

2K10 and The Decade Ahead Are You Ready?

Is There Truth?

“Postmodernism, as it applies to our everyday lives, is the death of truth as we know it” (Dennis McCallum). “Postmodernity is an acknowledgment of the impossibility of reaching any absolute and final Truth” (A Postmodern Reader).

We must prepare ourselves for the future with a deep commitment to the purposes of God.



“The mind that denies the existence of Truth is closed to the Truth,”

*F. Leroy Forlines
‘Quest for Truth’ p25*

A. Be on Guard Preparing for difficult days...

1. Rely on the equipping of God: *2 Sa 22:37* “You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.”

a. Steady my walk: The Hebrew means ‘extend my stride’ or steady my walk. David’s life is filled with examples of God’s provision on the path of life.

2. Rely on God’s warnings: *Num 22:24* “Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards...”

a. Supernatural warnings: Be aware of possible manifestations of supernatural ‘warning’ signs. Authenticate before action!

B. Commit to Godliness Living in the reverence of God...

1. What NOT to do: *Psalm 1:1* “Blessed is the man who walks **not** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2. What to do: *Psalm 16:11* “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

a. Notice the parallel between these two verses:

Walk not in the counsel... You will show me the path of life

Do not stand with sinners... In Your presence is fullness of joy

Do not sit with the scornful... At Your right hand—pleasures forever

C. Grow in the Word Three reasons to grow in the Word...

1. For protection: *Psalm 27:11* “Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.”

2. For joy: *Psalm 119:35* “Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.”

3. For direction: *Psalm 119:105* “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

D. Go with the Spirit Living the transformed life...

1. Our goal: *Gal 2:20* “...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

2. The process—Walk in the Spirit: *Gal 5:25* “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

a. Work of sanctification: As we walk in the Spirit we have the freedom and power to choose God instead of surrendering to our own desires.

Let us choose God and walk in the Spirit in 2010!

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NKJV)

:17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—

:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

:19 The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)

:3 ...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.