

Turn our Hearts
part 2 of 2
“What can we do?”
Jeremiah 18:7-11
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Thesis: I want to look at some ideas of what we can do to try and help the nation.

Intro: 1. As a good Christian should, there are certain steps we can take.

I. Pray

A. Consider the words of the least religious man of the founding fathers of the nation.

1. Benjamin Franklin, Constitutional Convention, June 28, 1787;

“In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or, do we we imagine we no longer need his assistance? 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.”

A. (Daniel 4:17)

2. He rebuked them prior to this statement by saying *“In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights, to illuminate our understanding?”*

a. James 1:17

b. Franklin would go on to beg them to keep prayer in their assemblies.

B. These men obviously were being encouraged to pray for guidance about the country.

1. We can do the same.

2. We can see what caused them to be blessed and it wasn't marriage equality or technology, it was humble obedience to God and seeking His guidance.

II. Research then vote and write.

A. In order to do our part we must be wise.

1. We must research matters before casting our vote.

2. We must ensure that we are voting on Biblical principles and not for financial, Health care or otherwise. Bible standards and morality must take priority.

a. **Romans 1:32b**

B. Speak up!

1. Contact those in their offices.

2. We cannot make anyone listen, but we don't have to stand by and do nothing.

III. Stand up for Christian beliefs and godly morals publicly and privately.

A. Standing up for God

1. Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego - **Daniel 3:16-18**

2. Boldness of Peter & John – **Acts 4:18-20**

B. We used to uphold Christianity as a nation!

1. Notice the words of George Washington during his speech to the Delaware Indian Chiefs; May 12, 1779 – *“You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ...Congress will do everything they can to assist you in this wise intention.”*
2. Benjamin Franklin – *“History will also afford frequent opportunities of showing the Necessity of a public religion... and the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern.”*

Application & Conclusion:

1. Quotation from Alexis de Tocqueville (French historian/politician, visited America in 1831-32 wrote “Democracy in America” 1835
Said this *“There is no country in the World where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America; and there can be no greater proof of its utility and of its conformity to human nature than that its influence is powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth.”*
2. **Psalm 33:12-14,16-18**
3. Full Invitation; **2 Chronicles 7:14-15, ----“BUT”, 2 Chronicles 7:19-22**