

Patriotic Celebration at Bethany

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1. America _____ God, but America is _____ from God.

Patrick Henry--When people forget God, tyrants forge their chains; a corrupted public conscience is incompatible with freedom.

Joshua--Choose this day whom you will serve...As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Jesus--You cannot serve two masters.

Proverbs 29:2--When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Civilizations:

- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ to _____
- from _____ back again to _____

General Douglas MacArthur--History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster.

2. America needs _____, but America is being destroyed by her fixation with _____ and _____.

1 Corinthians 6:9,10--Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. _____

Billy Graham--If God does not judge America, He may have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.
See Jonah 3:1-10.

2. _____ and _____

1 Timothy 2:1-2--I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

>> Key 17, Your kids, Schools and teachers, Christian values

3. Live _____

>> Be _____, flee _____

>> Study God's _____, make it your moral

4. Promote _____

>> Register to _____

5. Pray _____

2 Chronicles 7:14--If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 20:12--We don't know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

See also 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:18-20

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss with your small group how each Christian can make a difference in advancing righteousness in our country.
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. In what specific ways should we be praying for America. Make a list and pray as a small group.
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.