

What is True Freedom?

Taking an oaths and making vows is an important part of our countries and cultures. Here is a glimpse into American oaths and vows:

Presidents, judges, lawyers, and military personnel must swear their allegiance to the country and to the Constitution. The President of the United States is sworn into office at an official ceremony after he has been elected. He, must put his left hand on a Bible, raise his right hand, and swear to uphold the laws of America with integrity. This is his oath:

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

- Presidential oath of office, Article II, Section 1, United States Constitution

In a court of law when testifying as a policeman or as a witness, people must swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

When new immigrants receive their citizenship in America, they must go to an official ceremony where they raise their right hands and swear their allegiance to America swear that they no longer give allegiance to their former countries.

Those who become doctors in America take an oath of moral, ethical, and professional integrity when they repeat the Hippocratic Oath or its modern version, the Lasagna Oath.

A bride and groom make a vow before God and their family and friends to love each other in good times and bad times and to stay married until one of them dies.

Christian parents frequently dedicate their young children in church and promise before God and the church members to raise their child in a way that honors God.

These are all examples of serious oaths and vows in American culture. It is so important to remember that God is our King – our ultimate authority – and that we are responsible to live our lives and do our jobs in a way that honors and pleases him.

When we know, understand, and have the *truth*, then we will have true *freedom*. True freedom is not a state of politics. True freedom is a state of one's heart. Many people who live in "free" America are not free because they don't have truth in their lives. Many people who live in communistic countries where they have little or no political freedom *are* free because they have the truth. Strive to know the Truth.