

This is *Part 3* of the series entitled *Doing the Works of God*.

Again, this series is stressing how no one can afford to coast, take it easy, or be idle in living the truths of God, which is about doing the works of God because it's what we live. God gives us the ability through what He teaches us and then through the power of His holy spirit to live, to do a work in that respect that's being done in us. We are God's creation, and we have to be yielded to that process which is a matter of choices on our part.

So anyway, I hope this is coming together for you in a better way in the sense of understanding some of these things because the world is very, very confused by these things. And that will be the next series we get into. But it takes work to live God's way of life. It's different from the way of our life, the way we do things on our part, our own way. We have to do many things that are just totally different in life, and we understand that I think.

Let's turn over to 1 Corinthians 3. We're going to begin right where we left off last week and we'll continue on from there. **1 Corinthians 3:8—Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one.** So, the Corinthians were a tough group in the beginning. Gentiles, their customs and things, and how they lived, Paul had his hands full in working with them. That's why there are two books, long ones, longer ones written to them. Because there is so much in there and God gave, Christ gave so much to Paul concerning those two groups or those two periods of time that Paul was working with the Corinthians. Because he was addressing certain things in the first book, obviously other things in the second book following up on the first. There's a lot of information there and much truth that God gave through him to the Church.

And so again here, he's addressing certain things here. We don't need to get into that. But they were always very... Well, they were very carnal. We all are in the very beginning in our growth. We're still very carnal even though we're baptized, and we have many things to overcome and to conquer. There is no exception. Maybe a little more carnality because of what they were coming out of.

But anyway, he's comparing here, they were making comparisons between different ones and getting into different disputes, you know, who baptized. They felt bigger, better if someone else baptized them and then another person that they had greater respect to or whatever it might be and all that kind of garbage that can sometimes take place.

Anyway, this here is what he's addressing here in part so he's saying, "The one who plants and the one who waters are one." At one with God doing what God has given them to do as far as teaching them,

molding and fashioning them. God is doing the molding and fashioning. That is the power working in their life. And he said they're both one, they're both needed.

...and every one shall receive their own reward according to their own labor. So, it's how they responded then. So, he's making that point that we're going to be rewarded, blessed in our lives in being able to continue on in the things that God is molding and fashioning within us, the fruit reproduced, on and on it goes, as to our own labor. So again here, understanding it takes work.

So, that word "labor" is really rather interesting. At a time sometimes translated as "trouble." And it's a Greek word that carries the meaning of "a beating," being beaten, "as in the beating upon the breast with great grief and sorrow." So, not taking a beating. But we take a beating when we have to bring this into subjection. That's what we feel like sometimes as we're changing, growing, conquering, and overcoming.

But this is understanding there's a lot of anguish involved here, and that's what it means in that respect. There's a lot of anguish in fighting this carnality and fighting our own mind, our own thinking. And it takes a lot of work.

So, I love how it's put here, "according to their own labor." So again, when there is anguish involved, when there's a matter involved in understanding what it takes to conquer self and even with the help of God's power, God's spirit because we can't do it on our own, there's a great deal of suffering in that. There really is. But it's ours and it's our choice to go through all that. That's why we talk about different trials we go through and if we're able to look back and say, "I'm glad I went through all of them." And Paul talks about some of those things even more later on. But "I'm glad I went through all those because those are the things that were used to mold and fashion me."

So again here, it's a matter of grief and sorrow, as I was saying, and the meaning can mean "to cause one trouble" or "to make work for them." And it takes work fighting against carnality, our own selfishness. So, it has a meaning of "intense labor united with trouble and toil." That's the kind of work we have to be involved in. And if we're not willing to do that? That's the battle; that's the fight.

Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one, and every one shall receive their own reward according to their own labor. For we are laborers, workers together with God. Awesome! God has a work. It's a matter of creation, His desire to create something within us, but we have to choose to be part of that. It's not just God. It's not just Christ. It's not just the power of the holy spirit. It's the matter of choices that we make that we want to be part of that, that we want to be involved in that ourselves as far as the fight because there is no other way to change. We have to yield, submit, and choose to fight against our own human nature.

You are God's husbandry, meaning a cultivated field. So again here, a matter of that which has to be prepared so that we can grow and produce fruit.

You are God's building. A construction taking place, if you will. **According to the grace of God, which is given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let everyone take heed.** So, a warning. Incredible! **Everyone has to take heed how they build upon it.** So, that comes back to us individually. It's a matter of understanding the seriousness of it. Take heed. It's a warning.

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Joshua the Christ. So again here, the beginning, Passover. That's where it starts, and then we continue to build upon it.

Verse 12—Now if anyone builds upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones... So, it's going to make a contrast here even though it isn't, if you will, stated directly by the words that are used. But that's what's taking place here. It's a contrast between these first three and the next three.

So, **If anyone builds upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones,** that's a part, then it goes on and it says, **wood, hay, stubble,** totally different, **everyone's work will be made manifest.** It's going to come to light. And that's the way it is in the Church. It happens.

That's why through time we see so much that takes place, we see people come and go, because things are made manifest, whether fruit is being produced in the right ways and so forth, whether we're really yielding ourselves to God, whether we're really fighting, whether we're really putting the work into it that we need to put into it or not. Because the reality is it's all going to come to light one way or the other.

And that's why we've gone through the things we have. And oftentimes those things are allowed, and have been allowed especially in times past more so than now even, but it's still there to a degree, that's so much more through Philadelphia and especially in Laodicea, and then starting in PKG and all that we saw. And I've often commented how many people? Far, far, far, far more, so many times more than what are here now that have gone. It's mind-boggling. And yet, that's the process we go through.

And so, because God makes manifest who is working, who isn't, who's yielding themselves to the process, who is not. And so, "everyone's work will be made manifest." It's all going to come to light in God's time.

That's why in sometimes in times past I remember especially in PKG in the beginning and the first probably ten years how some became upset at times that I didn't address things more quickly within the Church or... But they didn't grasp it. They didn't understand what was taking place. And not realizing that the kinds of things that come down to a point in time where something has to be addressed in a major way is a matter of being led by God's spirit. Because we don't judge those things. We can't be the sole judge of those things, especially the beginning of PKG. It was a matter of relying, and it's still a matter of relying on God to lead, guide, and direct when those things are to be done. God will make it clear.

Just as He reveals truth, God makes it clear. When it's His time, when it's time to reveal something, it's time to begin using Joshua's name, God gives that. I can't do that in advance though I've known it for a long time before, the name, but not to the degree I did later on and the conviction that came with it and the power that came with it when God gave it to the Church. That has to be in God's time.

So, it's just like I've made comment about this matter of Christ's coming in the flesh and the lack of understanding. Frankly, it just wasn't there in the Church through Philadelphia or Laodicea, what that really meant. And yet that was given a long time ago. But there were things I couldn't teach in it until God gave it, gave it to me to know this is the time to begin teaching it.

So, it's the same thing when it comes to matters of such great importance as to where someone is in the Body. If it's time for something to be addressed God will reveal that. These are major events in God's Church, they really are, because they're very difficult and they have to come from God. God is the one who molds and fashions. Christ is the one who molds and fashions.

Everyone's work will be made manifest for the day, the time, in God's time, if you will, **will declare it**. It becomes obvious, "This is the time now." Sometimes we can look at various things and something is addressed in someone's life. And it's generally been that way all along—and then later on we see things, little telltale signs. "Yeah, I didn't see 'this'. I didn't see 'that'." Anyway, it has to be God's time. It's just as much as revealing a truth to us.

...because it will be revealed by fire. And some of the greatest of fire that has existed in God's Church is when God gives truth, when God gives new understanding, new truth. That has been the primary thing so often that has divided things within the Church. There have been other things, there are other trials that come along in people's lives, other hardships, other things to try and to test to see where someone is, but that's been one of the major things God has used to reveal that there are changes in people's lives and separation oftentimes in fellowship.

So, all we have to do is go back and look at Herbert W. Armstrong, look at God's apostle during that time of Philadelphia, and see the things that took place. 1972, 1974, those periods of time when various truths began to be given to the Church, especially when God began to reveal that there is a spirit essence in us and he began, Herbert Armstrong began to teach that, there is a spirit essence in the mind that God gives of His holy spirit to when we're impregnated with His spirit that can begin to change. It can be transformed. And we didn't understand those things before that.

And then some began to say, some ministers began to say, "Well, he's teaching the immortality of the soul!" And you think, "That's not what I hear. That's not what I heard." And you know what the difference is. It's God's spirit. That's how we're able to hear. When truth comes we either hear it or we don't, and some didn't hear it.

