

Ben Carson Identifies The Biggest Challenge America Faces In 2015

He said we've abandoned an important aspect of the nation's roots.

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Retired neurosurgeon and possible presidential candidate Ben Carson traveled to Kalipsell, Mont., recently, where he addressed a crowd at Stillwater Christian School. When asked what he believes is the most pressing issue impacting the U.S. today, Carson did not hesitate to attribute the nation's decline to an increasing disassociation with America's founding principles – specifically faith.

“I think the biggest issue is that we have abandoned God,” he said. “We need to bring spirituality back to this country.”

He credited America's unparalleled prosperity and freedom to founding principles rooted in God's word – values that were protected by subsequent generations but have largely been relegated over the past several decades.

“It was our Judeo-Christian values that allowed this to be an exceptional country,” he asserted. “It allowed us to move forward so incredibly quickly.”

On the other hand, he said the opposite effect can be seen as the nation moves away from those roots.

“As we abandon God,” he continued, “you can see we're spiraling downward just as quickly.”

Carson has found a home within the GOP's socially conservative wing as he explores a possible White House bid, earning support among evangelical Christians and other likeminded believers while sometimes turning off moderate and liberal voters.

As one recent example, Carson **asserted** last month that homosexuality is “absolutely” a choice, citing the fact that some inmates engage in gay sex behind bars as evidence. He clarified that he does not support discriminating against gays; however, he noted that providing same-sex couples with certain rights “does not require changing the definition of marriage.”

Do you think faith in God is the key to America's success? Let us know in the comments section below.

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