



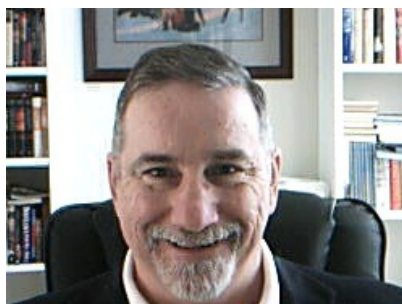
The Truth

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“It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness.” (Proverbs 16:12)

“Too often, me especially, Christians put their trust in government. Political leaders are humans just like you and me. Humans inevitably fail, be it abuse, betrayal, or corruption, and so it is folly to place our hope in ourselves. Only God is worthy of our trust, and it is in Him whom we should have hope.” –Dave



There are days when I forget that King Jesus is on the throne.

Okay, there are many days when I forget. Okay, I forget this on days that end in “Y.”

How is it as a blood-bought, born-again Christian that I forget this? When you are as involved in politics as I am, it is an occupational hazard from which I must protect myself. It is easy to forget the forest for the trees, when all the trees around me are corrupt and evil. I simply want to chop them all down.

What if there was a better way to deal not only with life in general, but also and more specifically, for God’s man to live in this fallen world in the way God intends? Would that even be possible? Those questions answer themselves for those of us familiar with the Bible, sometimes referred to as the acronym, Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

It is wonderful to think of the Holy Scriptures as God’s love letter to mankind. It is that, and so much more. In the Word of God, we find history, philosophy, theology, ecclesiology, and eschatology, to name a few. As I’ve heard it describe many times, the Bible is shallow enough that no child will drown in it and deep enough that know adult will ever find the bottom.

It is this realization that has become the impetus of a new book I am writing, “Man Up! - What the Bible Says About Being A Man.” I am writing it to educate, encourage, and exhort Christian men to step into the gap, plant the banner, and be men who take seriously Jesus’ call to be salt and light.

It is from this perspective that I am writing this newsletter, to look to how the Founders understood the Scriptures influence on culture and how it guided them. Also, what men of God have shared about false hope, and how we can change that.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



As Commanding in Chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington expected and required high moral standards from his soldiers. This expectation and requirement followed him into the White House.

“To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian” From the [general orders](#) General George Washington issued to his troops at Valley Forge, May 2, 1778.

General Washington not only expected and required his soldiers aspire to the highest Christian character, he also expected them to attend church. That is the first requirement found in his Valley Forge general orders. It was non-negotiable for his officers:

“It is expected that Officers of all Ranks will by their attendance set an Example to their men.” (Spelling is original copy)

Washington then couples good citizenry and soldiering to being “attentive to the higher duties of Religion. Next follows the quote at the beginning of this page. Washington never lost sight of the fact that God had intervened in the survival of his ragtag armies.

To which religion was Washington referring when he used that word? Many historians believe Washington was a deist, but that belief shatters in the light of history. A year later, the General was visited by the Chiefs of the Delaware Indian tribe. The Chiefs had brought three youths to be trained in American schools. Notice Washington’s [response](#):

“I am glad you have brought three of the Children of your principal Chiefs to be educated with us...You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life and above all—the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are.”

Can you imagine the outcry today if one of our generals dare to pen such words? Clearly the God-hater [Mikey Weinstein](#) would attack Washington and demand he be removed from military service. And how would the historical revisionist react to Washington’s open declaration to the supremacy of Christianity as a religion? The answer is obvious...

FROM THE PULPIT

“There are those in the churches who are standing aloof from the subject of Moral Reform, and who are afraid to have anything said in the pulpit against lewdness. On this subject the church need not expect to be permitted to take neutral ground. In the providence of God, it is up for discussion. The evils have been exhibited, the call has been made for reform. And what is to reform mankind but the truth? And who shall present the truth if not the church and the ministry? Away with the idea that Christians can remain neutral and keep still, and yet enjoy the approbation and blessing of God.” Charles G. Finney, [Lecture XV](#), *Hindrances to Revivals*, Lectures on Revival series, mid-1800’s

Pastor Finney knew if our country was to change for the better that change had to be initiated by the pulpits across America. He knew that a change of heart would result in a change of habits. “The evils that have been exhibited” can only be overcome by “the truth” of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Who is responsible for presenting that “truth if not the church and the ministry?”

One need not wonder for long at Pastor Finney’s reaction to the majority of petrified pastors in America who hide under their pulpits afraid of losing their precious tax-free status. They, as well as other church leaders, believe they “can remain neutral, and yet enjoy the approbation and blessing of God.” And look at what’s happened to our religious freedom in the meantime!

If America is to overcome the challenges it faces today we need mighty men of God, both in and out of the pulpit, to stand in the gap and raise the banner of truth.

No longer may pastors pretend they are protected by defensive measures such as not addressing relevant cultural issues in the light of Scripture. While I don’t expect a pastor to endorse a candidate from the pulpit, he can surely outline in the Scriptures the type of candidate Christians should support. Furthermore, he *must* call out sin and show the way to repentance and restoration, both individually as citizens and collectively as a country.

If your pastor does preach biblical truth, applying its principles to the issues facing our nation today, then thank him. Encourage him to continue to do so and enable him to equip the flock to be the salt and light Jesus calls us to be.

If your pastor is not doing this, sit down with him and ask how you can help him do so, if it is his heart’s desire. If it is not, then it may be time to find a new church.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People get the government we deserve.

We have a corrupt government because, particularly as Christians, we do not heed the Bible's teaching on government.

We do not select the best candidates, usually not participating in the primary process, and then lamenting we have to vote for the lesser of two evils in the general election.

We do not pray for our leaders once in office, those we support and oppose, as we are commanded to in Scripture. We need to stop relying on the G-O-P to bring about the change in our nation, and as G-O-D's people, bring about that change.

Here are some suggestions how:

1. Begin a daily Bible Study. You could learn all you need on how to be a good citizen by simply reading 1 Proverb and 5 Psalms each day. There are 31 Proverbs and 150 Psalms, so you can spend one month going through the greatest wisdom collections available to man.
2. Get involved in the primary process; yours is coming soon if not already upon you. Find out by calling your county election office to find out when and where to vote in the primary, and what and who are on the ballot.
3. Pray. Pray for your elected officials, both those you support and oppose. Pray that all they do is in accordance with God's laws, the Declaration of Independence, and the US Constitution, in that order.
4. Help me to grow The Truth Watch. My goal is to have 10,000 Truth Watchers across the country to help our friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors develop a biblical worldview and to affect change in our culture.

The two major political parties as we know them are both tattered and frayed. Democrats are beholden to their Leftist base, and the GOP ignores its conservative base for the sake of the Establishment. WE the People can change the GOP by overturning the Establishment and in the end, defeating the enemies of liberty.

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