



People's Church

## **HOW TO LIVE IN LIGHT IN DARK TIMES?**

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<sup>8</sup>We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. <sup>9</sup>We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going.

<sup>18</sup>So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 18 LB**

<sup>33-36</sup>“No one lights a lamp, then hides it in a drawer. It's put on a lamp stand so those entering the room have light to see where they're going. Your eye is a lamp, lighting up your whole body. If you live wide-eyed in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a musty cellar. Keep your eyes open, your lamp burning, so you don't get musty and murky. Keep your life as well-lighted as your best-lighted room.” **Luke**

**11:33-36 MSG**

## How to have a perspective of the light?

**Depressing situations: open my eyes to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!**

<sup>13</sup>I certainly believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord. **Psalms 27:13-14 NAS**

**Situations in which the battle appears lost: Open my eyes to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!**

<sup>5</sup>How great he is! His power is absolute! His understanding is unlimited. <sup>6</sup>The Lord supports the humble, but brings the wicked into the dust. **Psalms 147:5-6 LB**

<sup>13</sup>But I pray to you, Lord, for favor. God, because of your great love, answer me. You are truly able to save. <sup>14</sup>Pull me from the mud, and do not let me sink. Save me from those who hate me and from the deep water. <sup>15</sup>Do not let the flood drown me or the deep water swallow me or the grave close its mouth over me. **Psalms 69:13-15 NCV**

<sup>27</sup>“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? **Jeremiah 32:27 NIV**

**Situations in which all I can see is darkness: Open my eyes to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!**

“praise the Lord! For all who fear God, and trust in him are blessed beyond

expression... When darkness overtakes him, light will come bursting in... Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. He does not fear, bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that God will take care of him." **Psalms 112:1-8 LB**

\_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_ **!**

<sup>13</sup> But no one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders. **John 7:13 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. **Acts 18:9 NIV**

Jesus: "if you stand up for me against world opinion, I'll stand up for you before my father in heaven." **Matthew 10:32 MSG**

## **POPULAR WORLD VIEWS THAT ARE THE ANTITHESIS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **WHAT MATTERS MOST IS MONEY**

Jesus: "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." **Luke 12:15 NIV**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **WHATEVER FEELS GOOD, IS GOOD.**

"Are you addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied. **Proverbs 21:17 MSG**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **WHAT I WANT COMES FIRST.**

<sup>1</sup>It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself and to sneer at people who have sense. **Proverbs 18:1 CEV**

<sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **Philippians 2:4-5 NIV**

## **MAKING GOVERNMENT GOD: \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD CONTROL EVERYTHING.**

<sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." **Matthew 22:21 NIV**

<sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." <sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! **Acts 5:28-29 NIV**

**THREE UNPOPULAR TRUTHS IN GOD’S WORLDVIEW.**

**THREE SANCTITIES:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EVERY UNBORN CHILD.**

<sup>13</sup>You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup>Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. <sup>15</sup>You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. <sup>16</sup>You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. **Psalm 139:13-16 NLT**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **SEX IS ONLY FOR MARRIAGE.**

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **Hebrews 13:4 NIV**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : **ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN FOR LIFE.**

<sup>4</sup>“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” **Mathew 19:4-6 NIV**

**WHERE DO I FIND UNCOMMON COURAGE?**

**MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MY NUMBER ONE \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_!  
<sup>18</sup>So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. **Hebrews 6:18 NLT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_**

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<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13 NIV**

<sup>31</sup>After they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke God’s word without fear. **Acts 4:31 NCV**

<sup>35</sup>Do not lose your courage, then, because it brings with it a great reward. **Hebrews 10:35 TEV**