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Get Smart for My Nation

1 Peter 2:9-17 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Live to **promote my primary nation.**

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Proverbs 14:34 NLT Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Pray for **my secondary nation to honor God and to bless the world.**

1 Timothy 2:1-2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Proverbs 15:29 (NLT) *The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.*

Be a **counterculture for the common good.**

v. 12 *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

Proverbs 11:10-11 *When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.*

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Have challenging **conversations with conviction and compassion.**

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Proverbs 29:8 *Mockers can get a whole town agitated, but the wise will calm anger.*

Proverbs 12:3 *No one can be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.*

Proverbs 10:12 NCV *Hatred stirs up trouble, but love forgives all wrongs.*



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