1974, Pentecost, one whole year to study, to looking into it, to asking different ones within the Church, in the ministry, to look into it. And then that information collected. Herbert Armstrong had to go through it all and he's the one that had to make the decision in prayer before God, asking for God's spirit. God's worked a little bit differently here in this period of time, but at that time that's how it was addressed. And that's where the Church was at that time.

So again here, what an incredible thing that there were those who couldn't hear it. Some began to judge prematurely that it shouldn't have taken that long, and it should have happened quickly. There are some who said it can't change, it has to be Monday, and if it's not? And so, some left on both sides. Some left earlier because he didn't change it fast enough and they went ahead and started keeping that particular period, observing it in that manner. Well, looking forward to observing it because it was in the year between.

But again, they found fault with God's apostle, and it came out later on here that those who did that, they had other things that they wanted to teach anyway. They had been cut off from God's spirit well ahead of time because of what they were doing. That's why they couldn't hear it and couldn't wait and couldn't do things the proper way. And then the others who were going to stay with Monday obviously couldn't hear either.

So, we just keep going on through periods of time there, of the things revealed and given through Herbert Armstrong and there we go. On through PKG, same thing. It's generally been when something... 2008, Christ isn't going to return on Trumpets, He's going to return on a Pentecost. Some shut off right there. 2011, He may not return in 2012. Some of those faces are etched into my mind in Australia when I gave that sermon, and saw some just... It was just like there is nothing there, their faces. And their thinking, you knew that they had shut off. And that was it. Incredible!

So, either God's spirit works with us because we're yielding ourselves to it, because we're working to bring this into subjection to God, we're looking to God, we know how God teaches us, leads us, guides us and directs us, or we lose that. That's why there are admonitions, "Remember how you received the truth!" "Remember from whom you received it, where God is working." Basic things that we're given in scripture here. And I think of how many people forgot.

I think of what happened in Laodicea. We're not to forget these things. That's mind-boggling to realize how the ministry as a whole began to lose sight that Herbert Armstrong was God's apostle. Began to lose sight of how they learned everything they learned because they learned everything that is true through him. No other way. They didn't figure it out on their own. They didn't figure out the Holy Days and the meaning of the Holy Days. They didn't figure out all the truths that came along in time.

And then they said, "He's a good teacher." Even right now those things... If blood can boil, every time I think about it my blood boils, when I think about that. And if I saw one of them right now and had the opportunity to talk to them, it'd be pretty strong, set the record straight. What a hideous thing for all

that he did, for all that he went through, for all that he sacrificed, for all the work that he put into it, and then for those who sat at his feet if you will, in classrooms at Ambassador College, those evangelists that did what they did later on in time. Hideous!

“He’s a good teacher.” And some didn’t even give him that. Frankly, most of them didn’t even give him that. Instead, when it came time, they wanted to burn the books. “Let’s have a book burning.” “Let’s have a literature burning. Let’s get rid of all that literature and replace it with something new.” That was the beginning of the end if you understand what I’m saying.

“Because it will be revealed by fire.” So, I hope we understand that. There are things that try us and test us. I remember a... Well, I remember so many occasions of things. I’ve seen people walk out when they don’t agree. “Auf wiedersehen.” “Dasvidaniya.” “Good-bye. Don’t let the door hit you on the butt on the way out.” Can’t leave too soon as far as I’m concerned. When people get to that point they’re dangerous. They’re truly dangerous to the Body of Christ.

...because it will be revealed by fire, and fire will try everyone’s work, of what sort it is. Every one of us has to go through trial. Every one of us has to be tested and determined where are we? God is going to know fully what is up here and what we’re willing to yield this mind, whether truly we’re yielding to God and bringing this mind into subjection to God’s rule. That’s what this is all about. We’re getting at the end of six thousand years, the end of mankind’s self-rule, because we can’t decide and rule ourselves, for what we think is right. We’re dependent upon God to reveal to us what is right and what is sound, what is just and what is unjust.

It’s beautiful when we come to see it. And the more we grow in that becomes more beautiful to us.

...and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work abides. That word, just like God’s spirit abiding in us, dwelling in us. Same word. **If anyone’s work abides** (remains; continues) **which they have built upon it, they will receive a reward.** Well, nothing should even be motivated for receiving a reward. It’s like when they got into an argument the disciples, “Who’s going to be greatest in the Kingdom of God?” “Who’s going to be on his right side,” you know, and it’s like, you’re kind of missing the point. Course, they didn’t have the impregnation of God’s spirit yet. But even with God’s spirit, people go through those things.

If anyone’s work is burned... Wood, hay, stubble; how do we build upon it? **If anyone’s work is burned they will suffer loss; but they may yet be saved, if so as by fire.** So, there is the possibility (and that’s in God’s hands), that there may be those things that can come along in time, whatever that might be, perhaps the end of this age, perhaps things that happen in a war that’s coming quickly on this world and the things that happen here at the end that will shake and startle people. Perhaps it’s going to be when individuals are resurrected and they’re standing there in their all-together and realize they’ve been dead. And maybe missing some body parts...or knew they were suffering when they had it happen to

them, death, and now they're whole. And then they have to decide, what are you going to do? Because that's going to try people.

There are people who have lived all their lives in distorted, perverted, sick ways, and if after going through those kinds of things, if they can't change, well, that'll come out in time. But that's a part of the fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God? Laodicea lost that. Didn't get it! Herbert Armstrong was teaching it in the last couple of years of his life, the Church is the temple of God. Incredible! And yet it's like it went in one ear and out the other because as soon as Laodicea came along, and Church started getting colder and more lukewarm, it wasn't being taught anymore.

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God?" What an awesome thing to understand. What an awesome thing! See, we can look at this, we know this, we know it's true, we are the temple of God, we know it by knowledge. But to think that it can be lost, that brethren who've been around ten, twenty, thirty, forty years or more can lose that? They lost it. It was lost as a whole within the Church.

So, how awesome is it that we know that, that we understand it, that we grasp it, that we love it? We are part of the temple, part of what God is building and constructing. We have opportunity in the most awesome thing to ever happen in all of creation save for Joshua. But he's the first of the firstfruits. But to know that we're able to go through that process and have this mind transformed and work toward a time when we can be born into spirit life?

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you? Well, that's when people lose it, when they don't know the temple of God, that we're the temple of God because the spirit of God isn't dwelling there any more. That can happen. We can lose it.

"If anyone defiles the temple of God..." So, if we're all a part of the temple and we defile that temple, that's not a small thing. It's not a small thing. If we defile a part of what God is molding and fashioning and we don't yield to that, not a small thing.

If anyone defiles the temple of God... If that can't be changed, "if so as by fire," as it says, **them will God destroy. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.** It's a beautiful thing. It's a sobering thing to understand. That's why the next scripture is so important here.

Hebrews 3:6, it says **But Christ as a Son over his own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing firm to the end.** Now, today we should have a better understanding of what this is saying than we did before the Feast. That ability, what it means to rejoice before God, to understand what it is inside of us, that it's a matter of God's spirit dwelling in us that gives us that ability, that the more we see the more we understand our lives, rejoice in the truth that we have, we're thankful for what we have, we're thankful to God, we thank God continually for the different things He's given to us.

Just like understanding we're a part of the temple, we thank God that we see that, that we know that, and to be a part of it. To understand how great that is not just by knowledge but to really begin to understand that.

In *Part 1* we covered the first part of 2nd Timothy 2 and we're going to go back there now and continue on. We're going to pick up from where we left off in that. There is more here and that's why we're going back to it at this juncture.

2 Timothy 2:15—Study to show yourself approved to God. Now, this hasn't been well understood in God's Church. It wasn't understood as a whole during Philadelphia. It was a matter of thinking, which is false thinking, which is dangerous thinking, that you can study your Bible, and you can understand God's truth, God's way, that God is going to teach you as though it was something separate from what you're hearing from the Church and from the ministry. That's sick.

But that's what began to develop within the Church. People began to come up with different ideas of things that hadn't been taught yet. You can't do that. Ministers began to do that, where they began to come up with different ideas of things and began to teach certain things going off on different tangents here and there, of things that weren't in agreement with what had been revealed to the Church. You can't do that. We have to be at one and build upon what is already given. And if we're building upon it and it's in agreement with it that's fine, that's great, that's wonderful. But to be something different? To come up with different ideas?

Because this has been rampant in God's Church. Not of recent time even though it's existed in recent time, even within the last year. But as a whole, it's been very minimal. But there's been a lot of it in Philadelphia, a lot of it. Much more in Laodicea. Because the weaker the Church was becoming the more prevalent this became, someone came up with different ideas of things they thought they understood. This is why different ministers went off on different tangents and so many brethren followed them. Because they had this different understanding than what was given through God's apostle, Herbert Armstrong, and so, they went off on different tangents.

