

Gen. Washington his Christianity through his whole life. He was a devout attendant at church always in time, always most reverential in his demeanor while there. He was vestryman in tow churches. Near his home in Va in Phila. While he lived as president he attended church at Christ Church and they pew is still preserved where he sat.

When a young man when serving on the frontier in 1754 he held family prayer in the camp. It was a sight to see they young commander about 22 years old presiding with calm seriousness over a [?] assemblage of half equipped solders, leathern clad hunters, woodmen and painted savages and that surpasses the power of any language I possess.

At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution, Gen Was. was appointed Gen in Chief and from the year 1775 until 1783 he never faltered in his devotion to this duty and to his country and to his army. Through discouragements and hardships, through animosity of foes and coldness and estrangement of friends, he patiently and wisely directed the troops in such a way as to win the admiration of the English people themselves, I remember when I was a child writing a school composition in which I said that Gen. Washington had never lost a battle. In my childish view of things, I thought that was the height of glory and he having been so successful he must have been so victorious so far from this being always on the winning side but the great thing about him was that he did not give up to discouragement. He calmly, patiently and wisely persevered, retreating if necessary and making his defeats the starting points for new victories and held out so long, and so well aided by the other patriots still making new moves in field and council to disconcert the enemy. That at last the British Government.

