide the tools to ensure your success as you engage and energize your church or community to rediscover America's founding principles and method of education. Included is our cutting-edge Principled Study training that enables leaders to address even emotionally-charged topics, and to do so comfortably, lovingly and winsomely.

In addition, we partner with respected Christian organizations, like-minded ministries, recognized for their own work to uphold Biblical principles and values and promote the teaching of the Biblical worldview.

FACE Supports Principled Studies leaders:

- Mentoring, training, on-going support, guidance and resources for study group leader
- Customizable, downloadable materials for organizing and sustaining the study group
- Live and on-line video workshops to enhance the study program
- Monthly live and online lectures with speakers who are experts and leaders in their fields
- Support and resources at FACE.net/PAstudy
- Community influence—support for outreach to your neighbors and friends through study, prayer and principled community action
- Comprehensive curriculum of Biblical worldview materials
- Continual alerts of resources and venues to enhance the study

Goals of FACE Teaching Centers :

- To enhance the presence and influence of Principle Approach educators in the community
- To train parents, patriots, families, individuals, and pastors
- To certify master Principle Approach teachers
- To promote learning opportunities and events nationwide by social media
- To supply leadership for study groups, Sunday school classes, homeschool co-ops, and Principle Approach K-12 schools

Getting Started: First Steps

Have you been looking for a way to impact the culture in America for Christ? Consider becoming the affiliate leader of a FACE Principled Study Group.

One of the first steps is to articulate why such a study group is necessary. A Principled Studies ministry makes it easy to:

1. Educate and equip your community or church congregation to apply a Biblical worldview to every area of their lives, especially to those issues undermining our Judeo-Christian culture.
2. Empower others to make a meaningful difference in our society by standing up for Biblical values in the public square.
3. Keep you informed about current events relating to life, marriage, education, the family, religious liberty, business and more.
4. Restore the Bible's relevance in the critical areas of government, education, media, and business/economics.
5. Multiply the impact of members.
6. Live out the Great Commission in self and civil government that leads to restoration of our Christian Constitutional Republic.
7. Use social media to reach others with the truth that you are learning, and, therefore, to maximize your efforts.
8. Engage and activate the next generation as you teach truth to those in your sphere of influence.

Finding A Venue: Church, Home, or Community Setting

After deciding to lead a Principled Study group, the first step is to find a venue for your group meeting. Most will explore establishing a study in their church, as this is where believers meet weekly already. It provides the facility needed, and it provides the opportunity to give members of your congregation access to this critical information. Some will not be able to have the study in their church, and others will decide to have the study in their home or in another community setting. Doing so enables you to reach out to all of the churches in your area for potential study group members.

How often should you meet? Answers may vary on this question as individual situations differ. However, the ideal is weekly. Meeting once per week for an hour yields about 50 hours of meeting time per year. Twice per month should be considered a minimum. Your goal also should be to have a year-round group. The course is scalable and can be tailored to your individual group. We all need time to be equipped in these valuable truths and to take action.

An alternative would be to follow the suggested published studies for a specific period of time, perhaps 8 weeks to complete the *Renewing the Mind for Teaching and Learning*. This provides a structure that can be renewed by the consent of the group for tackling the next study for another specified time.

You will want to name your group. You may want to use our branded words, something like Principled Studies. Some groups are called “Christ and Culture Class,” or “Biblical Worldview Study Group.”

Your church: getting approval from leadership: Every church has an adult education program. This is the place to start with gaining approval to have a Principled Studies group in your church. Some churches have adult education on Sundays while others have small groups that meet during the week. Some churches have both. Either one will work for your study group. Begin by approaching the person in your church responsible for adult education. You can present the letter in the appendix to them and talk through the details while answering their questions. Feel free to customize the letter as appropriate.

Teacher or Facilitator?

You have a place to meet, a time, a targeted group and are almost ready to announce your first class. Now you must insure the best curriculum and instruction. If you are already a seasoned teacher, you are confident that you can choose one of FACE's books or curricula and get started. As you are probably aware, FACE has many excellent print-only curricular items for you to use.

