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How to Turn a Nation Back to God

Introduction: Over the last 46 years I have seen so many of our nation's values change drastically. So many things that used to be so obviously wrong are now accepted as something right.

For example: The acceptance of abortion on demand.

The acceptance of professing Christians drinking alcohol.

The acceptance of not only homosexuality, but same-sex marriage.

The Bible gives us clear direction as to what must be done to turn a nation back to God.

Gerald B. Collingsworth

Dr. & Mrs.

FIRST: THE RIGHT LEADER.

II KINGS 22:1-2

"And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD..."

Josiah was the son of Jedidah. Her name meant "beloved." His grandpa was Adaiah which means, 'Jehovah has adorned." They both had a tremendous impact in the life of Josiah.

Josiah did that which was right in the sight of God which should be the goal of every child of God. Josiah was faithful to God, and God always uses consistent, steadfast people.

SECOND: THE RETURN TO GOD'S WORD.

II KINGS 22:8

"And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the Law in the house of the LORD.

It was during the days of King Manasseh that the things of God were neglected and replaced by corrupted scrolls and idols. Now, the book has been found and returned to its position in the house of

What we need to do right now is to find and return the Word of God back to a preeminent position in our lives. Look at its beauty and its wonderful teachings.

Under Josiah's leadership, he took steps to clean up the nation in accordance with the Word of

Three suggestions concerning the Word of God:

- 1. Seek the Word. Isaiah 34:16
- 2. Search the Word. John 5:39
- 3. Submit to the Word. James 1:22
- Share the Word. Mark 16:15

II KINGS 23:4-7 THIRD: THE REMOVAL OF THAT WHICH WAS WRONG.

Get the garbage out of your life. Most people that have any common sense will put the garbage in containers and place them outside. Why? Because garbage tends to smell and draws the attention of bugs and varmints.

Verse 5 is referring to those who worship by way of the constellations of the Zodiac. This astrology teaches that man evolved in cycles according to the signs of the Zodiac.

In Chicago, in the year 1993, 6,000 people of all religions met to put together a document entitled, Towards a Global Ethic."

The document is a humanistic document that ignores salvation and Jesus Christ and calls for a new world order.

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Dr. Jack Hyles

Mama's Bible Matthew 4:4

When I was a boy, from the time I remember—I remember back when I was two and three years of age—until I went into the paratroopers in World War II when I was 18, my mother would read to me for 30 minutes every night from the Bible. Then she would hold it up and say, "This is the Word of God!" She did not say, "The manuscripts from which we got this are the Word of God." My mom didn't even know what a manuscript was. She just knew she had a Book that was the Word of God. That's all she knew. So, she said, "This is the Word of God." I would look at it, and I would have to say three times, "Mama, the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God."

I have Mama's Bible—the same one she read—in my office. I've had it there for years. I don't know how old it is, but I suspect it is 55 or 60 years old. It is the same Bible she used to hold up. I was thumbing through it the other day. On the inside, it says on the title page, "King James Bible." That's what it says. You know it worked. It's amazing how well Mama did before she found out that it wasn't the Word of God.

I've been going to Baptist churches for 51 years. Every pastor I've ever had preached from the King James Bible. He always said to the crowd, "Open your Bibles and let's hear what the Lord says." These pastors were not unfortunate enough to have sat at the feet of those with lower education which calls itself "higher education."

It is amazing how well this nation did when we didn't know how ignorant we were. (Are you listening?) This is my fifth pastorate. I've seen miracles in my pastorates. I've preached over 41,000 times, and I've never yet preached a sermon that wasn't preached from the King James Bible.



HOW DO YOU PLAY AIR FORCE BINGO? A-10! B-52! F-16!

Lest We Forget



Judy, a purebred pointer, was the mascot of several ships in the Pacific, and was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and taken to a prison camp. There she met Aircraftsman Frank Williams, who shared his small portion of rice with her. Judy raised morale in the POW camp, and also barked when poisonous snakes, crocodiles or even tigers approached the prisoners. When the prisoners were shipped back to Singapore, she was smuggled out in a rice sack, never whimpering or betraying her presence to the guards.

The next day, that ship was torpedoed. Williams pushed Judy out of a porthole in an attempt to save her life, even though there was a 15-foot drop to the sea. He made his own escape from the ship, but was then recaptured and sent to a new POW camp. He didn't know if Judy had survived, but soon he began hearing stories about a dog helping drowning men reach pieces of debris after the shipwreck. And when Williams arrived at the new camp, he said: "I couldn't believe my eyes! As I walked through

the gate, a scraggly dog hit me square between the shoulders and knocked me over. I'd never been so glad to see the old girl!"