"No, Monday is the right day." "No, you didn't do it soon enough and we want to look into these other things too that he might be wrong about." That's what it is. "...or these not sure about. He's an old man."

It is amazing, really, what we've gone through, but it's all for our learning, it really is. It's good that we experience these things. The more you've experienced certain things and continue on and are able to have a confidence of what is true and what is right and hold fast to it the more we grow, the more God is able to mold and fashion our minds because we're in subjection, we're bringing this into subjection to God and God's government and how God works. It's a beautiful thing. More than knowledge, it's understanding.

“Study to show yourself approved unto God.” So, there is this thing that went on for different times there. “You can go and study your Bible.” That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t study. But to study into something new? It’s a waste of time. It’s foolish. And not only that, it’s sin. But people didn’t grasp that, and they went off on different tangents. Because their motivation was there, that God was working with them, showing them things that hadn’t shown it to other people yet or to the ministry.

...a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. So again here, hasn’t been well understood what this is about. It’s taken in a wrong way. It was taken more in a physical way. I think of one individual that did a telecast and was telling people in the telecast that “If you just look into your Bible,” in essence, it’s like, “You can prove this to yourself it’s here.” Baloney!

There might be certain things that people can come into agreement with that yeah, Christmas came along at a certain time in the Catholic Church and Easter came along at a certain time and it doesn’t... And Passover is proper and right, and Easter is wrong and there’s maybe a certain amount of knowledge in some of those things that people can receive, but led by God’s spirit to where it becomes a part of us? That’s another matter. It takes God’s spirit to see these things. Not just the knowledge but to come to understand them.

And so, again here, “A workman.” It takes work. And again, if we understand what the work is, it’s on this, that we learn how to rightly divide... That we rightly use. It’s about using God’s word. Like matters of judgment, how to treat one another within the Body, not reading something else into it but what we’ve already been fed and given, nurtured in that God has given to us, to remember those things.

It’s like the truths going back and at times looking at the truths, reading them, or going back and reading something else that’s been given to us in the past, whatever it might be, and making sure—that’s a matter of reading here or studying—it’s a matter of holding on to what we’ve already been given! That’s what it’s about, rightly...so we can rightly divide and judge in the word of truth that God has given to us, to we’re sharper and we don’t lose it. That’s what this is about.

It’s not about coming up with something new and new ideas and that somehow God is using us! I think of... Oh, I don’t even want to go into it. Times past people that wanted to get up and give sermonettes or sermons or split sermon because they had this that was so special for the Church. It doesn’t mean it agreed at all with what had been given in the past. But they had these things to give because God was giving them these things. Think... Well, anyway.

In **Ephesians 4:3** I’m going to read this, **Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of...** That’s what this is about. It’s work, endeavoring, study, endeavoring, working at holding on to. It doesn’t just happen. Just because we were given fifty-seven truths doesn’t mean we’re going to be able to hold on to them! Doesn’t mean we’re going to know them or be in agreement with them.

There are times it's good to think about them, to pray about them, to check ourselves to see where we are, to not lose. That's why it's good that they're in sermons on occasion, so we can be reminded of how blessed we are, because you're talking about incredible wealth – gold, silver, precious stones. That's what they are on a spiritual plane. That's what we have to see them as. If we don't see them as that then we don't grasp how blessed we really are, how much God has really given to us, and then to be so thankful to God that we're able to have this.

“Endeavoring.” It takes work “to keep the unity of the spirit.” So, it's not something new, that we're going off on some tangent to come up with something new that's not been understood or seen. That's just a wrong motive in the beginning and you'll become train wrecked as a result of that kind of thing (but anyway) as so many have in times past. “The unity of the spirit.” God's spirit. God has to be in it. And God is giving us things and we have to be in unity with at.

“in the bond of peace.” So that there's peace in the Body, in the Church.

So, we've gone through all these experiences through time, all this history that we have. It's a wealth of knowledge. It's a wealth of blessings in life that are a matter of experiences if we can learn from the experiences of those things, of what happened in 1972 and 1974 and on you go, and we can learn from those things to see where people made huge mistakes and why they made them. And it helps us to be more on guard, to be more appreciative, more thankful for what we really do have.

Hebrews 4:11, another one, **Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.** Takes work. To enter into what rest? Well, to be in God's family, to be part of Elohim. **Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest anyone fall after the same example of unbelief.** So again, our history. All we have to do is look a little ways back. And some of the most major things ever took place during Philadelphia and Laodicea. Some of the greatest lessons from mankind are in those two eras of the Church. And they're going to be taught throughout the Millennium and the Great White Throne. Awesome!

Going on in **2 Timothy 2:15**. So it goes on to say, **a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings.** See, that's what happens when this is misinterpreted right there, when it's taken the wrong way, that somehow we're to be able to study and look into Greek words and Hebrew words and we're going to learn things that the Church has never known. Baloney! Absolute bull. I could say the rest, but I won't. It's when they lift their tail. Bull! Because that's what it is.

“But shun profane and vain babblings.” That's what happens when people go into a tangent when it comes to saying something different that's not in unity and oneness with what God has given to us. That's why it's so important to understand everything we've been given, that we be in unity and oneness with it. And if we're in disagreement and we don't believe certain things we're going to go by the wayside. If you're not in agreement with some things you're not going to come through this unless you repent because you're sinning. That's just the way it is.

And I've known many people in the Church of God through time, through Philadelphia and Laodicea, who weren't in agreement with the things being given because they'd already made up their minds about a certain aspect because they knew better. You don't know diddly you-know-what unless God gives it to you. And how does God give it to us? You know, these are basic things, aren't they? How God works with us. How He molds and fashions us.

"But shun profane and vain babblings." It means, don't have anything to do with it. And someone comes up to you with something that isn't in agreement? Today, we're so blessed because we don't have those things happening. Well, we've had some of it in the Church. Every once in a while, something comes along and it's like babble (is a good word) because it's confusing, it's not in unity and oneness. Strange ideas or whatever it might be.

But God says don't have anything to do with them **...for they will increase into more ungodliness.** That's where they go. If we give them room in our minds and our thinking, see, if we begin to listen to something different, which has happened, it's happened throughout PKG. And most of you if not all have had those experiences where you've seen that kind of thing happening, where someone comes up and they're not in unity, they're not saying the same thing. And it should be like there are lights flashing and the arms coming down because there's a train coming, and if you don't stop you're going to get run over, if you don't get your act together.

Valuable lessons. I love them. Because we're to learn from them. They're the things that teach us and help us to understand more how God works, helps us to understand our own minds, our own thinking.

So that their word will eat as does a cancer. That's how it works if we let it in just a little bit. If we let it in we should recognize right away if we let something in that isn't in agreement. And this has happened to thousands upon thousands of people in God's Church. So, this is what we're to learn from this, works like a cancer. Starts working and then starts spreading.

That's why the example of leaven, "a little leaven can leaven a whole lump" unless it's gotten rid of. "For they will increase unto more ungodliness." That's the only way it can go, away from God.

So that their word will eat as a cancer, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus. So, already two ministers teaching God's people in a different area, different region. Because I may be wrong, but I didn't think this was in that particular area here. Need to go back to look at that, whatever he's referring to here. But anyway, he's reminding Timothy here. Timothy knows of these incidents and what took place and so he's just reminding him, look what happened to them.

Because this is what happened to them, they went off on a tangent, began to teach others the same thing. It reminds me of what Paul said when he says, "All of Asia has abandoned me. They've turned against me." Turned against what he taught, a whole region.

Well, we've experienced that in the Church. I look at Hawaii. Hawaii has been hit twice very, very hard during Worldwide. The entire Church. Washington, DC area, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people, different churches there because of a regional, whatever they were called back then. Some of the names were changed at times. But because of what he was teaching in certain areas there and they all went. They left Worldwide. Incredible, the things we've gone through that we're to learn from.

And so, he points these things out, look what they did. It eats as a cancer and look at how fast it spread. So, they experienced this in the very beginning of the Church during the era of Ephesians, or at the Ephesus period, I should say.

Verse 18—who concerning the truth have been in error. Shame, shame, shame. They were given the truth, and they went off in error. There is no excuse for that. If we have truth God says we're to hold fast to it with all of our being, to recognize how valuable it is, to seek to be in unity with it and oneness with it.

