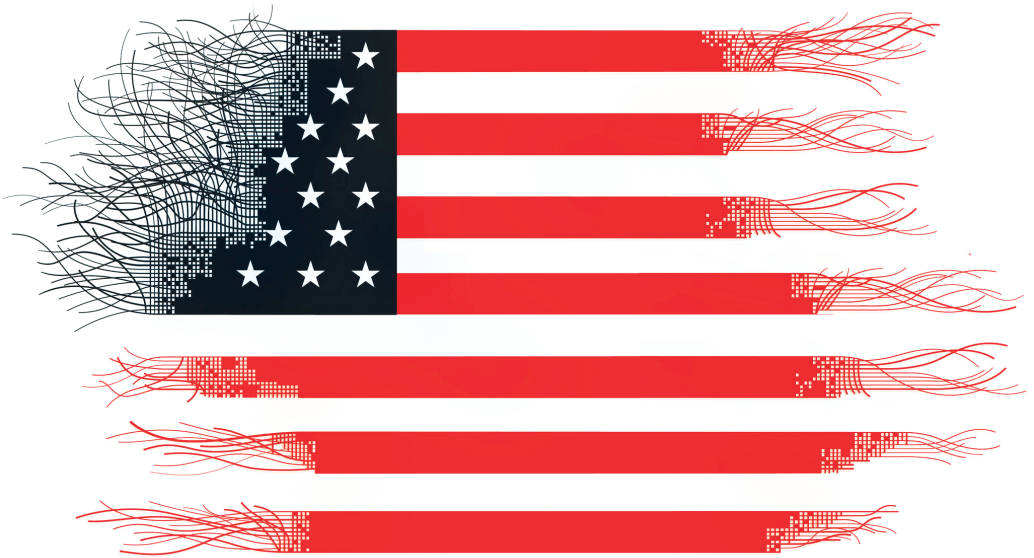


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MINISTERING GRACE IN AN
**UNRAVELING
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“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

INTRODUCTION

1. Settle Your _____

“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” (2 Timothy 2:4)

A. Convictions of _____

OUR LIVES

“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:20)

HIS CHURCH

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it

with the washing of water by the word, 27 that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:25-27)

B. Convictions of _____ Truth

“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” (Proverbs 23:23)

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3)

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

GUIDELINES FOR FELLOWSHIP

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3)

C. Convictions of _____

BIBLE PRINCIPLE



BIBLICAL CONVICTION



STANDARD

REGARDING THE ASSEMBLY

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

REGARDING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15-16)

2. Study the _____

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

Quote: “Leaders realize they must occasionally step back from the day to day operations in order to gain perspective on the broader issues such as the nature and the future of an organization.”

—Henry Blackaby, *Spiritual Leadership*

Quote: “To know the problems spend time with men; to know the answers spend time with God.”

EIGHT INDICATIONS OF AN UNRAVELING CULTURE

A. Biblical _____

AMONGST THE LOST

AMONGST PROFESSING CHRISTIANS

B. Breakdown of the _____

C. Rise in _____ Practices

“For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:” (1 Peter 4:3)

WORSHIP OF FALSE GODS

OPEN SEXUALITY

LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS

D. Hostility toward _____

*“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters,*

proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,” (2 Timothy 3:1-2)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Quote: “The church has grown accustomed to hearing people question the message of the gospel, because to them the message is foolish. But today, the situation is embarrassingly reversed, for now the messenger is suspect.”—**Warren Wiersbe**, *The Integrity Crisis*

E. _____

SPIRITUAL APATHY

PERSONAL APATHY

FAMILY APATHY

F. **Social Media** _____

Who Uses Social Media?

88% of those ages 18–29 and 68% of all Americans

—**Pew Research** 01/11/17

G. **Laodicean** _____

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”
(Revelation 3:15–17)

EMPHASIS ON ENTERTAINMENT

“Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;” (2 Timothy 3:4)

LESSENING OF DOCTRINE

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

LACK OF CONFRONTATIONAL EVANGELISM

H. Distracted _____

DISTRACTED BY THE CULTURE

DISTRACTED BY PETTINESS

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.” (3 John 1:9)

DISTRACTED BY BURDENS

3. Seize Your _____

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” (2 Timothy 1:9)

EIGHT BIBLICAL RESPONSES TO THE CULTURE

1. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: BIBLICAL ILLITERACY

A. _____ **the Word**

“And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.” (Acts 13:49)

THROUGH CANVASSING

THROUGH MEDIA

THROUGH PREACHING

“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.” (2 Corinthians 4:5)

THROUGH TEACHING

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.” (Psalm 19:7)

2. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY

B. _____ Families

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

EDIFY ALL FAMILIES

EMPHASIZE YOUR CHURCH AS A CARING FAMILY

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

3. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: RISE IN PAGAN PRACTICES

C. _____ to Your Whole Community

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor

revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9–11)

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

MODEL GRACE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

“Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” (1 Timothy 3:7)

4. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: HOSTILITY TOWARD AUTHORITY

D. _____ Like Jesus

Quote: “If you wake up in the morning and don’t meet the devil face on, it just means you are going in the same direction.”

—R.G. Lee

WALK IN THE SPIRIT

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

STAND FOR TRUTH

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15)

Quote: “It is the duty of the clergy to accommodate their discourses to the times, to preach against such sins as are most prevalent and to recommend such virtues as are most wanted.”

—John Adams

STAND WITH GRACE

SPEAK AGAINST EXTREMISM

“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.” (Philippians 4:5)

5. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: APATHY

E. Engage the _____

What Millennials Look for in Life

- Purpose
- Fluency in Collaboration
- Team-Based Projects
- Impact over Individuality of the Greater Good
- Something Special in an Employer

ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS

Quote: “Jesus was declarative and relational.”

ENTER THE DISCUSSION

ENGAGE THEM IN WORSHIP

INVOLVE THEM IN SERVICE

6. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION

F. Be Engaged in _____ Media

ESTABLISH YOUR PRESENCE

DEVELOP QUALITY CONTENT

FILTER ALL PARTICIPATION

REFUSE WORLDLY TACTICS

BE AWARE OF ALL AUDIENCES

7. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: LAODICEAN CHURCHES

G. Avoid _____ Drift

Quote: “Today, too many boards, staff, and leaders are silently choosing to follow this well-worn path of Mission Drift. Monitoring inputs and outputs, they forget to measure what matters most – their ability to implement their full mission. They hire for technical competency alone. Soft-pedaling their Christian identity, they do not defend their mission. Growth becomes their primary definition of success.”—**Mission Drift**

DETERMINE YOUR GOAL IS TO PLEASE CHRIST

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

Quote: “Success is a moving target. Leadership is a fixed goal. Jesus is the goal.”

WRITE AND REVIEW YOUR NON NEGOTIABLES

CONSIDER THE END OF A THING

8. A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO: DISTRACTED PASTORS

H. Love the _____

SEEK TO SERVE PASTORS

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

SEEK TO ENCOURAGE PASTORS

“Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.” (Philippians 2:25)

Quote: “The average pastor leaves a church over eight critics.”

BEWARE OF PATHOLOGICAL ANTAGONISTS

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,” (2 Timothy 2:24)

CONCLUSION

The Culture	Your Calling
Biblical Illiteracy	Publish the Word
Breakdown of the Family	Encourage Families
Rise in Pagan Practices	Witness to Your Whole Community
Hostility toward Authority	Lead Like Jesus
Apathy	Engage the Apathetic
Social Media Addiction	Be Engaged in Social Media
Laodicean Churches	Avoid Ecclesiastical Drift
Distracted Pastors	Love the Brethren



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