

## 1) Introduction (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

- be on guard (be ready)
- stand firm in the faith
- be courageous
- be strong
- do everything in love (Ephesians 4:15)

### 2) We have been warned (John 15:18; Isaiah 5:20)

- C. S. Lewis—The Abolition of Man (1940s)
- Francis Schaeffer—Back to Freedom & Human Dignity (1970s)
- My paper—The Coming Death of Western Civilization (1998)
- God, Government, and the Road to Tyranny (2003; pages 92-93)

#### 3) Understand the times (1 Chronicles 12:23, 32)

- the virus, abortion, CRT, gender confusion, same-sex marriage, riots
- lawlessness, persecution (florist, baker, shirt store, etc.)
- the deification of the state

# 4) Don't compromise (fiery furnace, lion's den, Acts 5:29)

## 5) Don't fear; be courageous

- Hebrews 13:6; Matthew 10:28
- Romans 8:31, 35-39; Joshua 1:9