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

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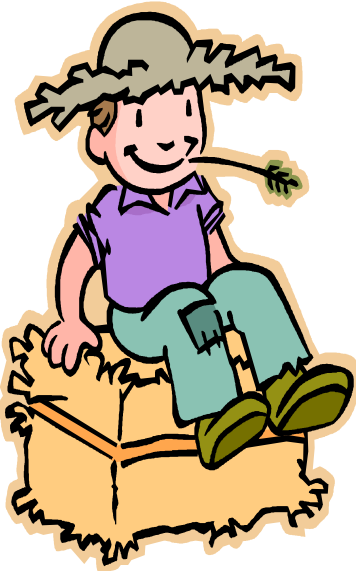
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Dear Friends,



If you give up in the day of evil because of weariness your strength will diminish. If you refrain from delivering those who are being led away to death, if you do not act on behalf of those being led away to slaughter, and then claim that you did not know, He who ponders the heart, will He not consider your claim? He who keeps your soul, will He not know the truth? And shall He not render to every man according to his works? Proverbs 24:10-12

The good lack all conviction while the wicked are full of passionate intensity.... William Butler Yeats



None of us is ever a natural hero. People who appear to thrive on danger are not nearly so much courageous as they are foolish or even mentally ill. Only the person who knows the feeling of fear can ever know the power of courage. Courage is not motivated by a desire to enjoy the near death experience. Courage is what moves a person in the face of great danger to act for what is right on behalf of that which he/she loves. We may have opportunity to discover what and how much we really love by how much danger we are willing to confront.

A terrible danger is before us even now. It is terrible because it does not appear as a clear and present threat. It is dangerous because it appears as the very opposite: a wise, prudent, more balanced approach that doesn't draw attention or cause disruption. It may even disguise itself as peace-loving or even as godly. But it is the enemy of peace, the enemy of love, and the enemy of godliness. It is that

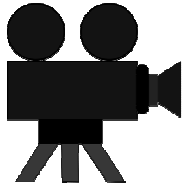
dangerous mindset of becoming well-adjusted to the current status quo. True peace-loving godly people cannot and will not just fit in to a culture that murders its children, sells their body parts, and then seeks to defend the practice! We cannot quietly sit and watch the evening news and pacify our disquieted consciences when we hear our soldiers are being court marshaled by the Pentagon for saving an Afghani child from being raped because the American soldier is not commissioned to interfere with another culture!?

Two decades ago Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan warned of the cultural poison seeping in among us. He borrowed the phrase from Emile Durkheim that describes a culture that learns to adjust to some new disintegration by referring to the new normal. People will react to an evil as evil until it reaches a certain point of commonality of toleration. Nothing makes this happen faster than TV! Once that threshold of common acceptance is reached, then the general population will begin to give up its original indignation and sane resistance to the evil, and it will then define deviancy down by making what was deviant the new normal.

This incremental destruction of the godly conscience opens the floodgates to the eventual complete takeover of a culture by evil. It is never because the majority has been won over to that evil. It is always a relatively small minority of evil-doers who take over a nation. No, it is not that you and I are won over to evil, but that we have become passive in the face of evil. We become set on protecting our own circle in the short term, with no regard for the ultimate danger in the long term. By seeking present co-existence, we insure future self-destruction. We do not even have the satisfaction of knowing we fought and lost. We lose simply by not trying to win. And worst of all, we comfort ourselves that our lack of holy passion for righteous action is because we are peaceful and walking in love. The closest we come in such a scenario to being people of peace and love is that we love to be left in peace, and soon we will be in pieces!

No one is called to fight on every battlefield. But wherever we are, and whatever we have been entrusted, we must be sure we are standing in our place using whatever resources we have at hand to affirm the good and resist the evil. Remember it is not enough to claim to love what is good unless we equally hate what is evil. See **Psalm 97:10** and **Romans 12:9**. We hate evil by aggressively affirming the good and refusing to compromise with evil. Take courage, dear friends!





Movie News



WAR ROOM

I'm sure most of you have seen it by now. Please go to the theater and show your support for such great work by voting with your ticket purchases. War Room is a study in the power of intercessory prayer, for the family, the nation, and the world. It is well acted, good production quality, and a great study in the power of prayer and spiritual warfare.

90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN

The short sermon scene was really cheesy to me. I don't think anyone really ever talks like that, do they? Maybe so. I understand it was meant to set the stage for the story line about heaven etc. but it was really really weak to me. But the unfolding story was very true to the book, and an over all good film. (Great to see Darth Vader as Don Piper). This is not a good film for small ones. You parents have to judge how small is too small, but the crash scenes and medical procedures are graphic.

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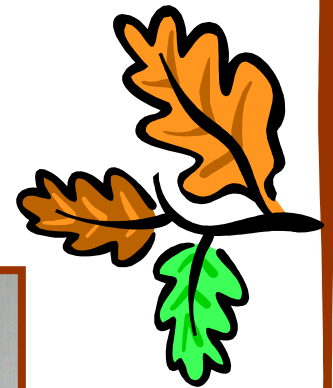
A genius description of the function (and lack thereof) of a pre-adolescent girl's brain and the brains of her loving, bewildered, struggling parents. I found my own brain being twisted a bit by some of the truths this cartoon was telling.

Closing Thoughts...

I know you don't need me to tell you there are plenty of battlefronts on which to fight. But no matter what else, ALL OF US CAN GO TO THE WAR ROOM. It is always open. We can all serve there. No excuses. All hands on deck! *Our redemption is closer than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. Romans 13:11-12*



With Love,
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