They spent a year together at that camp in Sumatra. "Judy saved my life in so many ways," said Williams. "But the greatest of all was giving me a reason to live. All I had to do was look into those weary, bloodshot eyes and ask myself: 'What would happen to her if I died?' I had to keep going."

Once hostilities ceased, Judy was then smuggled aboard a troopship heading back to Liverpool. In England, she was awarded the Dickin Medal (the "Victoria Cross" for animals) in May 1946. Her citation reads: "For magnificent courage and endurance in Japanese prison camps, which helped to maintain morale among her fellow prisoners, and also for saving many lives through her intelligence and watchfulness".

At the same time, Frank Williams was awarded the PDSA's White Cross of St. Giles for his devotion to Judy. Frank and Judy spent a year after the war visiting the relatives of English POWs who had not survived, and Frank said that Judy "always provided a comforting presence to the families."

When Judy finally died at the age of 13, Frank spent two months building a granite and marble memorial in her memory, which included a plaque describing her life story.

The attending groups at the meeting included Catholics, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Wiccans, and the Anglican Church.

The problem with this is that they rejected the Bible completely.

FOURTH: THE RESPECT FOR GOD'S MAN WAS RESTORED.

II KINGS 23:15-18

While he was destroying the wicked places of pagan worship and the influence of the wicked false preachers, there was a grave discovered—that of a man of God. When Josiah found out who was in that grave, he revealed total respect and gave orders that no one was to disturb the grave of the man of God.

I Timothy 5:17 says, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour..."

I have seen so many great men of God who served their own generation by the will of God, become subjects of criticism and ridicule by people who accomplished nothing for God.

Charles Spurgeon, Lee Roberson, John R. Rice, Jack Hyles, Curtis Hutson were not perfect men, but they were God's men.

Conclusion: Josiah was as close to being exactly what a leader is to be in the sight of God. II Kings 23:15, "And like unto him was there no king before him...neither after him arose there any like him."

Josiah died in battle against God's enemies. He was the last great king from David's family. Just ponder upon the great example he left for others to follow. What a leader!

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven? If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)

WHAT DID THE NAVY DENTIST PUT ON HIS LICENSE PLATE? TOP GUM.



Exodus 24:12 "And the LORD said unto Moses,... be there ..."

<u>Church</u>

When you attend church, make sure you are there mentally. While you are there, "be there." If church members would "be there" mentally, they could be helped spiritually. While I am preaching, I often see a faraway look come across some faces; I worry about those people. If you are not physically and mentally in church, you will miss what God has for you through His man.

Dr. Bob Gray

God has something for each of us every time we attend a church service. God has tailor-made each service just for you. God knows what is going to happen tomorrow,

even though you do not. God knows what tomorrow will bring, but you and I do not, God uses His preacher to deliver a message that will prepare us today for that which is unknown to us tomorrow. If you are not here physically, you will not get the message; however, if you are here physically but not mentally, you still will not get the message. When you are there "be there!" When you are here, "be here!" That is why the Bible commands us to renew our minds. It so easy to drift away mentally and this drifting causes much damage.

Song Service

When you sing the songs of God, sing in the choir, sing in a special singing group, or play in the orchestra, make sure you are "there." The songs we sing have powerful words that can change people's lives. However, if we sing the words without paying attention to what we are singing, the words will not have the effect that God intended for them to have on us. Be there while you sing! Every song in that church songbook is filled with words that will warm the heart. The next time you sing a song in church, make up your mind to be there" while you are singing.

The Lord's Supper

When you partake of the Lord's Supper table, "be there." Quit sitting there with that faraway, disinterested look in your eye; instead, "be there." You should use your mind while holding the unleavened bread. You should be thankful as you hold the cup of the fruit of the vine. His broken body and shed blood are the reason we can go to Heaven.

People are often unfaithful to church because they are there physically, but not mentally. They have no reason to return to church. Enjoy your church, enjoy your husband, enjoy your wife, enjoy your children, enjoy your parents, enjoy your job, enjoy your school, and enjoy life by simply being there mentally while you are there.

Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week in 2020.
- 2. The bus ministry is still active.
- 3. We are hosting the 8th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2022.
- 4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.
- 5. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed one time in 2021.
- 6. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved each week of 2021.





Memories From Days Gone By



Teen Camp 2022 July 11th—July 15th



"I'm from the future. You left the toaster on."

