



American Principles of Freedom

God's Plan of Happiness



Before the world was created, God gave us the right to choose.

Jesus Christ made it possible through His sacrifice.

Satan wants to destroy our right to choose.

The Story of Freedom

Magna Carta (1215): No one is above the law.



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Pilgrims (1600s): Wanted religious liberty and self-government.



1776 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



250 YEARS
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The Lord said,
“I established the Constitution of this
land, by the hands of wise men whom
I raised up unto this very purpose...”

(Doctrine and Covenants 101:80)

A person is shown from the back, standing in a forest. They have a glowing halo around their head. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt. The forest has many thin trees and some larger, thicker trunks. The overall mood is spiritual and serene.

1820 RESTORATION OF THE GOSPEL

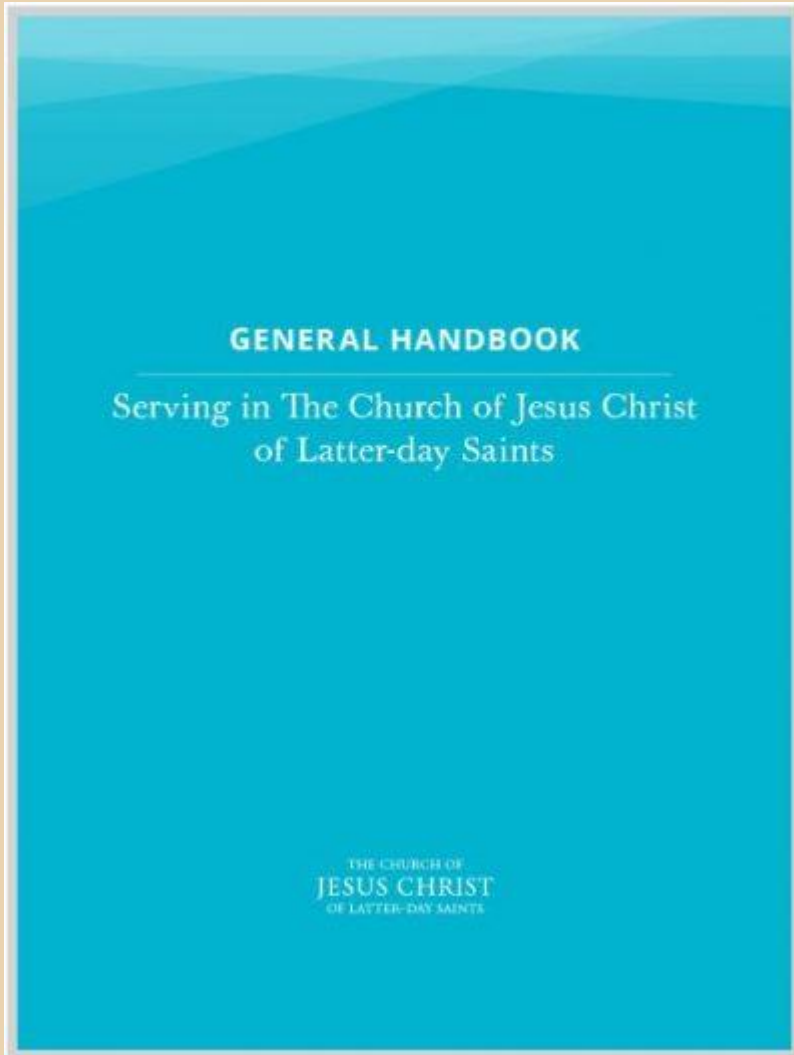
Without freedom of speech and religion, Joseph Smith couldn't have shared his vision or organized the Church

Family Proclamation



Learn to love and serve each another, keep the commandments, and obey the law.

We must strengthen the family as the basic unit of society.



Register to vote and study issues and candidates carefully.

Vote for leaders who are honest, good, and wise.

The Church does not endorse any political party or candidate. Nor does it advise members how to vote.

Principles That Protect Freedom



Government By the People

We vote for leaders to make decisions for us.



Rights Come from God

Rights are not granted by the government but come from God.

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Freedom of Speech

The right to say what you believe.



Freedom of Association

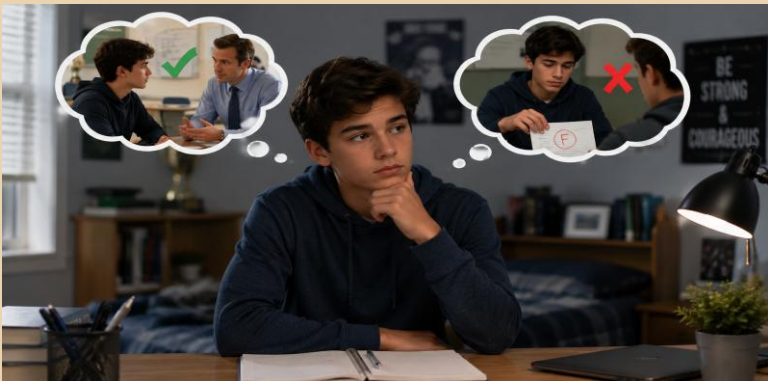
The right to gather in groups, like churches and organizations, to work toward shared goals.

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Freedom of Religion

The right to worship as you choose.



Universal Moral Truths

One standard of what is good and bad.

You are free to choose, but you are responsible for your choices.

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Right to Property

The right to own and control your own property.



Rule of Law

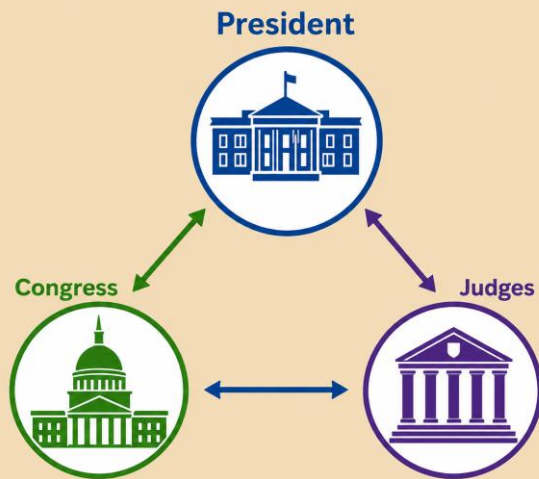
Everyone obeys the law, including government leaders.

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Limited Government

Strong enough to protect rights but limited enough to stay free. We should solve problems at the lowest level.



Separation of Powers (Checks and Balances)

Three branches of government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Each one has different responsibilities and can limit the power of the others.

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Equal Worth

Everyone has equal worth and has the same rights, regardless of their talents or situation.



Equal Rights, But Not Equal Results

You can pursue your own goals.

You are treated equally, but if you work hard, you may succeed more than others.

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Capitalism and Free Markets

Freedom to make your own choices. Economic competition encourages people to work hard, be creative, and solve problems.

What We Can Do



- Study the scriptures and the Constitution.
- Learn correct principles in the home.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Participate in society.
- Defend religious liberty.
- Live the gospel.

