

# Notes:

Sermon Text

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Spiritual “To Do List”  
(things God has shown me today)

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## *In the light of recent events*

For most Americans, the *morality of the American culture* has been their church (a lot of us have been more patriotic about America than passionate about the local church...). Powerful and certain voices in our American government have seemed somewhat to pastor us (with some exceptions). We were *American* and that somehow made us good, even *Christian*.

Now, the *Church* actually is going to have to become our church if we hope to be part of a moral society. Nothing new... Think about it; our idea of prosperity might start having something to do actually with the Kingdom of Heaven, instead of our earthly successes (II Chronicles 31:21). So, open your church doors a little wider – every Christian a missionary.

I believe great days are ahead for the Church! Great to be alive on earth, serving Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit!

—The Rev. Chris D. Cravens, pastor of the Bible Methodist Church in Findlay Ohio. September 5, 2015. Used by permission. (*Emphases added*)

Wonder why the American flag is displayed in so many churches? It could be because under that flag for over 200 years we have had the freedom as an individual or community, in public or private, to follow our religion or beliefs in teaching, practice, worship, and observance.