...who concerning the truth have been in error, saying that the resurrection is already past, and have overthrown the faith of some. Because they listened, see. They listened. If they hadn't listened! But these ministers had tremendous sway as has happened throughout the Church through time. It's been this way from the beginning. Antichrists. That's why it was addressed very early on in the Church. That's why it was addressed in the manner that it was. "There are many antichrist's" as John said, because it was happening already within the Church. Doesn't take long because human nature is human nature. Human beings are human beings.

And so, the faith of some being overthrown is who's fault? Those who listen. Those who already had received knowledge and truth and made a choice to listen to something that didn't come to them or were in disagreement in things that they had heard before. Disagreement with what Paul had been teaching them.

Verse 19—Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure. It's solid. It's sound. And no reason why we can't have it fully embedded in us. No excuse, no reason to leave it. **...having this seal, that The Lord knows those who are His.** That's an awesome thing. Because of His spirit here He knows who is yielding to Him, He knows what's in the thinking, He knows who is not cut off from His spirit, He knows those who want Him, who desire Him. He knows those who are seeking to hold fast. He knows those who are going before Him continually in repentance and asking for forgiveness of sin because they want to change and they want to conquer this, the selfishness that's in them. Awesome!

He knows those who are His. Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from sin. Always goes back to that. It's a matter of starting with Passover and going back there constantly in our life day by day, being drawn to repentance of sin.

Because we all have sin in our life. Doesn't take very long. You may not have to be gone very long here from services today, wherever you are, whoever is listening out there, and all of a sudden something is going to happen up here in your mind. You're going to do something selfish. Is that yielding to God's spirit or just living our life the way we live our life, carnal human nature?

See, that's what we deal with day by day. You don't ever get rid of it. It's always going to be there as long as you're in this body. That's why I so look forward to being in a different body. Now, I'm not in a great hurry to get out of this one yet until the time comes, and if it comes so be it (if you understand what I'm saying). So, we're not in a hurry to die, in other words, but if we must that's the way it is. Our lives are in God's hands. So be it.

But to fight against sin, it's always there. And if we ever forget that we're missing the mark, we're not seeing what we need to see. We have to understand there are things coming out of this mind—a lot of times out of this—that's a matter of sin. And this is where it has to be stopped. See, it's not just the bad habits that we might have of certain things that come out of our mouth at times, or certain reactions of certain things we do or whatever it might be, but it starts in here. And if you can get it in there and deal with that, that's where it's at. That's the blessing of it all.

What an awesome thing that we can begin to see things within us and ask God for help to conquer, to fight, and whenever it starts to rear its ugly head, whenever it starts to creep out just a little bit we say, "No!" We say, "That is sickening. That is disgusting. I don't want... I don't want selfishness in me!" We have to hate it.

Verse 20—But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and earth. It's that way. ...**some to honor and some to dishonor.** Within the Church, it's always been that way. And God has allowed that for a purpose. And I hope we understand the purpose. It's so that those who choose and want to grow can learn from all the different experiences because there are things we can learn to be on guard and attentive to and be moved and motivated that there are certain things we want to make sure that remain in our life because that's what we've chosen and that's what we want and that's what we're willing to fight and stand up for regardless of what anybody else thinks, says, or does.

Who cares what anyone else thinks! We have to be of a mind, "I care what God thinks and what God desires of me. That's what I want. That's what I pray for." That's what we have to have. That's the way we need to think. And so, as it says here.

So, I think of this process. God allows certain things to take place, and I think of all those things that God could have stopped everything that ever happened within the Church. He could have revealed it to Herbert Armstrong very quickly when different ministers were going off and teaching different things. Could have brought it to light much quicker but He let it go on.

He let Lucifer do what he did and continue on for ages and ages and ages because we had to be exposed to that. The angelic realm had to be exposed to that so they could make their choice of what they wanted to do forever.

That's a beautiful thing then about that choice, free choice. We're responsible for our choices. We can't make anyone do anything different. Only this. That's the only power we really have when it comes down to the main result of what's going to take place.

If a person therefore purge themselves of these, they shall be a vessel unto honor. Purge themselves of dishonor, of the things that have to do with the wood, hay, and stubble, bad building, not building, a lack of building, being satisfied with doing things part way, not the way they should be done, not throwing ourselves into it but just trying to kind of get by. To me, that's what happens when people get out in the courtyard.

So, "if someone will purge themselves from these, they shall be a vessel to honor," sanctified. Set apart for holy use and purpose. In other words, we have the choice in that, which is work. It's work. The choice carries with it effort and work that we have to put into it. It's a battle. It's a fight. To continually go before God day after day, to not get tired of it, to not give up on it, to say, "Reveal to me the things I need to change! Help me to see the things quickly in the mind so that I can see them when they begin to take place, in their earliest stage so I can fight them there."

And then there are those things that God helps us in and there are other things He lets us experience from time to time without help because we have to be reminded of what our choices are. And the more we choose God the more we grow in character and produce fruit. An awesome thing.

Sanctified. So again, God's spirit is able to be in us. That's the only way we can be sanctified, is because we're repenting, because we're seeking to be closer to God and looking to Him for His holy spirit to dwell within us, to be in us. Sanctified. That's how we're sanctified, set apart for holy use and purpose. That way, God continues to create within us, to do His work in us.

Because we have to work and God has to work, because this can't change unless God's working in us through the power of His holy spirit. That's why we cry out to God for His help to change the things we can't do. But we have to do that part, which is work. They work together. That's why Christ said, "I work, and my Father works." He was working to accomplish what God had given to him as Passover, to live that kind of life, to experience the things he had to experience, and then to do, finally, what he did.

Vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet. Means, easy to make use of; profitable." That's what the word means. ...**for the Master's use.** Isn't that what we want, to be able to serve God into time forever, to whatever God's purpose is?

Sometimes I think about some of those things, and I think, I can't think about it too much because I don't have the foggiest idea. To think what it's going to be like? Why everything is out there as it is?

Can't grasp all that but just very grateful for it. To know that there is so much in front of us that we can't even begin to be shown yet because it's not needed yet, we wouldn't know what to do with it.

So again, "meet," "easy to make use of; profitable" **for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work.** It's like PKG, Preparing for the Kingdom of God. It takes work. Doesn't just happen. We've gone through a lot. We continue to go through a lot.

2 Timothy 2:22, going on. **Flee also youthful lusts but follow righteousness.** It takes work to follow righteousness, to seek to do what is right. Means you're crying out to God. You can't do it on your own. God has to work in us, and we have to yield ourselves to that. We have to cry out for it, for God's spirit to work in us.

But follow righteousness, faith... You have to work at that. God's given us what to believe, but to live it, to do it required work. To live everything that He's shown to us and given to us, we have to be reminded of certain things on a continuing basis.

...love. Agape. We don't have it. God does. And we have to have that in us to work in the right way toward others, within the Body of Christ especially. We need God's love, so you have to ask for it because you need it. So, you cry out to God for it. Work. Effort. To yield yourself to the process because you want it.

And God has to know that you want it. God won't give it unless you know you want it unless you're convicted of the fact, "I need it. I want it. That's why I'm doing this. That's why I'm crying out to You every day asking for help to fight this. Because I need it, I want it, and I know if I don't have it I mess up bad," going to be things pop up in life that just, you don't want to happen.

...peace. These are the things that are a matter of the fruit of God's spirit. Because God has to be in all these. Peace, the opposite of drama. It's beautiful when there is peace. Something the world doesn't have, and we look forward to it being here in a far greater way, obviously, than what it is now. And to get rid of so much of the drama that's in the world. I mean, it's like drama on steroids out there, truly is. Crazy.

...and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. That's what we've been talking about, or I've been talking about. "Who call on." So, we have to call out to God because we know we need help. But we want this "out of a pure heart." Not of a deceitful heart. Not of an insincere heart and not of a lying heart. One that is seeking God in truth and spirit. Those are the kinds of things we have to get rid of, deceitfulness, lying, whatever it might be in life. We have to be truthful to God.

But foolish and unlearned questions... See, this thing of studying, take it in the right way, not the wrong way, because there are people who have taken it in the wrong way. "But foolish and unlearned questions." When people don't know what in the world they're even talking about, and you should know it pretty quick? And then, sometimes, to be able to stand up to them and say, "Not going there. We don't

believe that. The Church doesn't teach it." Takes guts. And you can't worry about what others think of you. You can't worry about those kinds of things. You can't worry that, well, I might lose their friendship, or this is awkward, and I don't want to do it. No, how does God say to do it. Well, best way, obviously, is go to them alone. Or if you're off somewhere by yourselves with them or whatever and you can say something then, fine.