If you are not an experienced teacher, the prospect of presenting material may be daunting to you. For you, there are programs, pre-recorded, with Power Point slides, and printed materials for the Principled Studies group meetings. With these programs you will need to do only minimal preparation. You will be the class facilitator, learning together with your friends. In this role you will guide all of the components of the class: announcements, prayer, presentation of recorded materials, discussion, application and action. Our library of over seventy, reasonably-priced courses, workshops, lectures, and training videos are available in the FACE bookstore at FACE.net under the tab *Training Courses*. All courses include:

- Recorded lecture
- The presenter's PowerPoint slides (you can print if you like)
- The presenter's handouts, if any (you can print)

If you would like the free PDF catalog FACE Digital Training Resources, log onto FACE.net/PAstudy to download.

Recommended Scope and Sequence

As a FACE Principled Studies group leader, you want to ground your class members solidly in a Biblical worldview with an understanding of America's Christian history, using the Principle Approach method of education. We offer the following suggested curricular resources and suggested order of presenting them. All materials are available on FACE.net unless otherwise indicated.

Each of the three foundational courses could be taught in a typical church 13 week quarter but ideally you would go through them more deeply, taking 26 weeks.

- 1. Introductory Session:** To ensure that the members of your group begin from shared Biblical worldview thinking, we recommend the one-hour teaching video presentation, Principle Approach vs. Common Core by Dan Smithwick. This lecture makes the case for why Christians must gain a Biblical worldview and pass it to the next generation. It explains how education is the primary tool to develop our philosophy of government, resulting in our liberty or bondage. Dan makes the case that the Principle Approach method of education produces the best worldview results of any existing educational model.
- 2. Course One:** We recommend your first course begin with a study of the seven Biblical principles of America's history and government. The main curriculum would be *The Seven Principles of Liberty*, taught by Dr. Carole Adams, Dr. Max Lyons, Dr. Rodd Rodriguez, Dr. Gai Ferdon, and Gary Porter. This course includes ten hours of video lecture, PowerPoint slides, and handouts. We recommend at least two sessions per principle so that each can be thoroughly studied and learned. Available at FACE.net.

Additional texts to teach this course include: *Teaching and Learning America's Christian History: The Principle Approach* by Rosalie Slater; *The Christian History of the Constitution: Christian Self-government* by Verna Hall; *A Guide to American Christian Education for the Home and School* by James B. Rose, and *A Republic If You Can Keep It* by Gai Ferdon. Available at FACE.net.

- 3. Course Two:** We recommend the second course to provide an understanding of America's Christian history and government. The main text is: *The Bible and the Constitution* by Rosalie Slater and Verna Hall. Available at FACE.net.

Supplemental texts for the instructor include: *America's Providential History* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles (textbook, study guide and book of primary sources); and *The American Covenant* by Marshall Foster, World History Institute. This course has an accompanying 135-slide PowerPoint presentation, but no recorded lectures. In our Digital Training Resources catalog many recorded lectures would be helpful in teaching this course including "Principle Approach® Methods: History, and Teaching Geography: the Setting for His-Story" and thirteen other lectures in the category of History and Biblical Worldview. Available at FACE.net.

4. **Course Three:** We recommend sequentially the course on the Principle Approach, America's historic method of Christian education, *Renewing the Mind for Teaching and Learning*, by Carole Adams and Elizabeth Youmans. The 116 page text leads the group through a survey of true education. In addition to the audio recording, *How the Principle Approach® Method Forms Character and a Biblical Worldview in your Students* by Max Lyons, Carey Woodruff and Dan Smithwick, provides five hours of video lectures that enhance the study. Available at FACE.net.

Seven additional recorded lectures/courses on the Principle Approach are available to the teacher to assist with teaching this course. See the FACE Digital Training Resources catalog under the category Philosophy, Curriculum and Methods; also see (11) lectures/workshops under the category Education.

5. **Subsequent Courses:** After these three initial, foundational courses, we recommend teaching the following additional courses, according to your interests, teacher expertise, and participant interest.

