

Watch and Pray

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"Four Steps Of A Coup D'Etat: Will America Learn From History?"

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Step 1. Manipulate Information (*take over the media*)

"Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister under Hitler in Germany from 1933-1945...stated, 'It would not have been possible for us to take power or to use it in the ways we have without the radio.'"

Step 2. Defund the Police

"Police are always targeted for removal in a coup attempt to remove opposition. This was done in Hitler's day by his military leader, Hermann Goering, who helped pave the way for Hitler's success. In 1933, Goering quickly rose through the ranks and set up concentration camps for political opponents to crush any resistance. (Just as we see happening in China today.)

Named Prussian Minister of the Interior and Commander-in-Chief of the Prussian police, he was then able to remove hundreds of officers and thousands of ordinary policemen, replacing them with Sturmabteilung (literally Storm Detachment, the Nazi Party's original paramilitary wing) and SS, who took over the policing of Berlin."

Step 3. De-arm the Citizens

"Charles Van Wyk, author of 'Shooting Back,' has spoken out to warn others of what he witnessed personally in his country of South Africa as citizens were de-armed and strict gun control measures implemented. Now, 26 years later, South Africa's crime statistics reveal over 20,000 people murdered last year alone—the highest number the country has ever recorded.

'Gun control precedes genocide,' Wyk stated, and history proves his statement true. According to case studies of major twentieth-century genocide, once gun control became law, minority groups were targeted and murdered by the governments that implemented the laws.

Once 'gun-free zones' are in place, they are then able to dominate and control citizens, who have been stripped of their guns and ability to protect themselves."

Step 4. The Removal of Statues and History

"Hitler understood the importance of removing statues and with them the history connected to them. In the book Hitler at Home (Yale University Press, 2015), author Despina Stratigakost explains how Hitler ordered the eradication of war memorials in newly occupied Belgian and French towns, which 'suggests that the Nazis understood the influence of even modest monuments once they become embedded in a community's everyday life.'"

"It is unknown how many WWI memorials were removed or destroyed in Belgium and France through Hitler's orders, in his effort to recast Germany as the victor of the war."

What Do The Scriptures Say In Times Like This?

- *When times are uncertain and foreboding, there are temptations that try our soul with sorrow and anxiety.*
- *Jesus warns us to watch and pray. What are we to watch for and pray about?*

Matthew 26:36-44 ESV

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

Watch and Pray for Depression and Despair

- *Depression and despair both conclude with certainty that "all is lost, there is no hope, I might as well quit and end it now - there can be no other outcome."*
- *Be watchful over your heart and be proactive. The longer depression and despair have to grow roots in your heart the more power they have over you and the harder they are to control.*

Luke 22:45-46 ESV

45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Matthew 27:3-5 ESV

3 Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

Job 2:7-10 ESV

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. [Day 2 after Job had lost all his children and livestock.]

8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 13:15 ESV

15 Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.

Job 42:10-13 ESV

10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

12 And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

Psalms 43:5 ESV

43 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Watch and Pray for Anxiety and Fear

- *Fear can cause you to do the very things you thought you would never do and to deny the truth you once were convinced of.*
- *Be watchful over your heart and be proactive. The longer anxiety and fear have to grow roots in your heart the more power they have over you and the harder they are to control.*

Matthew 26:69-75 ESV

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."

71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."

73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."

74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Psalms 27:1-6 ESV Of David.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Watch and Pray for Anger and Revenge

- *There is nothing more natural and more instinctive to the heart of man than to fight back in self-defense.*
- *The motive to stop evil is right. The motive to avenge and exalt self is sin.*

Matthew 26:47-54 ESV

47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him."

49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him.

50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

John 18:35-36 ESV

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Romans 12:19-21 ESV

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord."

20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

James 1:19-20 ESV

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.