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## How Should We Respond to Chaos? A Christian's Response to Our World

**“O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;  
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,  
Or in things too difficult for me.  
Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;  
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,  
My soul is like a weaned child within me.” Psalm 131:1-2**

I don't need to give you a list of abuses and twisted morals for you to know that our culture is decaying. We all see many examples on the news each day and even on our favorite shows. How should we, as Christians, respond?

1. **We should respond by living the joy-filled Christian life.** Contentment and peace are enticing. Others will want to know how you stay calm and joyful in the midst of persecution or hardships. God calls us to such a life in spite of our tribulations. Contentment comes from looking at God's blessings and praising Him daily for every benefit. The opposite of contentment is grumping, griping, and complaining. We should not put on a fake joy or a false love, but the joy that comes from sitting at the feet of Jesus and spending time with Him through prayer and His Word.
2. **We should share the truth with grace and love.** This requires relationships. Truth without grace and love is harsh. Grace and love without truth is deceptive. Relationships allow us to listen to someone's heart, hear their hurts, and earn us a right to share in return.

How can you get into a relationship with someone in need? The Z generation are those 6-24 years of age. This could be your children, your sisters, your brothers, your cousins, your grandchildren, the teller at the bank, or the clerk at the store. They are disillusioned through media, screen time, cultural norms, etc.... This group has a corrupted view of Christianity called Moral Therapeutic Deism. Their goal is happiness and success. They don't believe God makes any demands on them, and 60% deal with anxiety and depression. Read more at: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Moralistic-Therapeutic-Deism.html>

We need to engage those around us in conversation, share a meal with them, go to a ballgame together. This is community. In community individuals learn and change.

3. **We should respond by knowing the end of the story.** We are at a unique place in history. With President Trump having moved the American Embassy to Jerusalem and signing a peace treaty with the United Arab Emirates, we are seeing prophesy fulfilled. This is exciting and scary! The end means the rapture for those who are God's, but to the neighbor who doesn't know God, it will be a time of great anguish, destruction, and fear.

Have you quieted your soul like a weaned child who no longer needs their mother for sustenance, but rather, chooses to come to her for hugs of comfort and arms of understanding? Are you at such peace with God that nothing can rattle your chain?

God is our refuge and strength.  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change  
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;  
Though its waters roar and foam.  
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Psalm 46:1-3

Read Dara's blogs

## Upcoming Events

Conventions for homeschooling are done for 2021. If you would like Dara to come and speak at your church, women's retreat or homeschool group, contact her at 325-450-9711.



## Service Spotlight

Practical Proverbs for the Older Student has gone to print!

This Russian version will be distributed to 14 Russian speaking nations including the Russians in Israel. Thank you for your contributions. Abiding Truth Ministry is giving Mission Eurasia permission to print and distribute our books for free. Your donations make this project possible. thank you!

I have never seen such a good handbook on Proverbs yet, and it seems to me that all the main topics of upbringing the young generation are being worked out well here. I think we should make it available in our country and everywhere. (Youth Pastor Pavel Trkarchuk, Moscow)

We are now working on collecting enough to print Practical Proverbs for the Younger Student. It is still in translation.

We are also accepting donations to help us translate Living Beautifully and Living Gracefully into Russian. The Russian people, pastors, and teachers are excited about getting these tools into the hands of their people. Thank you for your contributions.

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