But foolish and unlearned questions, avoid those, in other words, **knowing that they do gender strife. Even the servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle, easy to talk to, kind.** We should all be that way. He's talking to Timothy here and admonishing him in various things and how to work in the Church, but that's something we should all have in how we think about and work toward each other and so forth.

...unto all, apt to teach, patient. We should be able to know what the truths are and if we're asked be able to tell someone if they were to ask us. Not to try to dump the whole load on them, but just answer the question.

...and in meekness, that means a teachable spirit, meekness, **instructing those who opposed themselves.** In other words, to place one's self in opposition.

So again here, there are things that I think if they'd just been able to be practiced during Philadelphia, if they'd just been practiced during Laodicea. But it got worse then and so we're to learn from these things.

So, that God if peradventure will grant them repentance, to the acknowledging of the truth. So again here, relationships, friendships, and so forth, and there's a time to stand, there's a time to speak up. Not just to let something go by the wayside and think, "Well, that's a job for the ministry." That's been the major one through time. Think, yeah, by the time it gets there they're already gone, can't be helped.

Verse 26—So that they may recover themselves. I love this word, what it really means. It means "regain their senses." That's the hope and desire. Sometimes it's too late. Sometimes people have already made up their minds, whatever it might be and whatever idea or something they come along with or different things that sometimes pop up, ideas that people get.

And so again here, I don't feel that we have much of that in any fashion or form taking place now compared to what it was several years back or many years before that even. So, we can see these, and to me that gives encouragement because the Church is growing more at one. Far less drama than in times past, and to me that's a beautiful thing. So, nevertheless, we're to learn from these things of our past, to hold on to them with all of our being because it's not done yet. You don't know when things are going to pop up and when they're going to happen.

...so that they may recover themselves, in other words, regain their senses **out of the snare of the devil.** Because that's what happens when... If we could only... We're told that and we have had that

knowledge. At different points within the Church people have had that knowledge, but to really believe it with all their being, to realize the danger in that, that if you begin to sin and begin to cut yourself off from God's holy spirit that that being has more power in your life?

And who does he want? He doesn't have to go out and worry about deceiving the world. They're deceived. But he wants us. He wants you. He wants you to fail. He wants you to falter. That's the way it's always been in God's Church. And so, when people begin to... He knows who has God's spirit and who doesn't. And so, when people sin, when they do various things, if they don't repent and seek to change they become weaker, this being has power. He truly... We give him power over us.

...who has taken them captive. Just gets worse and worse. **...by him at his will.** Means what it says. It's powerful what Paul is saying here, truly is.

So again, doing the works of God has everything to do with our response to God's calling, to becoming transformed and eventually born into Elohim. That's what it's about. It's yielding our self to the process. It requires work. Him working and us working. Because if we don't do our work He won't work in us. If we're not doing what we should be doing, working at what we should be, then He can't work in us. That's the dilemma of it all. But if we're doing our part and seeking God and wanting God and seeking to hold fast to what He's given to us, crying out for His holy spirit, doing the things we need to do then He will work in us. Seeking to be forgiven of sin, then He'll work in us.

Let's turn over to 1st Corinthians 15. Kind of some things here that seeing in a new light in some of this, adding on to what we've already known. **1 Corinthians 15:50—Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.** So, we understand that. We understand the process starting with Passover, things that God reveals to us. Change has to take place. We have to change. We have to become something different. We have to be transformed in our thinking.

...neither does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery. In other words, the world can't understand this but it's something with God's spirit we can grow in, we can come to understand more deeply. **We will not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.** So, this is part of it. We understand that that has to take place. That's what the growth comes to at some point in time where finally we're sealed and we can be resurrected into God's Family, into God's Kingdom.

...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last Trump. For the Trumpet will sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. So again here, talking about the process here for the firstfruits. Most of everything in the New Testament is geared toward those who are being called, and understanding in part, not fully like we do today, that this is about the firstfruits, it's about the 144,000, and so, that's what it focuses in on. But everyone has to go through the same process whether it be during the Millennium or the Great White Throne and so forth.

So again here **...and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.** That's the desire. That's what has to take place in order to be in the Kingdom of God, the Family of God. **...and we shall be changed.**

For this corruptible must put on incorruption. Now, when does that happen? Just when you're changed from mortal to immortal? It's a process. It's about a process. It's about our lives once God calls us and begins to mold and fashion us and work with us. We are filled with corruption. Our minds are based in corruption. God's bringing us out of bondage but we're not out of it yet. He's bringing us out of Egypt but we're not out of it yet, and so we start this process of growth through our Passover, through being able to be forgiven of sin.

So, "this corruptible." That's us! "Must put on incorruption." That comes from God. So, that process has to take place before the next phase can take place. **...and this mortal must put on immortality.** That's what it's about. But we can't have that. We can't have the immortality until we go through this, the corruptible, the work.

That's what the work is about. That's what we have to do. We have to put on incorruption, and that takes work. It's a fight. It's a daily fight if we grasp it and comprehend it, to be on guard up here in our minds, about ourselves and what we let in, how we think, what we let out.

This word "put on" in the Greek means "to array oneself; to clothe oneself." Beautiful. We have to put on a certain clothing. We have to become clothed in white or put on the armor of God, if you will. That's the work we have to do.

Romans 13:12—The night is far spent; the day is at hand. For God's people whenever you're called. So, this is being addressed at a certain time. Paul wrote this a long, long time ago, "the night is far spent; the day is at hand." Well, what does that mean? It's for when you're called, when God's working with you and we see the kind of world that's there and the darkness that's there and the change that has to take place within us. And this is a part of what it's addressing.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness. So, we've been called to that. The world hasn't. The day is at hand. And that's what God wants to give to us, the light, the brightness to be able to see and to grasp those things that need to take place in our lives.

...but let us put on, again, clothe one's self. **...let us put on the armor of light.** So again, these are things we're involved in. These are things we have to choose to do. They don't just happen.

So, are we doing that? Do we ever think about that, what it is we're doing and what it is we're to put on? Or we think, "Well, that's a nice scripture." It has to be more than that. It has to be something that's working in our lives. "Put on the armor of light." The truth of God, the word of God, the truths He's given to us.

That's why sometimes I don't know how much we grasp; how much we truly see what God has given to us at the end of this age just before Christ's coming and why that we just happen to live at the wealthiest time of people on earth spiritually. We truly do. We've been given so much just before Christ... Because we live at this time. Not because of how special we are or how great we're doing things. It's just we happen to live now, and this is an awesome time. Truly is. To be able to go through what we're going through, to be molded and fashioned in what God's molding and fashioning in us, that we have no concept yet of what that's all about until we're there. And then you're going to look back and say, "Wow. Now I see."

...cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly. So, wherever there is deception in our life and not honesty, man, we need to fight against that because it hurts us. Deception, being deceived, willingness to believe certain things or to live certain things in our life. And we always have to fight and be on guard.

"Let us walk honestly." Being out in the courtyard is not being honest with God and God knows it. Is it still happening? Yeah, to varying degrees it's still out there. But not as much as it was. Much, much less. But it doesn't mean it can't pop up at any time. That's why we have to be on guard constantly, to fight constantly. That's up to us, each one of us, or it can happen to us.

That's what boggles my mind sometimes. God knows everything in the mind. Why would we want to be deceptive before God? Why would we want to think we can get by with certain things or do certain things that are wrong? Because we don't. We just cut ourselves off from the help that we need in order to change, for this corruption to be putting on incorruption, to be able to become part of God's family. We just hurt ourselves.

Let us walk honestly as in the day, not in reveling – excessive partying it says here – **and drunkenness.** Obviously, you know, in the world, but here? I thought he was talking to the Corinthians there for a moment. He's talking to the Romans. Anyway, just mankind in general and what the world has to come out of.

I had to be called out of that kind of garbage. That's the way I was living my life. We'd be college class in a junior year, and then in my senior year, four o'clock in the afternoon, drunk. Because as soon as classes are out, have classes in the morning, maybe by two o'clock we'd be over there at this place where they... Well, it was a beer hall and dance hall, and they'd have a band there and they'd start early on Fridays because they knew what Fridays meant for them because Friday is the last day of school for the week and let's get them early. So, we'd give into that. We'd go over there and drink until we left woozy. It's just the way it was.

And if you're in that kind of environment God has to call you out of it, kick you in the rear end, or otherwise you just get lost in it if something else doesn't help you to grab your senses at some point in time.

...**not in chambering** (sleeping around, as it is), **wantonness** (unbridled lust). You know, giving in to every carnal desire we like in human life. That's just the way of human beings. That's the way it is in the world as a whole. Some of the stupid things that human beings do. I mean, I can say that now. Back then I couldn't say that because I was one of the stupid human beings. I didn't know any better. Foolish. Dumb. Ignorant of God's way. Didn't care. Last thing on my mind. Course, I didn't know Him anyway.

