

Choosing My Values

A Distinctive Life—Part 2

They did not give glory to God or thank him. Their thinking became useless. Their foolish minds were filled with darkness. Rom. 1:21 NCV

1. The Cause: A deterioration of truth.

Three Destructive Philosophies:

- Individualism

In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Judges 21:25 NIV

- secularism

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator. Rom. 1:25 NIV

- Relativism

You must no longer live as [unbelievers] do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Eph. 4:17-18 NIV

2. The Cost: Our culture is collapsing

Where there is ignorance of God, the people run wild; but what a wonderful thing it is for a nation to know and keep His laws. Prov. 29:18 TLB

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Isaiah 5:20 NIV

A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Prov. 29:18 GNB

3. The Cure: Rebuild the foundation

If you listen to me, you will know what is right, just, and fair. You will know what you should do. Prov. 2:9 GNB

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16 NIV

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Ps. 119:105 NIV

Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers; blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. Pr. 16:20 NIV