



THE WISDOM OF *Ronald Reagan*

In a storied career that spanned more than five decades, Ronald Reagan inspired Americans to achieve more than they imagined. He also enjoyed a remarkable grasp of American values and a quick mind that was uniquely able to combine wisdom with current events. President Reagan provided the kind of time-tested leadership America desperately needs today.

AMERICA

"In a world wracked by hatred, economic crisis, and political tension, America remains mankind's best hope."

September 9, 1982
Alfred M. Landon Lecture Series, Kansas State University



COURAGE

"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave."

January 28, 1986
Address to the Nation on the Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger



TAXES

"Government does not tax to get the money it needs; government always finds a need for the money it gets."

July 22, 1987
Remarks About Federal Tax Reduction Legislation



DEMOCRACY

"Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man."

June 6, 1984
40th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion



FREEDOM

"Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

June 12, 1987
Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin



PEACE

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with conflict by peaceful means."

May 9, 1982
Commencement Address, Eureka College



FREE ENTERPRISE

"It was free enterprise, not government regulation, not high taxes or big government spending, that had led to the building of a great America."

May 16, 1984
White House Meeting



PEACE

"A people free to choose will always choose peace."

May 31, 1988
Moscow State University



FREEDOM

"There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect."

February 6, 1985
State of the Union



FREEDOM

"Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few, but the universal right of all God's children."

October 25, 1985
40th Session of the United Nations General Assembly



GOVERNMENT

"Government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem."

January 20, 1981
Inaugural Address



AMERICA

"And let me offer lesson number one about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table."

January 11, 1989
Farewell Address to the Nation



AMERICA

"One of the worst mistakes anybody can make is to bet against Americans."

May 16, 1987
Radio Address to the Nation



GOD

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

August 23, 1984
Prayer Breakfast in Dallas, Texas



FREEDOM

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation."

July 6, 1987
Kiwanis International Convention



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