- a. ***Nation Makers, The Art of Self-Government***

This course equips teachers and parents to form habits of thinking that will propel students toward their fullest expression in Christ. The emphasis on character and self-government fulfills Noah Webster's ideal of an American education to sustain the Christian Constitutional Republic. This course demonstrates the contrast between traditional methods and the Principle Approach. Materials include a 142-page book and a teacher planner. Helpful for teaching this course is a workshop also entitled *Nation Makers, The Art of Self Government*, 10 hours of instruction by Dr. Carole Adams, Dr. Max Lyons and Margie Lyons. Available at FACE.net.

b. “Free Men and Free Markets:” Biblical View of the Economy

Do you know what the Bible teaches concerning economics? This five lecture course by Dr. Max Lyons will give you a Biblical understanding of how man satisfies his material needs, how the market system works, how the free market differs from socialism, how government and economics intersect and how the Bible answers severe economic problems like poverty and injustice. This course includes ten hours of lecture, PowerPoint slides, and handouts.

c. “The Welfare State: The Biblical and Constitutional View on Poverty and Welfare”

Romans 13 delineates the role of government as a “punisher of evildoers.” Our founders understood this and strictly limited the powers of the federal government as they drafted the Constitution. They did not see government as a “provider” but knew God designed us to provide for ourselves (II Thessalonians 3:10). They also knew, based on I Timothy 5, that the “safety net” was the family, and for those with no living relatives or family capable of assisting, it was the church. This course includes six hours of video lecture, PowerPoint slides, and handouts. *The Welfare State* is a four-lecture course is taught by Dr. Gai Ferdon, Liberty University Professor of Government. Topics of this four lecture course include:

- General Overview of the US Constitutional Order and System: The Nature of the Declaration of Independence as the Charter of the Nation and the Rise of Federalism with the U.S. Constitution
- Rise of the Welfare State: Misconstruction of the General Welfare Clause
- Rise of the Administrative State: The Origin of the Federal Budget and the rise of Administrative Law
- The Nature of Property and its Relationship to Liberty of Conscience: Moral Duties versus Legal Duties, Private Charity versus Public

d. “American Education: How Do We Get Out of This Mess?”

This four-session in-depth study of the history of American education is taught by Dr. Gai Ferdon.

Sessions include:

- *Historical Educational Role of Pastoral Leadership in the American Colonies*
- *Brief History of Education Policy in the Early American Republic: Constitutional Issue of Liberty of Conscience and Limited Civil Authority*
- *Creation of National Education Laws and Institutions in the United States*
- *Policy Prospects Relative to Education*

e. “Constitution and Law” Course

Principle Approach Master Teacher Ricki Pepin has produced a version of the Institute on the Constitution (IOTC) basic Constitution Course. In their lecture presentations, Jake MacAulay and Michael Peroutka establish the premises for properly understanding the Constitution, by exposing students to the Biblical Worldview of America’s Founders and the writings that influenced them, as well as to their deliberate design of the federal government. This course includes a student manual, teacher manual and twelve 20-minute lectures and is available from InstituteOnTheConstitution.com. By gaining an understanding of the foundational principles and the worldview of America’s founders, students will see that a worldview revolution has occurred which has caused the Constitution to be widely misinterpreted and misunderstood in today’s world. The course concludes with a roadmap for restoration of our Constitutional Republic.

f. *The Truth Project*

Learn the Biblical view of theology, government, law, economics, history, science, through The Truth Project, with Del Tackett as lecturer. This is an excellently produced curriculum that can serve as a “Biblical Worldview 101.” You may consider using this course as an introductory course to add members to your already fully functioning Principled Study class. This Focus on the Family course is in twelve sessions and contains one-hour lectures, a student manual, teacher materials and a website full of additional resources. Visit TheTruthProject.org. The Truth Project is available at Christian Books or on Amazon.

g. *The Worldview Course*

A great follow up to the Truth Project, is The Worldview Course (WorldviewCourse.com) with teachers Jim Gilbert and Mark Nauroth. This course takes you deeper into the Biblical worldview by focusing on gaining a Biblical understanding of the all-important subjects of Politics, Education, Economics, Religion and Social Issues. It includes a pre-and post-PEERS test, and participants are sure to see their score go up! This course has 13 half hour video sessions, a student manual, teacher manual, PEERS test and website.

