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From the start of Washington's second term, American public discourse had become debased by linguistic distortion and dishonesty. The glory years of the revolution and the first years of the republic had been tarnished by brutal infighting, the lust for

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power and patronage, the disdain for compromise, the passionate defense of slavery, the expansion of the nation in a way that made New England feel victimized, and a coarsening of public life ... The elite leadership sustained a winner-take-all power game, the

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object of which was to wipe out the other party. Politicians were motivated by ambition for their own rather than for the country's success.

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DON'T LET
POLITICS
DEFINE YOU.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

KEEP YIELDING
TO GOD'S SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:19-21

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

DON'T TURN
DISAGREEMENT
INTO HATRED.

ROMANS 12:14

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

ROMANS 13:7

⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

ROMANS 13:8

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

KEEP POINTING
BACK AT
YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 5:13-14,16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth...

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world...

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

I THESSALONIANS 5:14

¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

