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Fortifying THE NEXT GENERATION

When our generation passes on, what will the spiritual atmosphere be in America? Joshua's generation passed off the scene, and "there arose another generation after them." In Judges 2, God's Word characterizes this next generation with several defining elements: 1. They knew not the Lord. 2. They knew not the works He had done for Israel. 3. They did evil in the sight of the Lord. 4. They served Baalim. 5. They forsook the Lord God. 6. They followed others gods (bowed themselves to them). 7. They provoked the Lord to anger. 8. They served Baal and Ashtaroth. We see 8 different areas of rejecting God, and 1 is repeated; they forsook the Lord.

In 2022 we live in a similar day when our children are tempted to be led away by society from the God we serve. Our society is similar to Nebuchadnezzar's society where they tried to influence Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah to change by outward coercion; forcing name changes to reflect Babylonian deities – Belteshazar, Shadrach, and Meshach; and forcing diet change, forcing physical identity change, and forcing educational change with threats of execution (canceled) if not followed.

Recently in Washington, D.C. I heard an individual share information on this subject. He said that if you open your eyes to the movements of our day, society is taking a wrecking ball to our American culture which was founded on godly principles. Examine the premise of each group, each philosophy, and each new teaching, and you will find all scream clearly, "No God!" There is a movement to indoctrinate the next generation to not acknowledge God.

What should be our response? Obedience to God's Word has always been the answer. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7, the priority for parents is to hide God's Word in their hearts and then to teach it diligently to their children! Pastors, churches, and Christian schools must make every moment count in planting the seeds of Biblical truth into the hearts of children. Schools in America began in homes because parents accepted their responsibility of educating their children instead of passing it on to the government.

Being able to read the Scriptures was a vital goal for each child in the home. Today teaching public education resides predominantly in godless people who realize lives of children are fertile ground for indoctrination with poisonous seeds of societal decay and wicked lifestyles. We must move back to Biblical principles in education, truth, and the excitement of living for God even in a godless society. Eyes of the next generation are looking to us for direction. What will it be?

"A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."

– BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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Let Our Flag Wave Over Them, Let Our Flowers Deck Their Graves

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(above) Manila American Cemetery on Aug 9, 2017 in Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines | ID 97691879 © Yooran Park | Dreamstime.com

“The graves of our dead soldiers command the respect...of all. Particularly this year, when there are at Arlington a large number of new-made mounds; when on the hillsides of Cuba and Porto Rico, and about the swamps of the Philippines, other American soldiers are buried, we should think of and decorate the graves of our heroic dead...

“It will perpetuate the spirit of patriotism in our youths and help them to emulate the example of the men who died bravely, not only in our Civil War, but in our recent war with Spain. The idea of and the ceremonies of Decoration Day are beautiful. Its purpose is commendable. This year, of all years, should be observed with patriotic devotion.

“During the last twelve months, nearly twelve million people who were living under a tyranny and despotism have been freed from their serfdom and have become a part of the population of these great United States. Those among them who really know the changed condition hail the change with joy and gladness. Their gratitude is like that of Lazarus toward Christ. They realize that the American people has not been slow to offer the flower of its manhood to rescue them from thralldom and that, if it is given time, it will establish a stable government under which they can live in peace and happiness. Of course, I do not know more than any one else what is likely to happen in the Philippines. With other good citizens. I hope that the contest will be short and that the people in our new possessions will be willing to listen to reason instead of compelling us to further use force.



General Nelson Miles and other soldiers on horseback in Puerto Rico in 1898 | LOC cph 3c17207

Our troops there have manifested the same bravery, the same heroic fortitude and spirit of self-sacrifice as were shown in Cuba and Porto Rico, and have been shown since the beginning of American history, and as will be shown until American history ends. We have lost good men. In warfare, those who die are naturally those whom we consider best.

“When Memorial Day comes, there will be new graves. Out at Arlington now the freshly turned earth shows where the men who died in Cuba and Porto Rico lie buried. Green mounds on the sides of the hills near Guasimas and about San Juan, will be decked

with the red, white and blue on the 30th of May. The men who died in Cuba, the men who died in Porto Rico, the men who died and are dying in the Philippines, are just as much entitled to commendation and consideration as the men who died in any war in our history.

“Let our flag wave over them, let our flowers deck their graves wherever they may be...let our respect, let our love, wreath their memories.

“Heroes all! They deserve all that we can grant them —they deserve more than we can give them!”



GENERAL NELSON A. MILES,
Commander-in-Chief, USA 1895-1903

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Baptist pastors from around the state of Maryland gathered at Granite Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, MD to answer two questions: "How should we best engage and impact our state and local leaders to stand for truth?" and "How we can stop the evil legislation proposed in the Maryland Statehouse?"

Dr. Lou Rossi led the way. "I pray that together we will be able to make a difference in our State for the glory of God!" The Maryland Assembly is making a push for extreme abortion legislation and transgender indoctrination into the education system.

Bro. Brad Cranston's ministry will be assisting them with alerts for upcoming bills, laws and legislation that challenge freedoms, families and faith.

Find out more at marylandbaptists.org



PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE
LIFE ON CAPITOL HILL

With all the drama that surrounds the United States' Capitol, it's easy to forget inside the office buildings are regular people who, for the most part, want to make a difference. They come from all across the country with diverse backgrounds and perspectives hoping to support a cause, make an impact, and affect change.

Then, life happens. People are people, and no one is immune to the feeling of stress, anxiety, anger, and guilt brought on by pressure, hurt, disappointment, and poor decision making. Where will they find answers?

In a day when so many are complacent and apathetic, there are great opportunities to minister and influence those who desire to be "influencers" themselves. With a heart of compassion and the truth of the Gospel, we can make a difference in the lives of difference makers.



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