Gathering a Group

You have a place to meet, have chosen a course to teach and are ready to go! The only thing left to obtain is... some eager students! If you are in a church, marketing of your class should be fairly easy. You will contact church leadership and ask to have access to all of the marketing venues of the church: church bulletin, live or video announcements, church website, bulletin boards, etc.

If your meeting is not in your church, you have to find other ways to market. Here is a sample marketing piece:

Come and join a new “Principled Studies” group designed to equip members to learn every subject from the Biblical perspective. Members learn to apply what they have learned to their own lives, their family, the church, business and the marketplace, and to civil governments. We have what some consider a lofty vision, but we know that this is God’s vision for His people.

We envision the United States restored as a culture based on Biblical principles of personal responsibility, individual self-government, maximized individual liberty, limited civil government, federalism, rule of law, moral, free-market capitalism, “with malice toward none and charity for all.” God is not a respecter of persons, so we also have this same vision for all 196 nations of the world!

To realize our vision, we will educate ourselves on the Biblical principles of government, economics, family, business, health, religion, education and media. We will advocate for principled political action. We will actively promote Biblical solutions.

As we “take every thought captive for Christ” we will educate members of our community on the Biblical worldview, to include the practical application of Biblical liberty and individual responsibility to all areas of our lives. We will endeavor to give our members practical opportunities to be salt and light in our community, our Commonwealth, and our Nation by expressly advocating for Biblical positions on the many issues that confront us in our world today. We want to influence public policy for the sake of the Kingdom. We want to advocate for Biblical standards of holiness, righteous and justice at all levels of our national life.

Most of all, and supremely, we want to have the knowledge to pass on to the children of this generation to ensure the liberty that is their birthright and our responsibility to pass on.

Conducting a Class

Class formats will vary as individual leaders will structure their studies differently. A typical study will include these elements:

- **Introduction and announcements** The leader/facilitator will include announcements concerning actions that members of the class have or should take. Included are discussions of upcoming events or activities that might interest class members.
- **Prayer** in Principled Studies groups typically focuses on the needs of the corporate community, whether they are local, state or federal. Pray for all public servants, “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...” (I Timothy 2:1-4).
- **Lesson** The lesson presentation, by video or by leader, should be participatory including group member questions and comments, and recording key points.
- **Discussion of the lesson** Discuss the application of the timeless truths presented from God’s Word and how these truths relate to the individual, family, church, voluntary associations and civil governments.
- **Call to action** Every lesson will end with a call to action, such as a specific item or items that class members can implement.

Support: How FACE Will Assist You

The Foundation for American Christian Education is committed to your success. Consider these ways that we pledge to support you:

- Access to expert help. Call anytime, Monday-Friday 8 am-4:00 pm.
- A community of like-minded believers. Join the FACE Facebook Commonwealth Community. Here you can find out about resources, ask questions, help others, etc. Go here to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FACECommonwealthCommunity>
- Curriculum: Finishing up a study and not sure what to do next? We can help. FACE has over 200 curricular resources including over 70 video-based courses. We have courses in the areas of education, government, economics, science, Biblical worldview, history and geography, current cultural issues, and more.
- Affordable materials: FACE offers discounts to Principled Study Group Leaders for the products that they use to teach their Group.
- Like Minded ministries: see the appendix for a list of FACE Like-Minded Ministries. These organizations provide Biblically-based materials and other resources that can also be a source of support for you.

Real Change Happens When...

1. We educate Christian citizens in Biblical principles, in the Biblical worldview and in the Christian heritage and foundation of America.
2. We properly apply these principles to the moral issues decimating our culture.
3. We act on these Biblical principles, implementing the will and way of God in every area of life.

We can address the culture in ways relevant to the problems people face today. We can see change. Society has largely lost its moral bearing. Jesus is the Answer, and He has given us the keys to open hearts. Please consider allowing us to create and conduct a Principled Study group in your church.

