

Opportunities and Threats, week 8:

Let HOPE and ZEAL Rise!

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Today's Passages: Hebrews 10:39, Rom. 15:13, Luke 12:35

We are in the midst of a cultural earthquake...

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Hebrews 10:39

Today's OPPORTUNITY: Let HOPE and ZEAL Rise!!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Rom.15:13

God is always hopeful and He wants to pass that hope to us. If we aren't filled with Hope, we are believing at least one of the enemy's _____.

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning..." Luke 12:35

Those are YOUR responsibility.

What is there to be HOPE-ful for and ZEAL-ous about? _____

We have a rich _____ of awakenings (moves of the Spirit of God) that had a massive impact on the creation, formation and re-formation of our nation...

Awakening Christianity in America (1620-40)

In 1620, in the midst of massive persecution, one small church had "... a great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation, or at least make some way thereunto, for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world; yea, though they should be but even as steppingstones unto others for the performing of so great a work." -William Bradford

For we must consider that we shall be a City upon a Hill. The eyes of all people are upon us."-John Winthrop

The 1st Great Awakening (1730-55)

A wave of revival swept the colonies and zeal for God reached a fever pitch. In 1750 Jonathan Mayhew preached in 1750 a message called "A discourse concerning unlimited submission and non-resistance to the high towers".

A young John Adams said he read it over and over "until the substance of it was incorporated into my nature and indelibly engraved on my memory." He also called that sermon the "catechism" for the American revolution.

2nd Great Awakening (1790-1840)

The "holiness" teaching of John Wesley flourished through the "circuit riders and thousands were swept up into the zeal for _____ sin in one's life and in society. Reforms took the shape of social movements for temperance, women's rights, and the abolition of slavery.

3rd Great Awakening, (1855-1930)

One key element was the renewed interest in and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, as experience in the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles in 1906. Today there are more than 500m Kingdom minded-Charismatic Christians in the world. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life asserts that these "renewalist movements" are the world's _____ growing religious movement.

Responding to God...

Is there a lie you are believing that is keeping you from HOPE?

What are you doing to "stay ready for action/keep your lamp burning?"

Answers: lies, awakening, heritage, eradicating, fastest