

Friday with Fred – August 25, 2017



*You Say the Times are Evil?
Live Nobly and You Will Change the Times.*
St. Augustine

It is delusional to think that this present hour is not a crucial hour in our country. The insightful words of Cicero provide a compressed summary and expansive description of a truth from the ancient past that might apply to the actual present and perhaps into the foreseeable future.

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. The traitor is the plague."

To bring this warning from ancient history to our contemporary society hear the prescient words of one of our nation's greatest heroes, General Douglas MacArthur;

"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."

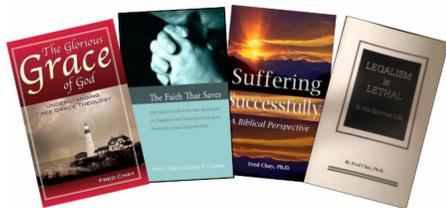
These are strong and solemn words and whether they are prophetic or only a distant possibility you must be the judge. But regardless of our nation's future, the present reality is that for those of us who name the name of Christ; we are ambassadors for Christ whoever we are and wherever we are. An ambassador lives in a foreign land, represents one government to another government and introduces people to people. We are to represent Jesus Christ our King and present Him to others as we live in this foreign land. And although our nation is becoming a more hostile host environment for Christians to live out their faith, the New Testament teaches that Christianity is not dependent on environment but on relationship. The spiritual law of thermodynamics declares: the greater the heat the greater the expansion.

Jesus was able to flex two muscles at the same time, Conviction and Compassion, to a lost and dying world. As His ambassadors, we must do the same.

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred

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