Appendix: Forms, Samples, Letters

List of Like-Minded Ministries

Like-minded ministries are an essential part of the Principle Approach® community. These ministries share the vision of restoring America’s Christian heritage and character through education. We work closely with these ministries to support, encourage, and strengthen each other, thereby fulfilling our mission to transform the mind and heart of a nation.

Nehemiah Institute (NehemiahInstitute.com) exists to “undo Dewey,” replacing the secular humanistic educational philosophy today with a Biblical theistic worldview. They offer the PEERS Test, a program designed to test individuals on their political, educational, economic, religious, and social views, gaining an accurate assessment of their own worldview.

Exodus Mandate (www.exodusmandate.com) is a Christian ministry established to encourage and assist Christian families to choose homeschooling and Christian schools over public schools. It is the hope and prayer of Exodus Mandate supporters that a fresh obedience by Christian families in the education of their children according to Scriptural commands will be a key to the revival of our families, our churches, and our nation. Lt. Col. Ray Moore, ret., founder and president recently stated, “Principle Approach is the gold standard for education.”

Plymouth Rock Foundation (www.plymrock.org) “seeks a greater public awareness and understanding of American history, ideas, and ideals, particularly as embodied in the lives of the Pilgrims who founded the Plymouth Colony in 1620... their devotion to God and the Bible, to freedom and to tolerance, and their embodiment of courage, brotherhood and individual moral character.”

Providence Foundation (Providencefoundation.com) is a Christian educational organization whose mission is to spread liberty, justice, and prosperity among the nations by educating individuals in a Biblical worldview.

Mayflower Institute (Mayflowerinstitute.com) proclaims America’s providential history through training disciples, developing documentaries, seminars, and tours.

American Christian History Institute (Achipa.com) applies Verna Hall’s research and Rosalie Slater’s teaching to

educate individuals today in America's Christian history.

Pilgrim Institute (www.pilgriminstitute.com) equips citizens through education to restore Biblical principles to our Republic.

Wallbuilders (www.wallbuilders.com) is dedicated to educating the nation concerning the Godly foundation of America, thereby encouraging Christians to be involved in the civic arena and provide feedback to federal, state, and local officials as they develop public policies which reflect Biblical values.

Sample Letter to Pastors or Adult Education Leaders:

Dear Pastor/Church Leader:

We know that our church desires to make the Bible relevant to the culture. We also know that culture is shaped and made by the people of God. It has been said, "So goes the church, so goes the nation."

We need change in America, badly. We know it will only come as the Church exercises faith through education, activation and engagement in God's moral issues, publicly.

We propose that our church makes the step to teach the principles of God's Word as they relate to education, civil government, education and every other area of life. In II Corinthians 10:5 we are commanded to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." This includes thoughts concerning every subject area. There is no area of thinking that is not under God's jurisdiction. We can join others with Principled Study groups in their church to ensure that our members have a truly Biblical worldview, and are passing this worldview to the next generation.

Pastors and ministry leaders nationwide have teamed with The Foundation for American Christian Education (FACE), engaging their congregations in the "new" mission field of education and self and civil government. If we exercise our historical, rightful authority as the moral guides of America, by God's grace we will see revival.

Is this allowed in churches? Absolutely it is! Go here to access the Liberty Council Political and Legislative Guidelines for Pastors and Churches.

Sample Marketing Copy:

Here are a few samples of marketing pieces that were used to advertise an upcoming class in a church:

The Seven Principles of Liberty

What are the Seven Principles of Liberty? These basic, Biblical principles are the pathway to restore and maintain true liberty in our nation.

Today, if we would preserve both liberty of conscience and civil liberty for every individual in America, we must base our convictions in every issue on these principles that built our American Christian Constitution.

Liberal pundits most often sway public opinion by debating issues. However, Christians can once again win the day by learning to present the principles of liberty, because principles always trump issues. This is the pathway forward to restore our nation to truth and life.

These Seven Principles of Liberty are based in three foundational ideas:

- How the character of America is formed in the Christian home, the Christian church and the Christian school
- How the property of conscience is the end and purpose of government
- How the study and embodiment of basic Christian constitutional principles can be delegated to every aspect of the individual's spheres of self-government: home, business, school, social and political circles

We will uncover and discuss each of the Seven Principles that undergird our U.S. Christian Constitution. You will be become an influencer, able to readily defend our liberty and restore light to our nation.

