



*The*  
***Principal Principles***

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**TO BE A PATRIOT**

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The word *Patriot* comes from the Latin, *Pater*, meaning *Father*.

To be a Patriot means to act towards one's country as a father would act towards his son.

In today's world, the description is not as gender specific and there are certainly as many women who are patriots as there are men.

Therefore, it is my belief that our daily conduct should always be considerate of the effect it may have on our country; just as we would adjust our daily conduct in light of the effect it may have on our children. The challenge, just as in raising children, is in asking ourselves what sort of country we choose to father.

Being a Patriot requires that we put the needs of our country before our own, just as being a parent requires that we think of our children first.

The greatest implication of a belief such as that above is that when a person is placed in a position of responsibility such as an elected office or an appointed post, they must actually **LEAD**. People in these positions have a responsibility to envision a desirable future, convey that vision to the people, seek validation of that vision, and take action to make that vision a reality.

Being a *Patriot* means being involved.