

What's a Dual Citizen to Do?

An Independence Day Message

Big Idea: As citizens of heaven, we're called to be ambassadors for Christ while stewarding our earthly citizenship. Live for eternity, not just the brief dot of our time on earth. Pray for leaders, be grateful, lead godly lives, and prioritize God's kingdom above all.

Day 1: Heavenly
Citizenship

Reading:
Philippians 3:20-21,
Colossians 3:1-4

As believers, we are called to live with an eternal perspective. Our true citizenship is in heaven, not on earth. Today's passage reminds us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. This doesn't mean we ignore our earthly responsibilities, but rather that we view them through the lens of eternity. How might your daily decisions and priorities change if you consistently remembered your heavenly citizenship? Reflect on areas of your life where you may be too focused on temporary, earthly concerns. Ask God to help you cultivate a more eternal perspective in your daily walk.

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Day 2: Stewardship in
God's Kingdom

Reading:
Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents teaches us about faithful stewardship. As "dual citizens" of earth and heaven, we're called to wisely manage everything God has entrusted to us - our time, talents, resources, and even our citizenship. How are you using what God has given you to further His kingdom? Consider your skills, possessions, and influence. Are you investing them for eternal purposes or merely for temporary gain? Pray for wisdom to be a good steward in all areas of your life, remembering that one day we will give an account for how we've used God's gifts.

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Day 3: Praying for
Those in Authority

Reading:
1 Timothy 2:1-4,
Romans 13:1-7

Scripture calls us to pray for all people, including those in positions of authority - even when we disagree with them. This can be challenging, but it's a crucial part of our Christian witness. Reflect on your attitude towards government leaders.

Have you been faithful in praying for them, or have you fallen into criticism and complaint? Today, spend time intentionally praying for local and national leaders.

Ask God to guide them and to use them for His purposes. Remember that ultimately, all authority comes from God, and He remains sovereign over all earthly powers.

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<h3>Day 4: Living as Ambassadors for Christ</h3>	<h3>Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21</h3>
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As followers of Christ, we are called to be His ambassadors in this world. An ambassador represents their home country while living in a foreign land - similarly, we represent God's kingdom while living on earth. How well are you representing Christ to those around you? Consider your words, actions, and attitudes. Do they reflect God's love and grace? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as a faithful ambassador today, showing others the transforming power of the gospel through your life.

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Day 5: Seeking First the
Kingdom of God

Reading:
Matthew 6:25-34

In a world full of worries and distractions, Jesus calls us to seek first His kingdom and righteousness. This means prioritizing God's will and purposes above our own desires and concerns. Reflect on what you tend to worry about most. How might those worries change if you truly trusted God's provision and sought His kingdom first? Challenge yourself to release your anxieties to God and focus on serving Him today. Remember, as you seek His kingdom, He promises to take care of all your needs.

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