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- This weekend, our nation celebrates 250 years of independence
- Formal name: Semiquincentennial
- July 4, 1776: 56 men adopted the Declaration of Independence
- They pledged "our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor"

R – Restored Forgiveness **E** – Eternal Adoption **W** – Welded in Unity **I** – Inner Restoration

R – Reaching the Marginalized **E** – Extravagant Generosity **D** – Deployed as Agents of Love

- Rewired circuitry is meant to send power out
- Today: the outward flow of the rewired life
- A rewired heart beats for what God's heart beats for "The heart beats happiest when it beats for others"
- God has a special place in His heart for the poor, widow, orphan, and foreigner
- The Fatherless (Orphans) and Widows: God describes Himself as their ultimate protector. **Deuteronomy 10:18** states He executes justice for the fatherless and widow. Similarly, **Psalms 68:5** declares God is a "father to the fatherless, a defender of widows".
- The Poor: Throughout the Law, God instituted systems to provide for the destitute. **Leviticus 25:35** commands Israelites to financially support their poor neighbors.
- The Foreigner (Sojourner): God loves the foreigner and specifically commanded in **Leviticus 19:33-34** to treat resident foreigners as native-born citizens and to love them as yourself.
- New Testament Continuity: This mandate continues into the New Testament. According to **James 1:27**, "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress"

R – REACHING THE MARGINALIZED - (Compassion for the Poor and Vulnerable)

A rewired heart sees what God sees—the poor, the vulnerable, the outcast, and the forgotten.

Interesting Fact – There was some Diversity of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

- From the beginning, this nation was built by people from different backgrounds united around a common cause
- This reflects the body of Christ: many parts, one body (**1 Corinthians 12:12**)

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT) *If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!*

- Context: Solomon's wisdom literature
- A divine investment opportunity
- Giving to the poor = lending directly to God
- God never defaults on His debts

Isaiah 58:10 (NLT) *Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.*

- Context: Isaiah rebuked empty religion
- Verses 6-9: true fasting = loosening injustice, feeding the hungry, providing for the poor
- Verses 11-12: promises of guidance and strength
- Your rewired life is a light to the nations

The Good Samaritan – **Luke 10:25-37**

- Priest and Levite walked past the wounded man
- Samaritan—the unlikely one—stopped, bound his wounds, paid for his care
- Jesus said, "Go and do likewise"

You cannot say you love God who you have not seen and ignore the poor who you see every day. Reaching the marginalized is not optional—it is the evidence of our rewiring.

E – EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY - (Cheerful Giving That Reflects the Cross)

Jesus gave His Blood extravagantly, without calculation. Our giving should reflect that same lavish, joyful, sacrificial love.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT) *Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.*

- Context: Paul writing about the collection for the Jerusalem saints
- Verses 8-9: God will supply all you need
- Verses 10-11: you will be enriched in every way
- It is not about a percentage; it is about a posture
- A rewired heart gives because it has been given everything

Malachi 3:10 (NLT) *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in!*

- Giving is not God needing your money; it is God testing your trust
- The windows of heaven open over a giving heart

The Widow's Offering – **Mark 12:41-44**

- Rich gave large amounts
- Poor widow gave two small coins worth a penny
- Jesus said she gave more than all the others
- She gave out of her poverty—everything she had to live on
- That is extravagant generosity

A closed fist cannot receive a blessing. When you open your hand to the poor, God opens His hand to you. That is how generosity rewires your financial future. Do not give reluctantly... give joyfully, because you have been rewired by the most extravagant gift of all: the Blood of Jesus.

D – DEPLOYED AS AGENTS OF LOVE - (Our Mission to the World)

We are not just receivers of the blood, we are distributors. We are deployed (sent out) as agents of love to the broken, the hungry, and the lost.

Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT) *For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.*

Jesus' final teaching on the sheep and the goats (verses 31-34)

- Verses 37-39: the righteous ask when they served Him
- Verse 40: "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me"
- Our eternal destiny is tied to how we treat the least of these

Acts 20:35 (NLT) *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

- Context: Paul speaking to the Ephesian elders (verses 17-34)
- Verse 34: Paul worked with his own hands to support himself
- The ultimate rewiring: joy comes not from accumulating, but from distributing
- Jesus Himself said it is more blessed to give than to receive

The Early Church – **Acts 2:44-47**

- They sold possessions and goods and distributed to anyone who had need
- They broke bread together with glad and generous hearts
- The Lord added to their number daily
- This is what a rewired community looks like

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT) *And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*

- Being in Christ rewires everything
- It rewires how you forgive, belong, connect, heal, and respond to the world
- As we celebrate 250 years of American independence, true freedom is found in a person—Jesus Christ
- “So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free” (**John 8:36**)
- The blood of Jesus did what no declaration of independence could ever do
- It set us free from sin, death, and division
- That freedom rewires us to set others free