

Answer Key:

The Problem Today....

- out / new / ME

What is the greatest need?

- organization
- prosperity
- economic
- spiritual

awakening

Steps to turn this Around...

1. Reconnect
2. Rejoice • gratitude
3. Request

Three Things to pray for Leaders...

- integrity' humility / generosity

4. Repent • root
5. Respect
6. Revere

Summer Days in the Carolinas

Part 5

“Don’t forget where you come from!”

Deuteronomy 8:6 NIV

"Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him."

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Daniel Webster

Today

America needs healing right now. We need healing in our cities. We need healing in our schools. We need healing in our economy. We need healing in our families. We need healing in the fighting that’s gone on in Washington and in so many other areas.

The Problem Today....

Today we are *affluent*, we have a *lot of stuff*, we *buy* just about whatever we *want or need*. We *don't see a need for GOD* or anything else.

- God is _____!
- Today there is a _____ base.
- It is called _____: I want it my way!

2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

"...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

President Ronald Regan

What is the greatest need?

Introductory Statement

The United States of America is now experiencing one of the worst economics inflations in the last 40 years. Economists try to explain why this as happened and how we can recover, but they fail to include spiritual factors. The Bible addresses reasons why America has fallen into this situation. Some of the reasons include greed, lack of patience, lies, selfishness and more. The truth is that these sins are really problems of the heart which have resulted in this crisis.

- The great need in America is not for a new _____.
- Our great need is not for more _____ prosperity.
 - Our great need is for a real _____, _____ a revival in which men and women will humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways to the God of our _____ fathers.

Steps to turn this Around...

1. We must _____ with God.

Isaiah 30:15 NIV

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

How to Reconnect?

- You have to recognize that God is God, and *you are not*.
- To realize that he is more ready to connect with you than you are ready to connect with him.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NIV

"The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Joel 2:13 NIV

"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines

Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3)

2. We must _____ in His Grace.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- Because _____ when things are going wrong is the ultimate proof that you trust God.

You got some problems in your life?

Stop whining and start worshipping.

Start thanking God.

Develop the attitude of gratitude.

Romans 5:3-5 NCV

"We rejoice in our trouble because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts."

Our hope is in God who loves us.

Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

The Trumpet Voice of Freedom: Patrick Henry of Virginia, p. iii.

3. We must _____ help for our Leaders.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV

"I urge first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and holiness. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Three Things to pray for Leaders...

- _____
- _____
- _____

1 Samuel 12:23 NIV

"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God Governs in the affairs of men..."

Benjamin Franklin

Prayer for our Leaders

Father, the desire of our hearts here this morning is that we align our lives with you. Scripture says that there is no government put in place without your permission and without your sovereignty. So as your children we join our voices and our minds and our hearts now in prayer for our nation's leaders. Lord, we bring to you a request, our prayers, our intercessions, and our thanksgiving. We are praying every way we know how for President, for the vice president, for the president's cabinet and the House and the Senate and the Supreme Court. Lord, we pray for their families. We pray for all of our leaders and in our government. May their thinking be enlightened, Lord, by your wisdom so that the thoughts of each one of our leaders in Washington and all around us will be ones that would direct our country on a path where we live in godliness and holiness. May we be a nation, Lord, that exemplifies the love and compassion of Christ so that others in this world will see you through our nation. Each time we see the President on the television, in the newspapers, on the Internet, in the magazines, Lord, may that be our divine reminder as a congregation just to pray for our leaders. And, Lord, may we pray prayers like we would want to be prayed for us. We

request your help Lord. We ask for your sovereignty and your blessings on us and on our leaders. For it's in Christ Jesus' name that we pray. And everyone said, Amen.

4. We must _____ of Self-Centeredness.

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

"When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, addiction to pleasure, idolatry, occult activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, partisanship, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin."

- **Self-centeredness is the _____ of every single problem in your life and other people's lives and in the lives of our nation.**

What is wrong with the world?

With a two-word answer: "I am."

I am what is wrong with the world.

G.K. Chesterton

The problem is in my heart are the issues.

You figure out what you would naturally do and then do the opposite.

Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

All the scholars are required to live a religious and blameless life according to the rules of God's Word. Diligently reading the Holy Spirit

5. We must _____ each other.

1 Peter 2:17 NCV

"Show respect for all people: Love the brothers and sisters of God's family, respect God, and honor the king."

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"...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom— and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you.... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

- Why are we compelled and commanded to treat each other with respect? *Because God has never made a person he did not love.*

"I never meet a ragged boy in the street without feeling that i may owe him a salute, for I know not what possibilities may be buttoned up under his coat."

James A. Garfield

6. We must _____ Jesus Name.

Acts 4:12 NIV

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Philippians 2:9-11 NCV

"God raised Jesus to the highest place. God made his name greater than every other name so that every knee will bow to the name of Jesus – everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and bring glory to God the Father."

**Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Unites States
Constitution**

"I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him."

Roger Sherman of Connecticut

**Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Unites States
Constitution**

"Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped."

Benjamin Franklin

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions ... upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves ... according to the Ten Commandments of God"

James Madison 4th

President Father of the Constitution,

Framer of the Bill of Rights

America (US) needs to do Today

Acts 3:19 NIV

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"

The Nation Motto:

"IN GOD WE TRUST!"