

THE BEST OF 2009
SURVIVAL STRATEGY FOR OUR TIMES
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13



The Heart of the Matter

What advice would you give on living a godly life in a godless society? Would you write a detailed list of dos and don'ts or provide a few simple commands? At the close of his letter to a group of Christians who struggled with living distinctively Christian lives within their culture, Paul offered four penetrating commands—commands just as applicable today as they were when he wrote them.



Discovering the Way

1. Be on the Alert

How do we stay on the alert?

We must guard against erosion.

We must fight the tendency to become passive.

2. Stand Firm in the Faith

How do we stand firm in the faith?

We must simplify our lives.

We must start taking God seriously.

3. Act Like an Adult

How do we act like adults?

We must consider ourselves managers rather than lone rangers.

We must cultivate the heart of a servant.

4. Be Strong

How do we become and remain strong?

We must strengthen our muscles of determination.

We must reaffirm our life commitments.

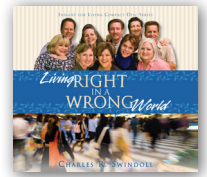


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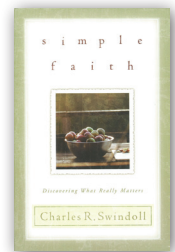
Surviving our times requires us to guard against erosion, fight the tendency to become passive, simplify our lives, take God seriously, consider ourselves managers rather than lone rangers, cultivate the heart of a servant, strengthen our muscles of determination, and reaffirm our life commitments.



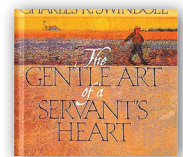
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TIMELY REMINDERS OF TIMELESS TRUTHS
PSALM 115:3; DANIEL 4:35; SELECTED SCRIPTURES



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God has a plan. God is at work. God is in charge. Three simple statements that reveal a grand truth: God is sovereign. He always has been and always will be. God's sovereignty today is no different from any other day in all of time. However, in the midst of our chaotic and complicated lives, we often forget this simple truth: God is sovereign. Have you forgotten? If so, then you need this reminder.



Discovering the Way

1. God Is Sovereign—What Does That Mean? (Selected Scriptures)

Saints on scaffolds often don't understand what it means for God to have a plan, to be at work, or to be in charge . . . but they should.

2. God Is Sovereign—What Does He Do? (Selected Scriptures)

Saints on scaffolds in the Old Testament and in the New Testament were never passive but were active in God's plan, active in His work, and under His charge.



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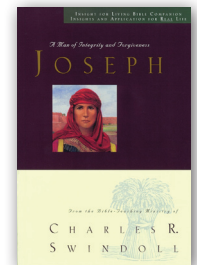
Be aware of these four common pitfalls. First, failing to think first of God's sovereignty. Second, forgetting to think ahead. Third, allowing panic to eclipse trust. And fourth, being unwilling to wait.



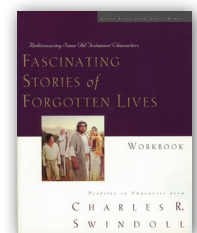
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