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### **STUDY VERSE SECTION - Proverbs 14:34–35, HCSB -<sup>34</sup> Righteousness**

[Translates the Heb. צְדָקָה (sta-da-ka) and means *virtue, justness, blameless behavior*, “Adherence to what is required according to a preset standard.” (K&D)] **exalts** [Lit., “To raise in rank, character or status” (TWOT)] **a nation, but sin** [Lit., “To ignore something required by Holy God” (LTW)] **is a disgrace** [Heb. חִקְוֹן (HIGH-said) means “disgrace, shame, abuse, or a reproach” (TWOT)] **to any people.** <sup>35</sup>  
*A king favors a wise servant, but his anger falls on a disgraceful one.*

### **Three Actions We Can Take Regarding Righteousness**

#### **1. You can get serious about personal righteousness.**

**Ezekiel 22:30–31, NIV84 -<sup>30</sup>** *“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. <sup>31</sup> So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.”*

• Genesis 18

#### **2. You can cast a vote for national righteousness.**

“All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.”  
- Sir Edmund Buke (Circa 1700)

- God is for life!
- God is for biblical marriage!
- God (i.e. faith) must be the foundation of our country!

**Psalms 11:3, NIV84 -<sup>3</sup>** *When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”*

### **3. You can pray.**

**2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV84 -<sup>14</sup>** *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

### **Life Application Section**

### **What is America's only hope?**

- A. We need repentance toward God.
- B. We need revival from God.
- C. We need reliance on God.



### **Quotes for your consideration:**

Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail an exclusion of religious principle.  
- George Washington

We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions unbridled by morality and religion... Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.”  
- John Adams

Without god there could be no American form of government, not an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—and most basic—expression of Americanism. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