The Bible and the Constitution

Are you concerned about the direction our country is headed?

Do you want to be better informed and better able to discuss current issues? Do you want to understand the foundations of our Constitution better—from a Biblical worldview?

The Christ and Culture Class is pleased to announce the start of a five-session course entitled *The Bible and the Constitution*, on Sunday morning. The course will explore Rosalie Slater's and Verna Hall's *The Bible and the Constitution* which examines American history and the connection between the Bible and the U.S. Constitution. This rich study will be taught by [insert names of teachers, titles, etc.].

Free Men and Free Markets: What the Bible Teaches about Economics

Tens of thousands of Cubans have risked 90 miles of the open sea on makeshift rafts for a better life in America. Many have died trying to escape. Why have so many said in essence, “give me liberty or give me death,” fleeing a communist country to come to America? America is the land of liberty including an astounding degree of economic liberty, resulting in one of the highest standards of living in the world. An average Cuban salary is \$20/month. Americans pay our kids that much for doing a couple hours of unskilled labor. Cuba has changed a little recently but is still far from a free-market society. You can sell something you’ve made, or receive payment for a service. However, you cannot buy something and then sell it for a profit. The government still does not formally recognize small business owners. A business or company that is not government-owned still cannot import or export, resulting in the severe limitation of their markets. There is a great deal of income inequality between Cuba and America and there is one reason for it—freedom.

In America, our philosophy of liberty affects everything, even how we do business with each other. Some call this the free market while others refer to it as capitalism. Its main feature is liberty. In America you have the freedom to pursue whatever career you want. You can work wherever you want and change jobs and even your career as you want. You can own property, buy and sell freely and trade with others, or not trade, as you prefer. These things are not “givens” under communism/socialism. Sadly, America is no longer a free market economy. Our economy is “mixed,” some freedom and some socialism. Even more sadly, at a time that communist nations (China for example) are moving toward more economic freedom, we are moving toward more government control. Come join us on [insert time, date and place] and see how you can be part of the solution to restore our economic liberty.

The Worldview Course

The Worldview Course is a class designed to introduce or strengthen your understanding of Scripture as it applies to culture. The class focuses on what the Bible teaches in the areas of government, education, economics, religion and social issues. A class fee of \$30 gives participants: online access to the lectures, a 145-page study guide, and the PEERS Test of your Biblical worldview. This exciting 13-week class starts [insert date, time and place]. For more information, go to WorldviewCourse.com or contact Max Lyons at Max@FACE.net.

Testimonies

The following are endorsements/testimonies from a Principled Studies Adult Sunday School class in a church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This class meets each week before church and has done so continuously for two decades.

“The curriculum provided by the Foundation for American Christian Education (FACE) fills a major need in our churches. FACE provides basic Sunday school curriculum to help equip the saints for their mission in the world. George Barna’s research indicates the lack of Biblical literacy among most Christians in America. FACE materials, taught diligently on a regular basis, ensure that class members obtain a Biblical worldview.”

“The (FACE) worldview class has opened my eyes to Biblical truths as it relates to our government. It has shown me my responsibility as a Christian to teach my children and grandchildren these principles. It has shown me that even one person can make a difference.”

“I have learned so much in the past year that I feel I should have learned long ago.”

“I believe that I’ve now been informed about one of the biggest battles going on here on earth between good and evil. We must be informed to act properly, and this class gives us the vital information that we need.”

“The curriculum we cover in this program has made me think about and even change my thought on what is true liberty.”

“This class has been a benefit in many ways. I have learning much about Christian citizenship, our founders and other leaders in history and about the Biblical worldview. I have learned about many sources, books, articles and courses, that I previously was unaware of. I became much more active in my community and taking part in my civic responsibilities. The curriculum has been excellent and has been invaluable for my worldview development over the years.”

“This class is the highlight of my week! It has been a source of my Biblical understanding of His-Story, government, economics, science, and many other areas of knowledge.”

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