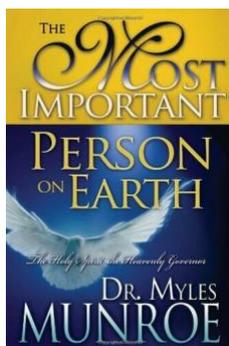


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Taking Responsibility For Our Lives

If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay everyone according to what they have done? --- Proverbs 24: 12

Already, we are at the start of the fifth month of this year. Since we have been anchoring down safely at home to help curb the spread of COVID-19, it has sometimes felt like being in a bubble and separated from the fullness of all that life has to offer. The restrictions we have had to abide by are a blessing compared to the consequences of catching the virus. While its victims are fighting for their lives to overcome its havoc on their bodies, the rest of us have had only to remain stationary, stay healthy, and pray. *As love does* – throughout this pandemic - we have utilized every other means of communications and interactions to check up on each other, stay informed, and assist our senior citizens and those with needs. We thank God and we thank you for your faithfulness.

However, some of our national and state leaders have shifted their initial concern from saving as many lives as possible to making light of the current stage of the virus. They are encouraging us to resume our normal activities, particularly in venues where people gather. It appears that the virus is taking too long to finish its course, and the world's leadership isn't comfortable unless its currency systems are running in full effect. The things we have witnessed the nation's leader recommend as a way to quickly clearing up the virus in sick patients are abhorrent. Be it a script or an adlib, no such expressions for another human life comes from a heart that honors the authority of God. And especially in this time of crisis, the last thing people need to hear is any form of sarcasm and foolish ideas.

Unfortunately, this is exactly what we are facing, but we do not have to fear the mandates that put our lives at risk. We can use prayerful discernment in deciding what will be in the best interest for ourselves and each other. God will not fail us. He has given us the mandate in Deuteronomy 31:6 that says, "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you.*" God has a plan. Life will get better. Let's continue to boldly stand firm in our faith in God and take responsibility for our lives. From beginning to end, we are in this together with Jesus. *Amen.*

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