



## Lessons for Life

### The Case For Declining Values

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#### I. Where It All Began:

#### 3 DESTRUCTIVE PHILOSOPHIES:

##### 1. INDIVIDUALISM

Says: "I have to do what's best for me."

*"In those days Israel had no [authority] so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." Judges 21:25 (NLT)*

## 2. SECULARISM

Says: "God is not necessary."

*"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped created things rather than the Creator." Romans 1:25 (NIV)*

## 3. RELATIVISM

Says: "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere."

"There are no absolute truths."

*"...They are hopelessly confused...Their closed minds are full of darkness; they are far away from the life of God. They don't care anymore about right and wrong."*

Ephesians 4:17-18 (NLT)

## II. What It All Cost:

*"Where there is ignorance of God, the people run wild."*  
Proverbs 29:18 (LB)

*"Destruction is certain for those who say that evil is good and good is evil; that dark is light and light is dark." Isaiah 5:20 (LB)*

*"A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order." Proverbs 29:18 (GN)*

*"When the foundations of life are undermined, what can good people do?" Psalm 11:3 (GWT)*

### **III. What Has To Change:**

*"God shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time." Proverbs 2:9 (LB)*

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)*

- Truth is UNIVERSAL
- Truth is UNCHANGING

*"God's Word is a flashlight to light the path ahead of me and keep me from stumbling." Psalm 119:105 (LB)*

*"Those who listen to God's instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be happy."  
Prov. 16:20 (NLT)*