

# **The Intersection of Church and Culture**

II Timothy 3:1-9; 4:1-5

May 2, 2021

## **I. Should We Be Shocked at the Depravity of Our Culture? (C. 3 v. 1)**

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  - 1. Jesus warned believers that it would cost us to be believers (Matthew 10:22)
  - 2. Paul declared that the last days would be difficult (v. 1)
  - 3. The scripture is very plain that the world will continually grow darker
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  - 1. We cannot compromise the truth of God's word
  - 2. We cannot compromise our standards of holiness
  - 3. We cannot compromise our personal convictions concerning righteousness

## **II. Should We Really Be Concerned About the Direction of Our Nation? (c. 3 v.2-5a)**

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  - 2. We have declared same sex marriage the same as biblical, traditional marriage
  - 3. We have sanctioned in some states that assisted suicide is morally good
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  - 5. Our government is intent on removing any reference to Jehovah God from all public arenas
- B. Our Churches Have Compromised In Many Places (C. 4 v. 3-4)
  - 1. We live in a church culture of itching ears
  - 2. We live in a church culture where entertainment supersedes sound preaching
  - 3. We live in a church culture that is growing more accepting of unrighteousness
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## **III. How Should We Respond in These Days?**

- A. We must be realistic about the days we live in
- B. We must understand that government is not the source of our needed revival
- C. We must understand where our focus needs to be directed
  - 1. We **MUST** love people, even those with which we disagree
  - 2. We must give people a reason to desire what we have in Christ
  - 3. We must take a stand for righteousness even if it cost us
  - 4. We **MUST** not get distracted by things within the church that are not essential
- D. We must see these days as a great opportunity for witnessing

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