



What is the Cure for the Economy?

I. A Cause for Concern

Hebrews 10:37-39

For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. ³⁸But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, (withdrawing oneself, this proves that we were never really in the faith.) I will not be pleased with him." ³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

- In difficult times, we focus on the certainty of _____ and not the uncertainty of the _____.
- In difficult times, _____ stands and _____ falls away.
- In difficult times, believers do not pull away from the culture in _____ but engage the culture in _____. (Psalm 37:24-26)
- In difficult times, we stay devoted to _____.
- In difficult times, we stay devoted to _____.
- Difficult times reveal where our _____ and who our _____ is.

II. The Cause of the Crisis

I Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

- _____ is at the heart of our current _____ crisis.

Myth: Our greatest problem today is economic; it's spiritual.

- _____ is rooted in the belief that change is _____.
- Everybody is talking about _____ but it is Christians that are uniquely suited to reveal _____.

If the cause of the crisis is spiritual, wouldn't it make sense that the cure for the crisis is spiritual?

III. The Cure for the Crisis

II Chronicles 7:13-15

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

- A. Understand what a _____ is and where it comes from.
- God's _____, not good fortune or strong work ethic, is the source of our nation's _____.
- B. _____ is the only true bailout plan.

Blessing: A gift from God that no one or no thing can ever take away from you.

America is going to change, not according to what happens in the White House, but according to what happens in your house and mine.

- C. Be brought _____ in _____.
- (Psalm 51:16-17)

- Brokenness/ humility lead us to change our gaze away from _____ (possessions) to the _____. (Psalm 121)

Humility is birthed out of desperation, it is a daily desire to surrender and submit to God's authority in your life.

Humility opens us up to God's:

1. Guidance (Psalm 25:9)
2. Grace (Proverbs 3:34)
3. Gentleness (Matthew 11:29)
4. True Personal Greatness (Matthew 23:12)
5. Spiritual Garments (Isaiah 61:10)