

What Can the Righteous Do?

Ps.11:3 - If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The very foundations of western civilization are crumbling. What are we to do?

Foundations of Civilization

Foundation	Examples	Current Situation
Morality	Objective sense of right and wrong	"Everything is relative", no black/white, homosexuality is just an 'alternative lifestyle', language is getting fouler, TV is getting more violent and filthy, perverse magazines & novels
	Respect for life and property	Rampant murder, crime, abortion, euthanasia
	Responsibility beyond self (family, community, God)	Self-esteem, self-exaltation, self-worth, "If it feels good, do it", women's 'right to choose'
Law and order	Respect for authority in general	"Who is lord over me?"
	Those in leadership are the wise, the experienced, the learned, above reproach	White House, departments of State and Justice, IRS, EPA, ... are "cesspools of corruption", judges try to legislate, corrupt judges, congressmen are inept, corrupt, cowardly, self-serving, crooked juries, treason with China and Iran, foreign money in elections, ...
	Meaningful laws - for the public good - for the punishment of the wicked	Endless flood of pork-barrel legislation, government by regulation; excessive criminalization, restrictions on the law-abiding
	Local police capable and authorized to apprehend lawbreakers	Police with military equipment and attitude; mobs attack police; govt refuses to stop illegal immigration
	Justice system fairly metes out punishments on lawbreakers, without partiality	Inconsistent sentencing; excessive time on death row
	Military for the common defense	Used as world police force; takeover of military by political correctness and social experimentation
	Literacy	Dumbing down of education
	Freedom of religion	Except for fundamentalist Christianity
Freedom	Freedom of association, peaceful assembly	Ruby Ridge, Waco, abortion protests
	Freedom of speech	FBI used against vocal opponents, IRS as weapon against conservatives, news media as tools of liberalism and propaganda
	Freedom of movement	"Your car is too big", confiscation of public lands to be private playgrounds for the environmentalists
	Freedom from unreasonable search and seizure	'Drug-related' seizures based on accusation alone, storm-trooper attacks in homes
	Free commerce	EPA, OSHA, IRS, EEOC restrictions
	Freedom to fail (personal responsibility)	It is always someone else's fault
	Family relationships	Pre-nuptial agreements, divorce rampant even in the church, no-fault divorce; "gay" marriage, polygamy
Cleanliness	Responsible parents	Gambling, drunkenness, physical and sexual abuse, fighting, welfare bums
	In person	"Dressing down"
	In home	Sloppiness
Labor	In public places	Litter, dilapidation, graffiti
	Each person working, self-supporting; responsible for own family	Laziness on the job; perpetual welfare; idleness; preoccupation with sports and recreation; materialism

What are we to do when we see society crumbling around us?

1. Know that the governments of this world are under the prince of the power of the air

Dan. 10:10-14	... and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ...and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.
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2. But that their power is limited by God

Dan. 2:21	And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings ...
Dan. 4:17, 25, 26, 32, 34-35	... that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. ... whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?
Ac. 17:24-26	... (God) hath made of one blood all nations of men ... and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation

3. Therefore we need to be praying in serious spiritual warfare (pray *against* the spiritual kings)

Eph. 6:12	For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
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4. Pray for kings, rulers, those in authority (pray *for* the natural kings)

1 Tim. 2:1-4	I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. ...
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5. Realize that the prosperity and success of the wicked is temporary, and that there is a judgment to come

Ps. 75:6-7	Asks the question, Why do the wicked prosper? (answered in last half of psalm)
Ps. 2:1-9	Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? ... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

6. Not to put trust in man, or the governmental systems of man

Jer. 17:5	Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.
Isa. 31:1-3	Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help: and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horseman, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel ...

7. See selves as aliens, strangers, ambassadors, citizens of a different country - this world is not our home

Heb. 11:13	... having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims in the earth. ... But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly ...
1 P. 2:11-12	Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against your soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: ...

8. Obey those in authority (unless it would be sin)

1 P. 2:13-15	Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, ... For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
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9. Be separate - touch not the unclean thing (the black is going to get blacker, the white will get whiter)

2 Cor. 6:14-17	Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you
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10. Expect persecution

Ac. 14:22	... and that we must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God.
1 P. 4:12-13	Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings ...

11. Have faith, do not fear - believe God for protection in the midst of judgment

Ps. 91:7-8	A thousand shall fall at thy rside, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
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