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What is Life?

WEEKEND OF MARCH **24** 2019

- **1st edition: Life is hard!**
 - Sin made sure of that! *“All creation fell!”*
 - But there are two versions of hard!
 - Hardness of heart/results, dark ruler of death, vanity of temporary pursuits w/o a mind toward God!
 - Warfare against old ways, traditions of men, bad coding, ‘the lullaby,’ that makes life God’s way difficult, slippery!

- **2nd & 3rd editions: Life is in the Book!**
 - We all begin by gathering information, *with diligence*, to find the One who turns info into inspiration, which becomes our incarnation!
 - Words He speaks are spirit and life!
 - And if life is ‘soulish and existence...’
 - We ‘study’ to find the energizing, transforming, nuggets!

Lenses...



- We're preparing "leaders" for the work of your ministry!
- Times demand that we get you ready now!
- For me to talk about the times... and we should...
 - "We are to be like the men of Issachar who had understanding of their times and knew what to do!" **1Chronicles 12.32**

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- **For me to talk about the times... and we should... you have to remove the political and societal overtones...**
 - **Which are distractions to keep us from talking about core issues!**

Ephesians 6.12

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- **“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”** NKJV

- **First filter...**
 - Information? “But _____’s bad! Real bad!”
 - Inspiration? “Being bewitched and deceived, they don’t know what they do... like you didn’t in older times!”
 - Incarnation? “Lift your eyes! Pray for those in authority on earth and take the side of God who reigns in the heavens!”

Our times...

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- **America's platform being broken up!**
 - “No longer a Christian nation...”
 - Revisionist history to back it up...
 - Decaying moral absolutes to help it go down...
 - Redefining ‘tolerance’ to open it up.
 - Moving from Democratic Republic to ‘Democratic’ Socialism!
 - Which only helps socialized-autocrats.
- ***If we don't stand on the Rock, America doesn't stand!***

Our times...

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- **American's are being distracted!**
 - **Hard to imagine a more selfish America!**
 - **From traffic to check out lines to people on their phones despite others in the room! *[including mates and kids!]***
 - **“Touchiness” that borders on crazy!**
 - **Sexual mores have been cut loose!**
 - **Intoxicants ‘legalized,’ normalized!**
 - **Wiki-media, people-source history!**

“Knowing...” What to do?



- **A wiki: a multilingual, web-based, free encyclopedia based on a model of openly editable and viewable content...**
- **Or, A Bible: a God-breathed, blood inked, comprehensive masterwork for life and godliness, based on a model of absolute morals and unchanging concepts, viewable in written, spoken and humanly animated forms!**

1 Timothy 4.1-2

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- “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron...” **NKJV**
 - Information: “Bad news. I’m scared. I don’t want to be deceived...”
 - Inspiration: “I am forearming your good fight of faith with truth!”

Incarnation...

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- “You will be a good minister of Jesus if you hold onto and speak things of faith and good doctrine! Refuse profane and vain babblings and exercise yourself unto godliness! Be an example of believers... give attention to reading... don’t neglect the gifts in you... take heed to yourself and your doctrine... serve well... steer clear of money-love... follow goodness... fight a good fight of faith... lay hold on eternity!” **1Tim4.6 – 6.21**

2 Timothy 3.1-2

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- **Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people." MSG**

Incarnation...

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- **“Stir up the gifts in you... be a partaker of afflictions for the gospel... hold fast the form of sounds words in faith and love... be strong in the Lord... run with faithful people... endure hardness as a good soldier... live by the code... study to show yourself approved... shun vain babblings because they will increase ungodliness... purge dishonor... flee youthful lusts... in meekness instruct those who oppose themselves... preach the word, convenient of not... evangelize!” 2Tim 1-4**

Our times...

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- **Worldwide, youth are being targeted!**
 - Isolated behind screens...
 - Parented by video producer's...
 - Overstimulated to numbness...
 - Direction/action guided by mob-mind...
 - Rebellion stemming from anarchy...
 - Deceived by revisionism...
 - Shrunk forces/future by abortion...
- ***We must go to war for their souls!***

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- “That we endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. No man that goes to war entangles himself with the affairs of this life so that he may please him who has called him to be a soldier!”
2Tim 2.3,4 KJV
- “A soldier on duty doesn’t get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. He concentrates on carrying out orders.”
MSG

This is...

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- **“Join me, take your share, in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. A soldier refrains from entangling himself in civilian affairs in order to please the one who enlisted him!” **Lexicon****
 - Information: toughen up/weekend warrior
 - Inspiration: “I need YOU to sign in/up!”
 - Incarnation: Taking my share/my place on the front lines!

Soldiers 'share' suffering...



- Enrolled... (*recorded in the Book of Life!*)
- Give up civilian rights and identity...
 - Out of mainstream life...
 - No longer come and go as you please...
 - Follow orders of the Commander...
 - Free of distractions in the field (focused)...
 - Wear the uniform w/o intimidation...
 - Uniqueness is brought within tolerance!

Soldiers 'share' benefits...



- **Promise of provision while serving!**
- **Identity of the Commander/Nation!**
- **Life of focus/special training for defense!**
- **Life saving and protecting others!**
- **Honor of the people served!**
- **Special/lifelong comradery!**
- **Commendations of Commander for acts of service and special heroism!**



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