

True Freedom
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July 4th Trivia

How many stars and stripes does the U.S. flag have?

Answer: 50 Stars and 13 Stripes

Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?

Answer: Hot Dogs

What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: 56

Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson in 1801

What was The Statue of Liberty's official name?

Answer: Liberty Enlightening the World

Matthew 11:30 (NIV) For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

People of Freedom understand:

1. Freedom is not for frivolity.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Mark 12:28-31 (NIV) One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The fruit of the Spirit:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self Control

1 Peter 2:21-24 (NIV) ...To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was

found in his mouth."When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

2. Freedom is best lived out in **community**.

Luke 22:39-44 (NIV) Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

Exhausted from sorrow - "Lype"

Proverbs 13:12 (MSG) Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.

3. **Unconditional love** births freedom.

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 8:36 (NIV) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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