

## Who's In Charge?

The government of the entire universe is His [God's]. (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 135:6; Daniel 4:35).

On the eve of a national election, when people across the spectrum are worried that the end of the world may be just around the corner, I have a thought or two which may bring us to peace. Who is really in charge of the world? To push it even further, who is in charge of all things?

Surely we must know, after all this time, that God is in charge.

So let us trust that "though the Rockies may tumble, Gibraltar may tumble, they're only made of clay, our love is here to stay." To push the words of the old Nat King Cole song even higher than romantic love--the love, power, and influence of God are forever.

In fact, if we truly trust that God is in charge, there is no need to worry about anything. Perhaps the reason so many are worried, is that we don't pray enough, trust in God enough, focus on the eternal enough. Martin Luther is famous for commenting, "I have so much to do today that I'm going to need to spend three hours in prayer in order to be able to get it all done."

What our country needs now more than anything is prayer. Hours, days, weeks, months, years of millions of people praying to be able to trust that God is truly in charge. Then, lifetimes, governments, countries, planets, and universes are all seen as temporary, but God's plan is forever.

Where do we spend most of our time? Everywhere but the one place that is most important. Church. A place where worship, prayer, and spiritual focus take leadership, and show us how we must live in the rest of time.

"If you don't take a Sabbath, something is wrong," writes Eugene Peterson.

"You're doing too much, you're being too much in charge. You've got to quit, one day a week, and just watch what God is doing when you're not doing anything."

We must pray prayers like the one below.

"May He who holds in his hands the destinies of nations, make you worthy of the favors He has bestowed, and enabled you with pure hearts and hands and sleepless vigilance, to guard and defend to the end of time, the great charge He has committed to your keeping." J. Reuben Clark

Perhaps we must pray for God to change our attitude. If we think we know more than others, then we prove to ourselves that we don't. Humility is the proven mark of a true Christian. All others apply at the gate!

“The longer I live,” says Charles Swindoll, “the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are **in charge** of our Attitudes.”

As we live and learn, we find that letting God take charge of our attitudes makes a profound difference. We are less stressed, less opinionated, and better liked. Humility, vision, and love will stand out, and the more prickly anger, pride, and anger will fade away.

If we become servants of God, and truly treat others the way we would want to be treated, ie, do unto others as we would have them do unto us, we will be happier, find renewed purpose for living, and worry a lot less.

We will go to the polls to elect a new president in just a few days. We must go there, and only after deep prayer for the values and future of this country. Political ideologies must be set aside to find the courage to act and trust in God's plan above that of all humans. A question which might help is “How can more prayer, more love, more faith be made possible?”

When we trust that God in Christ is truly king of kings, above all powers, and lord of lords, we will be on the way to discovering who is in charge. And how it changes things.

Remember, when the Roman government, totally in power thought they could get rid of Jesus, he was in charge. The Roman Empire is long gone, but Jesus is still here, and in fact, is everywhere.

I am deeply in prayer for the church, for the country, and for the world. We must rediscover unity, faith, and love if we are going to be the kind of people God wants us to be. No matter what, remember dear reader, that God is still in charge!