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# Words of Truth

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## Being Comfortable With Uncertainty

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Most people want to feel physically, emotionally, and financially secure. Young children often want their favorite blanket, teddy bear, or something at night to sleep with. As a child grows he or she likes to feel safe. As one grows into adulthood the desire to find a fitting spouse, a secure home, and a stable job are common goals of most people. It is crushing to most people when they realize how uncertain life truly is. This is when people start turning to God as a form of a security blanket. In truth though, they are not really turning to God. They look for people and churches that preach messages of consolation during troubling times. They twist Scriptures (II Peter 3:15-17) to teach that God will be their security blanket (i.e. Psalms 46:1, Romans 8:28, Philipians 4:13, etc.).

The truth is, life is full of uncertainty. There is one particular Scripture that clearly states such. I cannot preach this particular passage enough it seems, for it is often overlooked. So, as I often try to remind all of us here locally, I again submit this Scripture to you: *“I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all”* (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

The world is a place of wickedness (I John 5:19). The world represents things we are not supposed to love, which will ultimately perish (I John 2:15-17). Knowing those things, a reasonable person should understand that security does not exist in this lifetime. The world is FULL of liars, murderers, fornicators, seducers, false disciples of Christ, anti-Christ, homosexuals, coveters, drunkards, haters of what is good, etc. The world is full of people fulfilling their own desires, as the servants of Satan (I John 3:8-10). We should know that, for most of us were of that number prior to conversion (Ephesians 2:1-10 and Titus 3:3). If you are reasonable, there is no way you can feel secure knowing the people you live next to, work with, work for, look to for medical care, have as your government, etc.; are all evil!

If the points above have accelerated your heart rate and made you anxious, you need to get your head out of the sand (so to speak). Ignoring reality doesn't make it go away. We are not supposed to be a people whom are falsely secure and unaware. We are supposed to be very aware, sober-minded people (I Thessalonians 5:1-8, Titus 2:10-14, and I Peter 5:8-9). Now that we've got all of that covered, let's think about how we can live joyfully and comfortably in an uncertain world.

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## Accomplishing An Enjoyable Life In A Troublesome World

Paul wrote this: *“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (II Corinthians 4:8-5:4).*

If you are looking for peace, comfort, and security in this world; you'll never find it (John 16:33). Whatever insurance policy (literal or figurative) you think you have in place, it is dependent upon evil people. If you find comfort in that, you are lying to yourself. That is a false peace. Read through the book of Ecclesiastes. The reoccurring point is, “all is vanity” regarding life in this world (Ecclesiastes 1:13-14; 2:1; 2:11-26; 3:19; 4:1-8, etc.). The conclusion of Solomon's pursuit of understanding was, “all is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 12:8). He then said: *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). No one, including God, provides security in this world.

### Conclusion

While security cannot be found in this world, it is available to us (Acts 20:32, I Peter 1:3-9, and I Peter 5:4). Our faithful God (Titus 1:2), promised the security of eternal life (I John 2:25) to those of us whom obey Him (Romans 2:7-10 and Hebrews 5:5-9). If you put in the right work, you will obtain the promised reward (I Corinthians 15:58). Therefore, for those of us in Christ, think on this as your security blanket during these troublesome times: *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”* (Galatians 6:9).