

The Essential Qualities of an American President

What are American citizens looking for in a president? What kind of character should our national leader have? I believe an American President should be fair, trustworthy, and most importantly Christian. Being the president of our nation is an enormous responsibility.

Primarily, one of the most important characteristics for a national leader is he or she should be just. Ezekiel 18:8 states, "He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man." The prophet is stating that everyone must be reasonable and not unfair to anyone. The president of our country should treat people fairly and should have a fair trial before assuming or accusing. If we do not have a fair civil leader, our nation would not be as great as it is. Being nondiscriminatory is very important when guiding a republic. An upright president is definitely needed in this country. The constitution guarantees equal rights to all United States citizens. The president is responsible for executing and enforcing the laws written by congress, so fairness has to be one of strongest qualities to lead this nation.

Secondly, a trustworthy leader is a necessity when in charge of our beautiful country America. A president that isn't 100% honest with the citizens of a nation is not good. Exodus 18:21 states, "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." If we don't have honesty in the head of our republic, evil and chaos will destroy our society. We must be educated when choosing our national leaders. The president should despise all lies. We, as citizens have to have total faith in his words. Having a president that speaks the truth is needed to run America.

Finally, a president that is Christian is extremely important. If our president is not a believer and a follower of Christ, he or she could make decisions that are not based on biblical principles. When the founding fathers wrote the constitution, which is the document that guides our nation, they used the Bible as their guide. Samuel Adams who was one of the founding fathers of the United States said, "Let each citizen remember, at the moment he is offering his vote, that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual- or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society, for which he is accountable to God and his country." For example, one of the

most important aspects for a president to consider is respect for life. The Bible clearly states that God is the creator of all lives, so man shouldn't destroy it under any circumstance. Having a strong believer of God as a leader can help save many lives. To have a Christian president means that our religious liberty will be treated with respect. The president has the power to appoint Supreme Court Justices. These Justices serve for a long period of time and are who will be making decisions about our religious and civil liberties. We need a God-fearing leader who will protect the morals and values of our nation.

In summary, anyone who is the president has a challenging job in holding our country together. I think that the person in office as the president should be rational, truthful, and a follower of God. The president has the most important job in the country. Unless we elect leaders that will uphold the constitution and our Christian values, our free nation will cease to exist!

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