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Time is Running Out

If we could peer into the invisible realm and witness the spiritual war currently being fought over the United States, the sense of urgency among America's Christians would almost certainly be heightened. The fact is, most Americans are still asleep, or at least lethargically optimistic and unaware of what may be getting ready to hit us.

After my recent cancer surgery (the third in eight months) I tried to slow down and take it easy for a while in order to recover. However, night after night the Lord has been waking me up, prompting me to warn our readers to get ready. Waiting until our next issue in October might be too late. So, I am writing you now.

While we should continue to fervently pray for God's intervention in our nation's affairs, it appears more and more evident that things will be getting progressively worse due to the overall lack of repentance and the strengthening momentum of our socialist/Marxist adversaries. The global establishment will do everything in their power to collapse the US economy this fall in order to pin the blame on Donald Trump and cost him the election. The forced hysteria surrounding COVID-19 is on the brink of shutting down many businesses for a second time. It is estimated that 40 percent of these businesses will never reopen. Meanwhile, diminished corporate earnings, increased trade tensions with China, and a ballooning national debt could spell disaster for our economy and stock market come September and October. We need to brace ourselves and prepare for this possibility now, while we can.

The violence and lawlessness being fueled by anarchists, I believe, will also continue to intensify – with the goal of further destabilizing our nation leading up to the election. Between this growing rebellion and the COVID paranoia, and the resulting possibility of a severe economic downturn, our country could be reeling by November. And, if Trump wins in a close election, the rioting we've seen so far will seem like a picnic compared to what will be unleashed nationwide. The current civil unrest would almost certainly morph into what would more resemble a civil war. What's worse, if our foreign enemies (China, Russia, Iran, etc.) were ever to attack us in an all-out assault on our soil, they would likely do it when we are preoccupied with internal disruptions, because this is when we would be most vulnerable. (Even now, tensions between Iran and Israel are beginning to flare inside of Lebanon and Syria. This could soon escalate and impact the US.)

As I mentioned in my previous writing, unless the Lord intervenes, we could be in our final days as a free nation. Given this reality, each of us should be doing everything possible to prepare for difficult times – both physically and spiritually. We should be seeking the Lord, prayerfully asking Him what He would specifically have us do. His direction may be somewhat different for each of us, as none of our situations are quite the same. So, be prepared to think outside the box, and don't be afraid to step out in faith and act on the Lord's leading.

Here are some things to consider. If the powers that be succeed at sinking our economy, they will use the crisis as a reset to introduce their new global monetary system. Central to this system will be an electronic monetary unit that will replace the US dollar to become the world's new medium of exchange. The global powers will undoubtedly make every effort to quickly phase out

the use of cash. If such a scenario plays out, cash would become worthless almost overnight. Therefore, I would not horde large amounts of cash. Keeping some on hand for emergencies is fine, but it would be wise to convert larger quantities into items that can be used for barter during difficult times. Silver and gold coins, long-lasting batteries, and day-to-day hygiene products such as toothpaste, soaps, etc. along with first aid items/medications are *just a few* useful barter items that come to mind. Needless to say, water purifiers and food with a long shelf life will be among the essentials to have on hand.

There is a fine line between preparing for a potential storm and simply trusting God for our needs. Ideally, the two should go hand in hand. We should prayerfully seek God, then prepare as He leads. Some of you are already fully prepared. Others will be taking this opportunity to make some adjustments; while still others will be directed to do little or nothing. What is most important is that you are obedient to whatever the Lord directs you to do. He understands your specific situation and is aware of your needs.

Another measure I'd encourage is to limit your exposure to the stock market. In my opinion, it is significantly overvalued given our country's current circumstances. Consider using some of your profits to pay off debt and to better position yourself for difficult times. Whatever you decide to do – after prayerfully seeking God – try to complete your preparations within the next few weeks.

Most importantly, draw near to Jesus. If you are currently not in a close walk with the Lord, make it your top priority to establish a strong relationship with Him – one in which you place your complete trust and faith in Him. You will need to recognize His voice as He leads you through difficult times requiring special discernment and quick decisions. You must allow the Holy Spirit to get you to the place where you are tuned in and dependent on King Jesus.

To be truthful, I am in a quandary. I do not want to fail in my responsibility to forewarn our people of what might take place in the near future. On the other hand, I am genuinely hoping and praying that an eleventh hour repentance and revival will occur, prompting the Lord to hold back the forces of evil.

At this point in time, I believe that God could still intervene – given the proper response from His people. Ancient Nineveh provides an example from history (although the Ninevites were not God's people). God commissioned Jonah to tell Nineveh's residents that they **will** be destroyed. He didn't say, "If you repent, maybe I'll reconsider." He said, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be destroyed." (Jonah 3:4) It was when the harsh reality of this prophetic word set in that Nineveh finally repented – from its leaders all the way down to its common citizens. And so, God relented. (Jonah 3:5-10)

God could spare America as He did Nineveh, but time is running out. Therefore, I will continue to hope and pray for God's divine mercy and intervention, but I will also prepare for turbulent times. You should do the same.

Whatever steps you take, do not act out of fear. Throughout Scripture, the Lord reminds us that His love for His children is great, and that He will never leave or forsake us but will always be with us, even to the very end of the age (Matt. 28:20)...An important truth to treasure and keep before us as we move into the days ahead.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid...For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power...Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

— John 14:27; II Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 6:10, 13

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