

ONE DECADE LATER...

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September 11, 2001, a day that will be forever remembered in our country. We were having a Gospel Meeting that week in Beaver creek, OH. I can still remember watching in disbelief as the second plane slammed into the World Trade Center towers. Then no more than an hour later watch both towers come crumbling down. Death, chaos, destruction and untold sadness to the families that had lost precious members of their household. Husbands, wives, children, parents and grandparents whose lives were changed in an instant! Ten years later I still remember these lessons...

Uncertainty of Life. "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." {James 4:14} People went to work that morning, boarded planes, all believing they would be home that evening. They told their loved ones good-bye expecting to see them again shortly – but tragically never did!

Evil choices men can make. "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." {Joshua 24:15} God made men free moral agents and with that choice men can make choices they hurt other people. Twenty men, in the name of false religion, chose to die and take thousands of innocents' people with them. God never blinded them to truth – Satan did 2 Corinthians 4:4

The Love God has for me. "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." {Hebrews 13:5}.

Do you remember how people were praying everywhere? Churches full of people on bended knee making petitions to God. People doing anything they could to help the victims of this national nightmare. Yes, men surely understood they need God's help in such times. Sadly, when things returned to normal, they forgot about Him again. Ten years later, what did we learn? ***