

Principles to Practice During the Pandemic

Dear World of the Bible Ministries Support Team and Friends,

In these times we are all being tested in many ways though loss of jobs, work, finances, health and being forced to curtail normal healthy social interaction, which for many can have emotional consequences. However, one of the greatest trials during this time is spiritual – loss of access to church, Bible Studies, counseling, fellowship – and testing of patience and kindness and confident faith – as we continue to be isolated and watch the infection statistics grow.

We did not choose to be under this pandemic, but God chose for us – and the whole world - to be here. Many Christians are confused as to why this should happen now and what it means. While we may attempt to discern God's purpose in this pandemic, it is not necessary to know why as much as it is to know what to do. So let us consider some principles from God's Word to practice during this time of testing:

Remember the ATTRIBUTES of our God. He is Sovereign (Ps 115:3), He is Omniscient (Ps 139:1-4), He is Omnipresent (Ps 139:7-12) and ... He is Love (1 Jn 4:8). Nothing that has happened has been outside of His Will and His control or His loving purpose.

Latest Numbers On Coronavirus: 100% Of World Still Under God's Control

March 13th, 2020



God To Ignore Quarantine And Continue Being Everywhere

March 18th, 2020



Recognize the reality of the **CURSE** (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12), and that our ultimate appointment with **DEATH** is in the Lord's hands. (Heb. 9:27; Ps. 31:15; 1 Thess. 4:16-18). John Wesley famously said: "The Lord's servants are immortal until He calls them home." We each have a purpose in God's divine program and we are "employed" until He says our job is finished and retires us to Glory. However, if we feel that God does not understand our suffering, let us remember that He once lived here and endured for worse things in His short life than a mere virus.

The Coronavirus:

A Message from
the God Who **DIED**
of SOMETHING
MUCH **WORSE**



REJOICE in the Lord when disaster and disappointment come into your life (Job 1:20-21) and **THANK** Him that **ALL** things are *still* working together for our good (Rom. 8:18, 28-29), even when God allows trials and afflictions to occur or sin to temporarily triumph (Gen. 50:20).



Entrust our daily trials to the Lord by PRAYER with thanksgiving (Ps. 55:22; Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7; Heb. 4:16), and also **pray for WISDOM** how to address the issues practically as needed. (Jam. 1:2-7). With time at home we have an unparalleled opportunity to read and study the Scripture. We now forced to worship at home on Sunday; let us look forward to worship at home on other days as well!



REST BY FAITH in the promises of God when we are afraid or troubled (John 14:1-3, 27; 16:33) and remember that the best is yet to come for the believer. (John 17; Rev. 5:9-14; 22:3-7). Even if we die (the worse that could happen [here]), we go to be with Jesus (the best that will happen)!



We must have WITNESS to our family, our neighbors and our community. Look for opportunities to witness to the lost (Rom. 1:14-17; 1 Peter 3:14-15), and to serve the needy in love (1 Peter 4:7-11), especially other believers in Christ. (Gal. 6:10). If we stand strong as believers in this time of trouble for our nation, we will be able to give a witness to God as the source of our strength.



RESOLVE by the grace of God to **MAGNIFY Jesus Christ by life or by death, and to LIVE for Him** and serve others (Phil. 1:20-25) regardless of the outcome. The Scripture says that we “die daily” (1 Cor 15:31), so while the world fears death (Heb 2:15) we love life (1 Pet 3:10) and do so because our Savior has promised us that we will live even if we die (Jn 11:24; cf. Rev 12:11).

In the end, we have to decide who is greater, an invisible virus (that brings death) or the invisible God (Who brings life)! How we respond to this pandemic as Christians will reveal our answer.



May the Lord give each of you a blessed experience of His joy and peace in believing (Rom 15:13) and may we all come through this with a greater trust in God and with a greater testimony to the truth of His Word!

We are all in this together, and we at World of the Bible Ministries appreciate your prayers. The crisis has hit us hard, losing all of our scheduled conferences this Spring, but we continue to serve in every way that we can. We have three tours planned for the Summer, and if Israel does not allow us to come and tour, our ministry will lose its primary income for May-August, the time when conferences normally are in recess. We, like YOU, are seeking to apply these principles and we look forward to returning to our active teaching ministries and missionary outreach and mission care. Until then, support us as you are able in prayer and giving and we will pray for you as well.



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P.S. Here is a link to some good information on natural immune system supplementation to help prevent corona virus infection or possibly lessen its symptoms. Please read the whole article carefully for what is appropriate for prevention (Phase 1) and what is appropriate for treatment with symptoms (Phase 2) as it does differ. Just an FYI we hope you find helpful:

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/doctor-offers-coronavirus-protection-advice>