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DOG," THE WOMAN TOLD THE MAN DELIVERING HER GROCERIES. "EVER HEAR THE SAYING, 'A BARKING DOG NEVER BITES'?" "YES," THE MAN REPLIED. "YOU KNOW THE SAYING. I KNOW THE SAYING. BUT DOES YOUR DOG KNOW IT?"

Get Back To Preaching II Timothy 4:1-5



John R. Rice

Consider a sound pastor who believes the Bible and who loves the Lord, one who has been truly converted, and yet never preaches against sin, never makes anybody angry, never perturbs the complacency of the lukewarm and self righteous. Suppose that such a pastor rarely or never gets anyone converted, which is true about thousands of preachers who are really saved. Why should Satan spend much time in opposition to such a pastor? He does not snatch any of Satan's victims from his hands. He never gets a drunkard converted, nor sees a harlot made pure by the blood of Christ, nor gets an infidel made into a believer and saint. Why should Satan greatly tempt or slander or oppose such

pastors?

It is a sad fact that many, many pastors have do enemies, hurt nobody's feelings, do not disturb backslidden Christians and do not convict lost sinners by Spirit-filled, powerful, Bible preaching.

But Jesus Christ died to save sinners, Right now in Heaven, the one thing that makes the Saviour and all the angels rejoice, and the saints in the presence of the angels, is to hear that one sinner has repented. The salvation of sinners is the one thing dearest to the heart of God, And you may be sure that anything that gets sinners converted is the thing that Satan hates most.



Dr. Greg Neal

Burnout

Exodus 3:1-4, "... the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed." There was something very significant about the fact that God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. There are gases inside of a piece of wood that soon disappear when a bush begins to burn. When the gases are gone, the bush then becomes nothing but ashes. There is nothing left to burn. The bush is burned out once the energy from that bush is gone. Perhaps God was showing Moses the fact that the only way that he would not burn out in the desert when leading the children of Israel would be if he would not go in his own power. What a powerful lesson for us! Whatever we do in

our own power will eventually cause us to burn out, and we will be nothing but ashes. Only that which is done in the power of God can continue to burn. Many Christians experience burnout because they are doing the work of God in their own energy. There is only so much energy we have. God's energy is without limit. If we want to continue to burn for Him, we must do our work for Him through the power of His might and not our own.

Heritage Highlanders March 2022 Schedule



Saturday March 5 Spring Craft Saturday March 12 Irish Cooking

Proverbs 31:13 Proverbs 31:15 Saturday March 19 Growing in Christ Saturday March 26 Soulwinning

II Peter 3:18 1 John 5:13

Dear Pastor and Vida.

We want you to know how much we appreciate both of you! We are thankful to Pastor because he has helped us to grow spiritually and taught us so much. For Mrs. C and her example to keep on keeping on even when it hurts. So strong for one so little! I'm so glad we found this church. You've been our pastor longer than any where we have been in the past because of your integrity and faithfulness to the Word of God. God bless you and keep you!



In Christian love.

Clarence and Anita Miller

A FAMILY WAS CELEBRATING THEIR DAUGHTER'S FIFTH BIRTHDAY AT A RESTAURANT WHEN THE GIRL'S FATHER NOTICED HER STARING AT A MOOSE HEAD ON THE WALL. SOMEONE HAD PLACED A PARTY HAT ON IT. HE TOLD HER WHY SOME PEOPLE HUNT ANIMALS.

"I KNOW THAT," THE GIRL CRIED. "BUT WHY'D THEY SHOOT HIM AT HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY?"



- 5 tbsp. Cajun meat seasoning blend
- 1 1/4 tsp. ground cardamom
- 1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tbsp. plus 3/4 tsp. ground 3/4 tsp. ground allspice
- 1 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg 1/4 tsp. ground savory

cinnamon

- 3/4 tsp. ground dried
- guajillo or pasilla chili pepper (1 pepper)
- 1 tbsp. plus 1 1/2 tsp. soy
 - 1 (3- to 4-lb.) chicken, cut into 8 pieces
 - 4 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1. Combine first 11 ingredients in a large bowl. Remove 1/4 cup mixture and set aside. Add soy sauce to remaining seasoning and stir well to form a paste. Place chicken pieces and bay leaves in a large bowl and rub chicken evenly with paste. Cover tightly with

John Wavne's Grilled Chicken

1 tbsp. grated lemon peel

1 tbsp. grated lime peel

1 1/4 tsp. ground

plastic wrap and stick in the fridge for 6 to 8 hours. 2. Remove chicken from refrigerator about 14 hours before grilling so it reaches room temperature. Melt

