



NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle? I Corinthians 14:8

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain.... Joel 2:1

Don't walk in the counsel of the ungodly....or sit in the seat of the scornful....Psalm 1:1



I love what C.S. Lewis stated about his reading habits. He said that he almost never read the newspaper because most of it was lies and propaganda (what would he say now?), and if anything important enough happened someone would tell him about it. According to Lewis, he tended to get his news from Scripture and Medieval literature. If we were as literate as Lewis, we might be able to get along with that philosophy. What we really need to know in order to

to live a peaceful and godly life in all honesty is certainly found in Scripture. And having a good understanding of history gives a much clearer vision of the present and future. Being stuffed full of current events with no sense of history is like looking at a map that says 'you are here' without any other markers to explain where 'here' is. Without points of reference, we are lost. It is important to understand how we got here, and also important to know our options for moving forward.

I believe I am a watchman. That means I am to keep watch, and sound the warning to the dangers I see. One of the most important of these dangers is the plan of the evil one to overwhelm us with more than we can process. He wants you so burdened with the demands of life that you just give up trying to be informed. The evil one expects you to be overloaded, tired, and ignorant of what to do so that you will do nothing.

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Our economy is on fire. Our national defense is burning down. Our educational system is a flaming death trap. Our morality is near ashes. Our families as well as our social contract of civility (which is vital for the survival of any nation) are all at combustible levels. Arsonists are piling on the tender box fuel every day. And that is just to name a few of the immediate flames we can see.

So where do we begin? What fires do we put out first? You begin where you are. In your family. In your job. In your home. In your church. In your neighborhood. Pray Father God's love to come to you where you are. Receive His love to you. Live in His love where you are. Live being loved because of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next, just as you are living loved, you love others. Just as you have received love, you give love. Love is the living water that quenches all fires. Love is a verb. Love is something you do. Love enables us to hear and obey in more detail as the Lord leads. What trumpet is sounding in your heart?

None of us can put out all the fires that are burning today in our culture, but we can allow the Lord to narrow us to fight the flare-ups He directs us to extinguish. And each of us has different stations to man. I have some suggested resources that I hope might help. These are listed for you on the adjoining page. This list is by no means complete, but I trust will be a beginning point for you. Prayerfully consider one (or more) that the Holy Spirit impresses upon you. Then let love be the reason and energy that enables you to carry on however the Lords leads.



SUGGESTED RESOURCES



1. Concerns for the suffering church:

Voice of the Martyrs

Open Doors

2. Concerns for our children:

Common Core by Glenn Beck

Public Schools, Public Menace by Joel Turtel

From Crayons to Condoms by Baldwin & Holgate

3. Concerns for our sexuality:

A Queer Thing Happened to America

Outlasting the Gay Revolution

both by Michael Brown

4. Concerns for our society:

The Marketing of Evil

How Evil Works

The Snapping of the American Mind

all three by David Kupelian

5. Concerns for Israel:

The Everlasting Hatred by Hal Lindsey

6. Concerns for racial relations:

White Girl Bleed A Lot by Colin Flaherty

Let Justice Roll Down by John Perkins

See all books by Star Parker



Closing Thoughts...



Only the Holy Spirit can keep us up to date with what we need to know and what we must do with the time we have left to do it. We all have different places to fill as we build together in love. (See **Romans 12**) Hear the sound of the trumpet in your own heart and follow its lead.



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