

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of
faith; take hold of the eternal life
to which you were called, and you
made the good confession in the
presence of many witnesses.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

“History is driven over the long haul,
by culture – by what men and women
honor, cherish, and worship; by what
societies deem to be true and good
and noble; by the expressions they
give to those convictions in language,
literature and the arts; by what
individual and societies are willing to
stake their lives on.” —

We're in a battle for the hearts
and minds of our neighbors!

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Rev 2:10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal, that they are
endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are
Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
That to secure these rights, Governments
are instituted among Men, deriving their
just powers from the consent of the
governed -- Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776

The proper function of government —

Rom 13:4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.” -- Nov 19, 1863

The founders of the country in which we live threw off the ideas and qualities of life in Europe to establish a new nation built upon different principles.

As a result of the atrocities of WWII, Europe has lost its faith in God and has come to be a secular state in which no mention of God is made in public and where the people in the street are amazed that religion intrudes on the lives of those in the US.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my
beloved brethren, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in
the work of the Lord, knowing
that your toil is not in vain in the
Lord.

In making fun of the huge number of different churches in the US, the population and the leaders of Europe justify their “reason” and “enlightenment” without pausing to think where these came from – the Bible!

Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD,

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (9) (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

We have now placed men and women in positions of authority in this country who do not hold Biblical views on many subjects and we must be aware that they are not guided by the Scriptures.

Those in places of authority who do not seek God have inserted an atheistic secularization which led to the “crisis of civilization” -- the moral crisis which the wars fought in Europe in the last century emphasize.

Solzhenitsyn pointed out, “ The failings of human consciousness, deprived of its divine dimension, have been a determining factor in all the major crimes of this century. ...

World War I, World War II .. The only possible explanation for this is a mental eclipse among the leaders of Europe due to their lost awareness of a Supreme Power above them.”

This is happening in the US! We,
and our neighbors, must
reemphasize the value of service
to the living God, standing on
Biblical values.

The problem is that such conditions can easily become the norm in our society as we see religious groups around us move into a secular mind set. Their focus is not to save man from sin but to fit the Scriptures to their idea of what God should have done.

The denominations around us have changed
their doctrines from the truth of God!

--the Roman Catholic church baptizes infants
for remission of Adam's sin; the Episcopalian
and Lutheran churches approve practicing
homosexuals as Bishops; the AME church
appointing a woman Bishop

-- these are but symptoms of the culture
surrounding us.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and impostors
will proceed from bad to worse,
deceiving and being deceived. (14) You,
however, continue in the things you have
learned and become convinced of,
knowing from whom you have learned
them; (15) and that from childhood you
have known the sacred writings which
are able to give you the wisdom that
leads to salvation through faith which is
in Christ Jesus.

As you think about the government and what you can do, remember the example of Edward Baker, a congressman and preacher in the church of our Lord, who in 1844 befriended his opponent, Abraham Lincoln. After this, Lincoln, who never adopted the Hard Shell Baptist beliefs his parents, used an increasing amount of Scripture and constant belief in God in his public statements.

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, (2) for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. (3) This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

We are surrounded by a those
who are focused on self and the
pleasures of this world. As
children of God, we have chosen
goodness.

1 Cor 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

God does not advise us to fail to speak,
to fail to know, to have a weak faith, or
to help the poor and deny ourselves to
help others. He tells us we must help
others because we care.

We must adjust our attitude to one of caring for (loving) others.

Jud 3... appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren,
whatever is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is
lovely, whatever is of good
repute, if there is any excellence
and if anything worthy of praise,
let your mind dwell on these
things.

That's the kind of society in which I want to live. In order to have that kind of society, these must be the values I cherish and those I share with others.

It is only by acknowledging the God of heaven and the revelation of His Son to mankind that you can truly participate in making such a society.

Would you make Jesus your Lord and King this day?

Act 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.