

Build Your House on the Rock

In a world that gives God little any real thought, Christians must be salt and light all that more clearly. We must prepare carefully to be that salt and light. We prepare by first understanding what we are facing in such a world. The second way we prepare is by embracing revival!

Scripture(s): Matthew 7:24-29 (and other scriptures)

I. The first distinct temptation we face as the country around us rebels against God is we face a quiet slide into _____. When we identify with our culture, we must guard against being _____ to how our _____ undermines our faith.

Isaiah 31:1-9

✓ Refuse to embrace as essential that which is not _____.

II. The second distinct temptation we face as the country around us rebels against God is the urge to seek _____ ground. We must actively live our life for our _____ instead of for our comfort.

John 16:1-4; John 16:33 ³³ These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 15:18-20

Matthew 10:26-36 ³² "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

✓ Answer this question biblically: what is the _____ of my life?

III. The third distinct temptation we face as the country around us rebels against God is to _____ in our new situation. We must know who we are _____ our freedoms and conveniences.

Matthew 10:16-23; Acts 23:10-14

1 Peter 3:13-18 ¹³ Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame....

✓ Passionately pursue those acts of faith to which freedom or convenience are largely _____.

Remember this - God's people must make decisions and choose to live by the word of Christ _____.

Our challenge: Choose this day whom you will _____. As for me and my house, we will serve the _____.

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