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8 years ago America began an experiment to see how we'd look without God. So, how do we look? 76% are on prescription pills. Heroin addiction jumped 51% in the last 2 years alone. 20 veterans commit suicide every day.

Violence is everywhere. Our cities are covered in blood, fire and smoke that choke human decency to death. Our schools are houses of horror. Television, film and the net are open sewers gushing out a sludge-wave of filth.

This unceasing flow birthed a new kind of brain... a mindset I call democratic dementia. This is the last mental stage of political correctness. It transforms wrong into right, light into darkness and switches victims and villains.

Here is their logic: Protect Islam and vilify Christianity. A man's need to use the woman's bathroom trumps the woman's right to privacy... and safety! Global warming is a greater threat than Islamic terror. Cops deserve to be killed.

Democratic dementia also damaged the American church—a mental disorder that blinds us to our ineffectiveness. Let me tell you a short story:

In 1902 we came close to civil war. A coal strike cut off heat to millions. Many nearly froze to death in sub-zero temperatures. The United Mine Workers and the owners of the mines refused to compromise.

Henry Cabot Lodge—the Republican United States Senator from Massachusetts—was political about

everything. He knew that the Republicans would be blamed even though they were helpless to end the strike. In a note to President Roosevelt he said: "Is there anything we can appear to be doing?"

Many intercessors singers and preachers, singers ask the same question: Is there anything we can appear to be doing? In America's darkest hour, theatrical gestures have replaced real impact on the misery of people.

We are most damaged in three areas:

- 1. Intercessory prayer**
- 2. Worship concerts**
- 3. Preaching.**

1. Intercession: Too often, intercession replaces soul winning...making prayer into a form of disobedience.

True intercession looks like this: Matthew 9:36-38 says, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

There are valid prayer gatherings. I thank God for our intercessors! But true intercession agonizes over the lost. It implores heaven for immediate action. It is not trying to buy time to avoid outreach.

Some actually claim they preach the Gospel through intercession. They leave their bodies and “spirit travel” to other countries. I am not kidding.

Because we have prayed to escape evangelism our prayers have not been answered.

That motive is doubleminded and self-cancelling. James 1: 6-8 says, *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

Real prayer will always evolve into action. Jesus did not say “pray for people to come to church”—He said *“pray for workers to be sent.”* How dare we ask God to save America while we resist His plan to preach to America?

2. Christian concerts and worship events are coming under intense scrutiny. Millions



of believers wonder what is the point of a night of music and worship that does not call for radical change but pays artists an obscene amount of money. Hosting self-serving feel-good Christian events that do not provoke action—in this national crisis—is like partying on the deck of the Titanic.

3. Preaching that leaves out repentance, the Second coming of Christ, hell and the baptism of the Holy Spirit just make a show of preaching—it is only

the appearance of a message. When there is no call for radical change—when we do not rebuke the sin of our government and our culture—we are only shadow boxing.

That preaching dulls our God-given sense of urgency. It makes us content in compromise. The proof that this brand of preaching is a failure is the destruction that came on its watch. It drew large crowds and rendered them powerless to bring change.

The sad defense for this artificial prayer, worship and preaching

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activity is to mention how wildly successful they are: "They have money and crowds."

That defense betrays a profound ignorance of spiritual warfare.

The enemy will gladly bankroll distractions. Satan cheers when we waste money and opportunity on powerless projects. He gets us to look away as he buries America.

I cannot live with just the appearance of doing something. To do so, makes us a worse enemy to America than ISIS. I cannot bear busyness that does not damage the devil.

The pictures you see in this newsletter are proof of action and not just the appearance of action. We went to San Bernardino over the 4th of July weekend. We invaded, won lost souls, and saw dramatic healings. This is a poor area and we could not have done this if it were not for our partners.

We do not just want a crowd—we want something to happen to the crowd! We want them to collide with supernatural power that is undeniable. We want them to hear a message that will pierce their heart. We want them to know we care about them and hit them with an experience where they will never be the same.

Paul said, *"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake."*- 1Thessalonians 1: 5.

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What the American church needs is not better technology, not new dazzling after effects or better marketing skills, but people the Holy Spirit can use—vessels that pray and obey. God does not flow through methods, but through men and women—who seek to be filled

with the Holy Ghost—people with courage to take the sword of truth and thrust into the heart of darkness.