

“WHAT YOU NEED TO
KNOW IN ORDER TO
THRIVE IN THIS CRAZY
WORLD ”



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO THRIVE IN THIS CRAZY WORLD – TEN KEY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. God gave us prophecy to assure us He is in control
2. The Church is not failing – It is being purified and prepared
3. God has a plan for the nations that will not be thwarted
 - Matthew 24:14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. – NLT 2
4. America is under God's hand of judgment!
 - Jeremiah 18:7 If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, **8** but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned. **9** And if I announce that I will plant and build up a certain nation or kingdom, **10** but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.– NLT 2

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- 5. There is a GLOBAL Dictator who will come to conquer the world
 - Daniel 7:25 says of him - He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. – NIV
 - Alistair Petrie (May 25, 2022) – “He is constantly trying to distract and disorientate us from what is really going on and have us go on non-essential rabbit trails – even if we think they may be important at the moment.
 - That word “**oppress**” from the Hebrew means - mentally to wear down (the saints) to the point of exhaustion until we capitulate to the lies of the Enemy.”

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6. The Antichrist spirit is powerfully at work in our country and AROUND the WORLD

7. The enemy of our souls wants to distract and isolate us

Alistair Petrie – May 25, 2022 continued

- “ . . . we get so caught up in the many issues and worries of the day, and we lose our sense of certainty and focus **that the Lord is still in charge of things!** That is why we have to **keep on fixing our eyes upon Jesus** - the Author and Perfecter of our faith (cf. Hebrews 12:2).... Otherwise we will miss how the Lord is accelerating things these days and changing the season and times under His sovereign authority – and how
- . . . **Fixing our eyes on Jesus – and being consistent in this mindset is how we determine the difference between what is real and what is distorted** – what is from the Lord and what is either misinformation or disinformation. **Remember that what we are experiencing here on the physical realm is an expression of what is going on in the spiritual.**”

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8. Keep a Heart of Thanksgiving and Gratefulness! It will be a spiritual compass for you!

Romans 1 – Shows clear steps to steps to spiritual darkness and deception

1. Suppressing known truth because of a wicked heart
2. Stop glorifying God and giving thanks to Him

Vs. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

3. For those who reject God's truth – God answers their request and gives them over to deception
4. People lose their mooring for identity and purpose in God and choose identities rooted in lies

Vs. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen!

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9. Guard your heart and mind

- There are five major news companies that are behind most news media
 - What agenda are they pushing?
 - Almost all hostile to Christian Faith and God's Word
- INTERNET – can be a tool or a trap
 - Forces seeking to seduce and deceive
 - Major factor for mind and spirit shaping
 - Abigail Shrier – Without Internet teens would not be rapidly turning to trans agenda
 - Matt Walsh – “What is a Woman” – Same conclusion, Internet is powerful tool of social bullying and seduction
- Much of media (Especially Online) is an echo chamber – dividing people
 - An outrage machine
 - Search engines find what you are looking for and feed it to you!

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Keep a heart free from offense and bitter roots!

- **Matthew 24:10** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11** Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **12** And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. – NKJV
- If you are offended – you are spiritually blind
- **1John 2:9** Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. **10** Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. **11** But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.
- Imagine entering the Courts of the Lord (Psalm 100) – The Lord is on His throne, all are gathered. The prosecutor is there (The accuser) and the Defense attorney (Jesus, Our Savior)
- Are you working for the prosecutor or the defense attorney?

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10. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus!

- Hebrews 12:1-2

Daniel 7:8 As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

9 I watched as thrones were put in place
and the Ancient One sat down to judge.

His clothing was as white as snow,
his hair like purest wool.

He sat on a fiery throne
with wheels of blazing fire,

10 and a river of fire was pouring out,
flowing from his presence.

Millions of angels ministered to him;
many millions stood to attend him. – NLT 2

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Daniel 7: **10b** Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.

11 I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. **12** The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer.

13 As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed. – NLT 2

RESPONSE

- Go to a time of prayer and let people in your House Church Respond to the Lord – Prayers of repentance and aligning our hearts with God
- What spoke to you the most and how will you put this truth in action in your life?

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