- butter and stir in reserved 1/4 cup seasoning mixture. Set aside.
- 3. Prepare a hot fire by piling charcoal on one side of grill, leaving the other side empty (if using a gas grill, light only one side.) Place chicken pieces over cooler side and grill with lid closed, for 25 minutes for breasts and 30 minutes for thighs and legs.
- 4. Transfer chicken to hot side and grill, flipping several times and basting with reserved butter mixture, until internal temperature reaches 175 degrees or about 7 1/2 minutes per side for breasts, 3 1/2 minutes per side for thighs and 2 1/2 minutes per side for legs. Remove from grill and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silol

LESSONS FROM THE FALL

Thirty years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, we're still wading through the wreckage.

BY ALAN W. DOWD

"The world can sigh in relief," Russian leader Boris Yeltsin declared in 1992, soon after the Soviet Union staggered to its death. "The idol of communism, which spread everywhere social strife, animosity and unparalleled brutality, which instilled fear in humanity, has collapsed."

Yeltsin wasn't exaggerating. For most of the 20th century, the ideology loosed by Vladimir Lenin and the empire constructed by Joseph Stalin sowed a harvest of death, destruction and brutality. Thirty years after the USSR's end, humanity is still wading through the wreckage, history is still counting the costs, and the free world is still wrestling with totalitarian regimes modeled after Lenin's terror.

BARBARISM "They turned upon Russia the most grisly of weapons," Winston Churchill wrote of Germany's decision to put Lenin on a train in 1917 and unleash him onto his homeland: "Lenin in a sealed truck like a plague bacillus." The immediate effect was exactly what Germany desired. Lenin's revolution felled the Russian Empire and removed Russia from the Great War. But there were far more lasting consequences. Lenin's regime became one of the greatest enemies of freedom, faith, peace and humanity the world has known.

President Ronald Reagan labeled the USSR an "evil empire," and rightly so. We can measure its evil in many ways, but perhaps the simplest is its utter contempt for human life.

Leftist Wants California to Abolish Parenthood, Make Parents Give Away Their Kids to Achieve "Équity"

A column by Joe Mathews (was) published in the Ventura County Star on January 13: "California should abolish parenthood in the name of equity."

If you think the author wrote this from an asylum you would be wrong... However, when you read his rantings for "equity" you might think he belongs in some sort of institution...

Fathers and mothers with greater wealth and education are more likely to transfer these advantages to their children, compounding privilege over generations. As a result, children of less advantaged parents face an uphill struggle, social mobility has stalled and democracy has been corrupted...

And now comes Mathew's "solution" that qualifies him for institutionalization.

"My solution-making raising your own children illegal - is simple and while we wait for the legislation to pass, we can act now: the rich and poor should trade kids and homeowners might swap children with their homeless neighbors.

"... Some naysayers will dismiss such a policy as ghastly, even totalitarian. But my proposal is quite modest; a fusion of traditional philosophy and today's most common political obsessions.".

P.J. Gladnick, lifenews.com

Business Sues U.S. Military Over Ban on Sale of Bible-Themed Dog Tags

A Texas-based religious business that makes specialty dog tags with Bible verses and Christian imagery has filed a lawsuit against the United States Department of Defense over its decision to prohibit the company from selling religious tags with U.S. armed forces trademarks...

At issue, according to the suit, was a decision by various branches of the military to prohibit Shields of Strength from using the various trademarks of the Armed Forces on their specialized dog tags.

For over 20 years, Shields of Strength had been allowed to include the military trademarks alongside Bible verse quotes and Christian imagery, such as a cross. The business boasts of having sold or donated around four million dog tags.

According to a Department of Defense instruction from April 2020, military trademarks cannot be included on products that feature the promotion of religious views.

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Why is it that all our most profound thoughts come while our hair is wet? These "Shower Thoughts." on Reddit are proof:

- Your stomach thinks all potato is mashed.
- A group of squid should be called a squad.
- I will be the last person to die in my lifetime.
- This "spring forward" thing would be a lot more popular if we moved the clocks ahead at 2 p.m. on a Monday.

WHEN I SEE CHOCOLATE, I HEAR TWO VOICES IN MY HEAD. THE FIRST ONE SAYS, "YOU NEED TO EAT THE CHOCOLATE." THE SECOND VOICE. SAYS, "YOU HEARD HIM. EAT THE CHOCOLATE."

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23*

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20
We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily

resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John* 5:28-29, *Luke* 16:22-23, *Rev.* 20:11-15

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22*

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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