...**not in strife and envying**. Getting caught up in various things in the world that people do.

But put on the Lord Joshua the Christ, and do not make provisions for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Carnal world, the physical world. Does it have more sway on us than God and God's way of life? Those are things we go through as we grow. Which is more important to us? Why do we do the many kinds of things we do that affect every facet of our life? Well, they better be based on the truth and on God because we want to be at one with God. So, this is what he was addressing to them.

Ephesians 4:22—that you put off concerning the former conduct the old you. Not just "man" it's everyone that's called. Basically means "the old you." The last thing I'd want to come up out of that watery grave – the old you.

...**the former conduct, the old you, which is corrupt.** Must put off this corruption, put on incorruption. It comes from God, the ability to do that. We can't do it on our own.

...**which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.** So again, giving into "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life," those things that human beings lust after because that's what it is. Because we want our way. We think our way is right. Just ask us. We as human beings have our own opinions about pretty much everything. You don't have to watch too much TV and even the news to learn that very quickly. If we can learn.

Verse 23—and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. I love verses like this because that's what God is offering us. How rich are we? To be renewed in the spirit of your mind? To realize... Sometimes I just can't help think about it, how, what an incredible marvel it is that there is something going on up here, a work of God, that is transforming the way I think. I love that! Helping me to see things that I otherwise couldn't see. Helping me to battle things that I otherwise... And constant growing that we are able to go through in life.

It's an awesome thing, it truly is. Being renewed in the spirit of your mind. What could be more precious? What could be more valuable to us in how we think? And the more valuable it really is to us the more we're thankful to God and the more we are rejoicing in spirit because we rejoice in God's way of life then that much more. The more thankful you are the more you're rejoicing in God's way of life, the more it means to you. Beautiful!

...and that you put on the new you. Which God offers us, the new you. Been working on that since 1969. Takes a lot of work. Sometimes a long time. But you don't stop. You never quit because you hold on to it with all your life because this is what you are convicted of because this is what you want.

...which after God is created in... It's created. What an awesome thing to understand. Again, something else sometimes you can't help but think about. We are... You know, there was seven days of recreating things and putting life on the earth, and every Sabbath we're in essence able to think about that because that's what it's all about and that's what the seventh day is, to help us to remember.

But to realize it never stopped? Creation didn't stop. It was just the beginning. That was just a physical thing. The greatest of it all is what God is creating, why it's all there in the first place, why everything else is out there. Creating, working in us if we yield ourselves to it, to God's spirit working in us – working in us by our choice and we then wanting to work with God to accomplish it.

...which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

I'm going to stop there today. We'll come back to some other things there next Sabbath. Going to stop there because I want to read some news.

Last week has been absolutely jam-packed. I'll tell you what, God has told us we have to be ready, and we have to think ahead. We're very unique. Ten years ahead. If it's twenty, whatever it is, beyond that, I won't be around. But again, whatever is God's purpose, so be it. But we do what we can. While we can we keep fighting, we keep working and going forward. But more than ever we have to be ready right now just because of what I'm going to read here today I know...

We've made plans. We have plans on going out to California here in December. We have plans in January to go down to Florida. But to be just as blunt as I can be, I don't know that we're going to be able to. I don't know that of a surety. There have been times in times past when I haven't even thought about... Think, yeah, sure, we can make up that plan, we're going to be there at a certain time. Right now, I'm really not so sure.

And that's the kind of thinking we really need to have so we take this even more seriously and understand this can happen any time. And things are not letting down, they're speeding up. And this world is really, really nuts right now. Things of a conservative movement in Europe that's taking place in some areas that's being hated by so many because there's a very... Oh, I didn't want to go into it. Just like it is here in many parts in that respect, people have swayed now back to a different side and the world is really concerned about that.

They talk about Trump-proofing. They're even doing that in California. Trying to have certain laws and so to Trump-proof California so he can't come in there and do anything that might upset the status quo of what they want in all their liberal ways, of people moving out of the country...out of the state because

they hate it. And the foolish ones...? Well, I shouldn't say that. Some people are caught. Sometimes you can't help where you are.

Anyway, this world is in a mess, and it just gets worse and worse. And you think, how dumb, how dumb to keep pushing the envelope, keep poking the bear. I was watching a thing where some people are out cutting some forest area where there are a lot of grizzlies, and they were carrying guns with them because even going out there with chainsaws and doing what they're doing they have to be careful. And it's like, you sure wouldn't want to go up there and poke one with a stick. They said, "Let's get out of here!" That's the smart thing, to get away from it.

But no, we've got leaders that just keep poking the bear. And someday he's going to turn. But we know the order of it. We know that something else has to happen first. Anyway, awesome.

"At Edge of Blowing Ourselves Up: Jeffrey Sachs Warns of Direct US-Russia Clash"¹ "The world is poised on the edge of blowing itself up, and "it's very shocking", warned world-renowned American economist Jeffrey Sachs. Emphasizing that the conflagration is between two nuclear superpowers, he queried, "Do you know how much we talk about the nuclear risk of this war? Zero."

"According to the economist, any talk in the US about the inherent dangers of a standoff between two nuclear superpowers is deemed *"very bad taste"* and dismissed as *"[Russian President] Putin is just bluffing."* See, it's pretty stupid. Pretty stupid thinking. If that's really what's in people's minds, "He's just bluffing" and playing this game back and forth like Trump does and threatening the worst and then being able to back off a little bit. Keep poking a bear and it's going to bite you.

"The popularity of such a viewpoint in the US may lead to a catastrophic situation, according to the pundit, when there will be no time to say, *"Sorry, we got it wrong."* ... "We'll have one minute before the missile lands... And that's how the world ends," he said. *"This is really very serious and much closer than we think,"* warned Sachs." Now, to me, it's mind-boggling how much these things are being talked about more and more and more, and people are starting to take more note and becoming a little more worried that things can happen. That's why we have to be on top of these things and on top spiritually as well in our own lives.

Another one here: **"Russia launches 120 missiles, drones targeting Ukraine's infrastructure, Zelenskyy says"**² Well, I think we all heard, maybe heard this on the news if we had it on for any period of time this past week. But again here, it's becoming such a norm of this fighting back and forth it's like people just kind of sluff it off and ignore it and not understanding this is like sitting there and turning up the thermostat. Just gets hotter and hotter and hotter. Stupid.

¹ <https://sputnikglobe.com/20241117/at-edge-of-blowing-ourselves-up-jeffrey-sachs-warns-of-direct-us-russia-clash---1120908862.html>

² <https://apnews.com/article/zelenskyy-russia-missiles-drones-ukraine-infrastructure-6af214839d9436731e9b960f0d3a7a8a>

Like the boiling water of the example of the frog – which may or may not be true, but nevertheless, it’s a good analogy. You leave a frog in the water and the idea is that if you start turning it up slowly it just stays there. It doesn’t jump out. It doesn’t recognize the change. Well, that’s kind of the way the world is right now, especially here in the States and in Europe.

Another one here: **“Biden authorizes Ukraine to use long-range US weapons in Russia”**³ You know, we just kind of sluff it off. I mean, this is, has been going on for how long a little bit at a time. That’s the way it happens. Isn’t that amazing, people hear a little bit. It wasn’t that at the beginning, it was something else. “If you send weapons over there, tanks and so forth, more munitions,” so much so that we began to announce that we’re low on munitions. That’s a good thing to let your enemy know. “We’re low. We’re really low right now. Don’t think about that too much but we’re just... We got to think about this ourselves.” Stupid. Stupid. Stupid.

You know, this has been Israel’s problem forever it seems in history, dumb things that we’ve done as nations.

So again, by the time we get to this one here, what was it before? Locked in the tanks finally, and threats about any more coming in, and if you keep supporting them with all these things you’re going to make yourself at some point...that you’re actually going to be said, “You are actually fighting against us because of what you’re doing there. And just because you don’t have troops on the ground...” which, they already have troops on the ground in different places because they have to teach them how to use these things.

Then it became the jets. You remember that? Well, the jets aren’t such a big deal anymore. When you have missiles, jets don’t mean a whole lot. Because who wants to be in a jet flying over there? You don’t have to have too many over there, it’s just a kind of threat and rattling of sabers. But when you start throwing missiles over there and you’re able to reach deeper into Russia, you know, whether it be a hundred miles, two hundred miles, three hundred miles and farther (because they just keep ramping it up the more they give them to get deeper in) well, that’s like slapping the bear up on the side of the head. You’re going to get clawed. I mean, really, how dumb can that be? But we’re pretty dumb.

