

If The Foundations Be Destroyed...

(Psalms 11:3)

- Introduction:
1. William Shirer's "*The Rise And Fall Of The Third Reich.*"
 - a. The executions at Auschwitz.
 - b. Germany was an educated, industrialized, and civilized Western European nation.
 - c. How could it happen? "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to remain silent."
 2. Nearly 1000 years ago, David uttered the words of this title.
 3. Although a millennium old, these words express our concerns even today.

I. Pray

- A. (James 5:16) The effectual...
- B. (Ephesians 3:20) Unto Him who is able to do...
- C. (Luke 18:1) Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.
- D. (Genesis 18) Sodom.

II. Acknowledge That There Is Absolute Truth

- A. "*The Stealing Of The American Mind*" - No absolutes.
- B. Joseph Fletcher, "*Situation Ethics, A New Morality.*"
- C. (Judges 21:25) Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.
- D. (John 17:17) Sanctify them by thy truth; thy word is truth.
- E. We live in a euphemistic society.
 1. A lay off - "a career change opportunity."
 2. School bus drivers - "certified adolescent transportation specialists."
 3. Soldiers are never outnumbered - "a target rich environment."
 4. Sin - mistake, slip.
 5. Fornication - an affair.
 6. Alcohol abuse - a disease.
 7. Lying - disinformation.
- F. The explosion of euphemisms in our language indicates our unwillingness to be honest and straightforward.

III. Establish Proper Values

- A. In a Berlin, Wisconsin cemetery, there is a tombstone erected by a man still living. Inscribed is his name, date of birth, a blank for the date of his death, and the line "Bowled 300 in 1962."
- B. A guy in a circus side show made a living by putting 17 golf balls in his mouth.
- C. (Ecc. 12:13) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter...
- D. (Mt. 16:26) What shall it profit a man...
- E. (Hebrews 11:13) Strangers and pilgrims.

IV. Accept Responsibility For Our Actions

- A. Several years ago, Dan White entered San Francisco's City Hall and murdered the mayor and another man and blamed his actions on a steady diet of junk food - "The Twinkie Defense."
- B. Boy who shot a policeman in the face with a shotgun while drunk.
- C. (James 1:13-15).

V. Evangelize

- A. The very best thing you can do for your neighbor and your country is to introduce them to the transforming power of the gospel of Christ.
- B. Illustration of Andrew Connally in Africa with cannibals.
- C. (II Corinthians 5:17) If any man is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation...
- D. (Romans 12:1-2) I beseech you...

- Conclusion:
- 1. Is there hope for our nation? Certainly!
 - 2. Remember, Jesus described us as the salt of the earth (Mt. 5:13).
 - 3. Each of us, individually, needs to make a commitment to begin rebuilding the foundations of our society, by returning to God and His word.