

The New Breed of Leaders

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The characteristics of great leaders are timeless. We can learn about the kind of leaders God is raising up today by looking back at those great leaders who played such an important role in the founding of this nation. God is raising up a new breed of leaders who demonstrate the character and values of yesteryear.

It seems as if the courage that once thundered from the pulpits of the Church in this nation has faltered under the weight of fear, greed and ignorance of our history and God's word. In the founding of this nation the preachers played a very important role in addressing the issues of their day. They were the product of the "Reformation" that began in Europe as Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to a door. In that time the State and Church or civil government and the kingdom of God had their jurisdictions intertwined. Often the Pope acted like a king or in the case of King Henry the VIII he declared himself as the "Supreme Head of the Church of England:" the Anglican Church.

Preachers were forced to get a license to preach the gospel if they wanted to gather with more than five people. They felt they did not need a license when "King Jesus" had already commanded them to preach the gospel to every creature. Many like William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania were imprisoned in England. They came to America to have freedom to worship our Lord. But the king of England's rule and his church followed them here. The persecution inspired the likes of Patrick Henry to become a great defender for the early preachers who formed the what the British called the "Black Robed Regiment." Patrick Henry is the one who declared "give me liberty or give me death." Discover the incident that inspired his quote. It will shock you!

It was March of 1775 when a young attorney rode horseback into the small town of Culpepper, Virginia. He was totally shocked by what he saw! There, in the middle of the town square, a man was tied to a whipping post, his back laid bare and bloody with the bones of his ribs showing through the flesh. He had just been whipped. He had been, like Jesus, scourged mercilessly with whips having been laced with pieces of metal.

The attorney is quoted as saying, 'When they stopped beating him, I could see the bones of his rib cage. I turned to someone and asked what the man had done to deserve such a beating as this.' The reply given was that the man being scourged was a minister who refused to take a license. He was one of the twelve

men who were locked in jail because they refused to take a license. This minister said: 'I will never submit to taking your license. I am controlled by the Holy Spirit and authorized by God Almighty and will not allow you to control me by a license, no matter what you may do to me!'

With that statement, those who were trying to control these ministers and their ministries by requiring them to be 'licensed,' took this minister and scourged him to death three days later.

Shortly afterward, this young attorney arose to address his fellow delegates in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He concluded his famous speech with these words. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace! - but there is no peace. The war has actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the North will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" Click <http://www.thebible1.net/biblicaltheism/willchrist.htm> for the rest of the article by Robert L Waggoner.

This courageous preacher was one of many whom the British called the "Black Robed Regiment." They were a powerful force in the founding of this nation. They were preachers who cried for and paid a price to REFORM. The reformation of the Church led to the reformation of a society and the establishing of these United States.

[Click here for a brief history of the Black Robed Regiment by David Barton of Wallbuilders.](#)

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I see a new breed of leaders God is raising up today. These leaders are faceless, selfless, and courageous; like those preachers who played a powerful role in the founding of the United States. I strongly urge you to take the time to watch the 12 minute video on the Black Robed Regiment or read the powerful article associated with it. It will educate and inspire you. It will impart a vision for the important role that the Church can play in this nation's destiny.