

8. OUR NEED FOR SECURITY

There is something within us which craves the security the infant feels in its mother's arm's. Carl Jung

We tend to look for security in such things as money, real estate, pensions and investments. But, with material things as our sole security and with life so uncertain, temporal goods don't offer any kind of permanence. Fire, theft, decay and death can instantly wipe out our possessions.

We cannot buy security. Can fame and fortune help when you face the great crises of life? When your doctor says gently, "I am sorry, but you have cancer." Or when a policeman calls to say, "your son is involved in a serious car accident." Under such terrible blows what assurance can material things offer?

Today we have more knowledge, but less wisdom; fancier houses, but more broken homes. We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. As general Carlos Romido stated at the U.N., "We have harnessed the atom, but we will never make war obsolete until we find a force that will bridle the passions of men and nations."

Pollster George Gallup says, "Our society is reaching the end of its emotional resources; and when that happens people turn to God." This means that a great spiritual vacuum exists in our hearts waiting to be filled. As a parent, you realize that unless you show your children a higher standard of values, they certainly will not find it in the secular world. Perhaps you have climbed the ladder of success only to find it leaning against the wrong wall!

If you listen to the news these days, it is not hard to find reasons for feeling uncertain over the future. We hear reports of the plight of refugees, terrorist attacks, unemployment, marriage and family breakdown, child abuse and more.

Therefore, I believe there is one essential that we all must have in order to survive and that is HOPE! In an atomic age, with no place to hide, our only hope for the future must be grounded in Someone greater and stronger than ourselves. Our only real security is not in bombs, medicare or armed guards, but rather in the all-powerful, all-knowing God and Creator of the universe who is greater than our problems and can provide a peace and security beyond anything this world can offer.

We have needs this world cannot meet and longings it cannot satisfy. If all our values are material ones, then in the end we will lose everything. Therefore, we must live for those eternal values that money cannot buy, and time and death cannot destroy.

The early Christians faced death singing hymns of praise, because they could say, "*Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us*" (Romans 8:39 TLB).