“Biden authorizes Ukraine to use long-range US weapons in Russia” “President Joe Biden has authorized Ukraine to use powerful long-range American weapons inside Russia, according to two US officials familiar with the decision, as North Korean troops deploy in support of Moscow’s effort.”

“The decision comes as Moscow has deployed nearly 50,000 troops to Kursk, the southern Russian region where Kyiv launched its surprise counteroffensive in the summer, to prepare to take back territory. The weapons are intended to be used primarily in Kursk for now, a US official said. With its huge troop amassment there, Russia is trying to take Kursk off the table as a potential bargaining chip for the

³ <https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/17/politics/biden-authorizes-ukraine-missiles-russian-targets/index.html>

Ukrainians in any future peace talks, something that the US does not want to see. The idea is to help Ukraine hold on to Kursk for as long as possible, the official said.”

“Thousands of North Korean troops have deployed to Kursk as part of Russia’s offensive, sparking concern...” Now, you think, why did they do that? You know they’re going to get something out of it. Money? What is it? Anyway, we’ll get to that.

“Thousands of North Korean troops have deployed to Kursk as part of Russia’s offensive, sparking concern from Biden and his advisers that their entry could lead to a dangerous new phase in the war...” Every little bit has been “a new phase,” “a dangerous new phase.” Well, right now you’re really pushing it. When you get up to the fact that you’re sending rockets, missiles all the way into the country you’ve changed that a lot.

“The US refused to even provide ATACMS [Army Tactical Missile Systems] to Ukraine for the first two years of the war, in part because of readiness concerns as the powerful missiles require time and complex components to produce. But Biden secretly approved the transfer of the long-range ATACMS missiles in February for use inside Ukrainian territory, and the US delivered the missiles in April...” So, I didn’t know that until reading this. They were already there. But that’s why they’ve been waiting around because they haven’t been given permission to use them. Sounds kind of goofy, but anyway, that’s the way it works.

“President Vladimir Putin in September warned the West that Russia could use nuclear weapons if it was struck with conventional missiles, and that Moscow would consider any assault supported by a nuclear power to be a joint attack. The declaration was the Kremlin’s answer to deliberations at the time in the US and Britain about whether to give Ukraine permission to fire conventional Western missiles into Russia.” Insanity! Just pushing it more and more.

So, we’ve been watching this for well over a year, of this continual escalation and pushing and pushing at the bear, though we know it’s not going to come from the bear, the thing that takes place with this country. But that doesn’t mean there can’t be things that happen over there that sharpen the reasoning and thinking of Europeans to all of a sudden decide something a little bit different. Because right now they’re really in large part supporting Ukraine and trying to do these things and great hopes that someone is going to come along and cause peace to exist before they go into office. It’s like, “Okay.” Anyway, I’ll believe it when I see it.

So, we keep going through these things. And it doesn’t mean that time, that something couldn’t happen and time level out for a while, five years or more. These things can happen. But right now, they’re very dangerous and we need to be prepared.

Another article: **"In "Major Policy Shift" Biden Authorizes Ukraine's Use Of US Missiles To Hit Targets Inside Russia"**⁴ So, another one here.

"The approval represents a major U.S. policy shift and comes as the deep state-supported, dementia-ridden puppet Joe Biden is about to leave office and incoming President-elect Donald Trump has said he would bring about a swift end to the war and has expressed skepticism over continued support by the United States."

"In other words, Biden's puppet masters are..." You can obviously see the... Everything you read in any kind of news you should know what way they...where they are, where they stand. But what they say, have to listen to different things because there is truth contained in different portions. I don't care whether it be *TASK*, *RT*—Russian News, *Al Jazeera*, *France 24*, anything coming out of Britain, everybody has a slant. And even within the countries. Like here, we have a couple of big slants with the news over here.

"In other words, Biden's puppet masters are urgently seeking to escalate the war in Ukraine to make the quick ceasefire sought by Trump impossible." Now, you know, I don't know that they're really that smart to think this out. You mean, we're going to try to start a war before he gets into office because we want him to... This is all about politics? It's just stupidity and foolishness and ignorance and dumb things that people do. And there's a power out there working right now, moving and motivating. I hope we understand that. There is a being out there that is stirring things up, and when he's given the go-ahead he's going to go ahead.

That's happened at different times in history where God has given him the go-ahead, and his demonic kingdom, to go ahead and do various things. Just as in different wars, they've been given the go-ahead. They can't do it until God says okay. God is in control and God allows for those things for a purpose and for a reason, so that mankind can learn, have the potential to learn at least, the greatest lessons that human beings can learn. Think about it.

"... Putin warned that If Ukraine uses U.S. long-range missiles to strike Russia, the "United States is at war with Russia." So, if you look at that for what it says then either he believes that, or they don't. And there are many in Russia who do, so when will they act? How are they going to act? Are they going to act? What will they do first? Will there be a nuclear weapon go off in Ukraine before long? Don't know. But if it does it's going to change the world soon, very quick, and a lot of things are going to follow behind it and follow behind it very quick as well.

"And just to underscore that mushroom clouds are coming, Putin since said that Russia "will use nuclear weapons if a mass enemy missile or UAV is launched towards Russia, or when these weapons cross into Russian territory." Well, it's happened so how long are they going to tolerate it? What has to be struck? How much farther? There are missiles that can go further than the ones they just used. And if they keep

⁴ <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/major-policy-shift-biden-authorizes-ukraines-use-us-missiles-hit-targets-inside-russia>

going deeper and deeper how long do you think they're going to hold off? Do you think they're going to give them missiles, do you think they already have missiles that can go deeper? And that's where we are. What's going to happen before now and January, late January?

Another article: **“On 1,000th day of the war, Ukraine hits targets inside Russia with U.S.-made missile system”**⁵ “One thousand days ago, Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine marked that grim milestone with a first, using a long-range American missile system to hit a target inside Russia. Also Tuesday, Russia updated its nuclear doctrine that says it could use nuclear weapons if attacked by a conventionally armed country supported by a nuclear power.” Both sides keep pushing. You know, if it keeps going like this you think one man is going to change it? Only if it's God's timing to do so.

Another one here. It's related to it: **“Putin updates Russia's nuclear doctrine after Biden's arms decision on Ukraine”**⁶ “Under the updated doctrine issued Tuesday, Moscow will consider aggression from any non-nuclear state – but with the participation of a nuclear country – a joint attack on Moscow. The Kremlin began this fresh round of nuclear saber-rattling Tuesday, saying the revised military doctrine would in theory lower the bar to first use of nuclear weapons.”

Another article: **“Germany planning for WW3 with 1,000-page secret doc ‘Operation Deutschland’ along with 800k NATO troops & 200k vehicles”**⁷ “Germany is ramping up its national security as fears loom that Vladimir Putin's bloody war in Ukraine may develop into a worldwide inferno. Nuclear fears have spilled over after Russia was forced to admit that it was struck by Ukraine with American ATACMS missiles overnight.” Some of this stuff is just mind-boggling.

Another one here: **“Ukraine fires long-range UK Storm Shadow missiles into Russia, sources say”**⁸ “Ukraine fired British long-range Storm Shadow missiles into Russian territory for the first time on Wednesday, Bloomberg reported, citing an anonymous Western official. Another official confirmed the report to Reuters on condition of anonymity. [Really brave soul.] The news comes as Ukraine called on its Western allies not to fuel tension inside the country after a string of embassies in Kyiv announced they would close, citing the threat of a "massive air attack" from Russia on the capital.”

Another article: **“Europe Braces For War As Biden Shovels More Fuel On The Fire”**⁹ This is a change or a growing change of thinking over there in Europe. And we see them pushing in a certain direction but

⁵ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/on-1000th-day-of-war-ukraine-hits-targets-inside-russia-with-u-s-made-missile-system>

⁶ <https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/19/europe/putin-russia-update-nuclear-doctrine-ukraine-intl/index.html>

⁷ <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/31806520/germany-world-war-three-secret-doc-nato/>

⁸ <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20241120-live-us-to-provide-ukraine-with-antipersonnel-mines-to-bolster-defences-against-russian-forces>

⁹ <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/europe-braces-war-biden-shovels-more-fuel-fire>

what's going to make them put on the brakes at some point and realize the problem is over here? They don't want a war.

If Russia does something in Ukraine in a massive way, which they very easily could and probably will before it's over with, that's going to shake up Europe in a very powerful way because then the reality of what they've been saying all along, "We want to hit your cities. We want to hit Paris. We want to hit London. We want to hit 'this,' and..." is going to become a real thing to them. And that's basically the only thing that can really change their thinking to a different thinking.

We need to see these things as they're coming to pass, as they're in front of us, because they all fit in.

"As the mainstream press in the United States continues to obsess with imaginary threats from Trump's army of "fascist" supporters, the Europeans are focused on the very real possibility that the Biden–Harris administration is going to start World War III on its way out the door." To think that, that that's what they're doing, and you really believe that? That's some scary stuff over there. Not here.

"All over the continent, military and civilian authorities are working hard on civil defense preparations and planning for armed conflict with Russia. Lest anyone think that the prospect of a Russian nuclear attack on Europe is purely the stuff of science fiction, we should recall that secret documents obtained earlier this year by the Financial Times revealed an extensive Russian plan to target strategic sites deep inside Europe with nuclear missiles. This plan was part of a broader strategy to overwhelm NATO forces and win a conflict with the alliance. The documents included maps of targets in countries such as the United Kingdom and France."

So, you talk about iron and clay? It's these situations that are going to change their thinking to where they decide to use the iron.

"The Europeans understand exactly what is happening and are bracing for what may now be inevitable. Joe and Kamala, and whoever advises them, are shoveling more fuel on the fire and doing their level best to start a world war as they head for the door."

Another one here: "**Top US Admiral Sounds Alarm on Weapons Stockpile**"¹⁰ Now, here comes some brilliant, brilliant advertising. "Admiral Samuel Paparo expressed concerns that American forces in the Pacific could be impacted due to weapons like Patriot missiles being shipped overseas, pointing in particular to regional threats posed by China. "With some of the Patriots that have been employed, some of the air-to-air missiles that have been employed, it's now eating into stocks, and to say otherwise would be dishonest," Paparo said, according to Reuters. "Inherently, it imposes costs on the readiness of America to respond in the Indo-Pacific region, which is the most stressing theater for the quantity and quality of

¹⁰ <https://www.newsweek.com/us-navy-admiral-sounds-alarm-weapons-stockpile-samuel-paparo-1988586>

munitions, because the PRC [People's Republic of China] is the most capable potential adversary in the world," he added."

So, let them know we're using the patriots in different places and spreading them out and we don't have enough. Those are our defenses. You think, what are you going to defend? How are you going to defend all the ships that are out there? You don't have enough. All you have to do is, like... Look what Iran did, just lob several hundred over. Something will get through. How much worse when they're bigger munitions?

"North Korea's Kim accuses US of stoking tension, warns of nuclear war"¹¹ This guy keeps popping up, and there's a reason for it. He's still going to be on the world scene here in what he's able to do, what he does. He's so paranoid it's not even funny. And candidly, Russia and China take advantage of that. That's how they work. "Got a little puppet over here, he's paranoid, let's feed him some stuff. The United States is seeking to conquer us and overcome..." So, he's doing crazy things. He really is. Someday he's going to snap.

"Russia supplied air defense missiles to North Korea in return for its troops, South Korea says"¹² There we go. They're supplying... Why? "Well, we're going to supply..." "You give us all these troops and we're going to supply you with defense missiles because the threat is real and South Korea, and the United States are about ready to attack you." They keep feeding false information, and after a while, "Yeah, I'll send troops up there. You bet! Give me those missiles, defenses, and everything else because we've got to protect ourselves because they're out to get us." Paranoid. That's all you need is some crazy person in the world like that. I mean, so wacky and so out of it that...?

"Russia says hypersonic missile strike on Ukraine was a warning to 'reckless' West"¹³ So, they tried to downplay it, the United States has in the news, and yes, it was an ICBM, and we had a... and it didn't carry a nuclear obviously, but they had a huge munition there it fired upon in Ukraine, and they know that it was. But other news sources let you know, no, it was hypersonic, and they wanted the West to know. They knew exactly how fast it came in. They know exactly. The US knows exactly how fast that thing was. But is the country told that? No.

Another article: **"Putin isn't bluffing – we're slowly entering a catastrophe,' claims Kremlin ally"**¹⁴ "An ominous warning by an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin has been issued – "he isn't bluffing". The claim relates to the potential threat of Russia using nuclear missiles after the US

¹¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/north-koreas-kim-accuses-us-stoking-tension-warns-nuclear-war-kcna-says-2024-11-21/>

¹² <https://apnews.com/article/north-korea-troops-ukraine-russia-missile-1efc0e29d5d6225fb85891ef6c822e4c>

¹³ <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/kremlin-says-hypersonic-missile-strike-ukraine-was-warning-west-2024-11-22/>

¹⁴ <https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/world-news/putin-isnt-bluffing--were-34165289>

gave Ukraine permission to launch American-made missiles into Putin's territory. Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, who claims to know Putin “well”, told journalists asking him about Russia using medium-range intercontinental ballistic missiles against Ukraine: “If anyone thinks that you can shoot at Russian territory with anything, using Western logistics, Western weapons, and that this will remain unanswered, and that Putin will not use all the tools and means that he deems necessary, you either do not know him or you are crazy.”

Pretty well put. I think it's the latter.

“Terrifying Infographic Shows Reach Of Russia's New Hypersonic Missile: 'London In 20 Minutes’”¹⁵ “After warning that Russia's newly deployed 'Oreshnik' nuclear-capable hypersonic missile is able to reach any European capital, at a top speed of Mach 10+ —which is significantly faster than a bullet—Russian state media issued the below ominous infographic.”

“It touts that Eastern European capitals could be hit in a matter of a few minutes and that Berlin is reachable in only 15. It lists capitals as far away from the Kapustin Yar rocket launch complex like London and Paris as reachable by the Oreshnik in just 20 minutes. This means if proverbial all hell broke loose and WW3 came to Europe, these populations would have very little time to reach shelter. ... Vladimir Putin warned back in July, “Today, the development of such systems in Russia is nearing completion. We will take mirror measures to deploy them, taking into account the actions of the United States, its satellites in Europe and in other regions of the world.””

“A day after Russia's attack on Ukraine with what were clearly big, very fast and new intermediate-range missiles, which many outlets initially reported to be an ICBM...” So, see, that's what they were saying, and they didn't tell what they really were. “...the Kremlin is touting that it launched a cutting-edge hypersonic missile for which there is no defensive intercept capability.” This really should cause people to sit up and take a little bit... I mean, if you have any brains at all and you're in Europe and you're a leader over there, and you realize what he could do very quickly with these and it doesn't take very long to put some nuclear capability in these (and they already probably have some), but anyway, to start thinking, rethinking what you're doing. Because that's his hope, obviously, and intended purpose in all this.

Going on here: “Russia says that Washington has now understood and been able to grasp Putin's warnings and red lines more clearly following the missile strike a Ukrainian defense industry facility in Dnepropetrovsk Thursday morning. The new hypersonic weapon, dubbed 'Oreshnik' is capable of delivering a nuclear warhead.” So again.

¹⁵ <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/russia-confirms-it-hit-ukraine-new-hypersonic-oreshnik-missile-capable-reaching-any>

One last one: **“US Doesn't Possess, Isn't Even Working on Missile With Oreshnik's Characteristics: Experts”**¹⁶ This is coming out of Russia. And I believe it's true. Just because something comes out of Russia doesn't mean it's false.

“The unique feature of the Oreshnik missile system is that this is a hypersonic medium-range missile flying at a speed of Mach 10,” retired Russian Army colonel and military analyst Viktor Litovkin told Sputnik. “The West does not have missiles that fly at such speeds...” That ought to be very sobering, but it doesn't seem to be to the West. “...or hypersonic missiles in general,” Litovkin said, emphasizing that the Mach 5-5.5 speeds boasted by US missile systems that are in development including Dark Eagle and OpFires program aren't truly hypersonic – which “begins at Mach 6 or 7,” in the observer's estimation.”

So, you think, nothing. That's the whole point that he's trying to tell everybody, “These things go Mach 10. The best you can do is Mach 5. Who do you think is going to win if you keep pushing this?” Shows the craziness in the world. Shows he may have a little more sense than the West, I don't know, in some things. Who wants really an all-out nuclear war if they know what they can do? And Russia fully well knows what can happen in a nuclear war. They may have a lot more fear of that than what the West does. I don't know. That seems to be the case. Maybe? I don't know.

Think the world has gone crazy?

So, that's why we're still planning on going to California, we're still planning on going to Florida in January. But I'll be real candid with you, I don't know that it'll happen. I hope. But at some time, this has to take place and we have to be ready for it.

¹⁶ <https://sputnikglobe.com/20241122/us-doesnt-possess-isnt-even-working-on-missile-with-oreshniks-characteristics---experts-1120968866.html>