What You Can Do for Your Country

Proverbs 14:34
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1. Pray for your country.
   Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:1–2

2. Prioritize your family.
   Col. 3:18–21

3. Work for a living.
   2 Thess. 3:6–15

4. Be involved in your church.
   Heb. 10:24–25

5. Love your fellow man.
   Rom. 13:8; 1 Peter 2:17

6. Minister to “the least of these.”
   Matt. 25:31–40

7. Take care of your finances.
   Luke 16:10–11

8. Share the Gospel.
   Acts 8:35; Rom. 1:16

   Matt. 28:19–20; 2 Tim. 2:2

10. Know you’re saved and filled with the Spirit and live a holy life.
    2 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 5:18; Heb. 12:14

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1. Shrinking back displeases God. Living by faith pleases God. *Heb. 10:38*

What is shrinking back? It is spiritually, physically, mentally, or emotionally drawing back from the challenging circumstances, which are often the will of God.

A. Shrinking back is the sin before the sin.

B. Shrinking back is the attitude before the action.

What is faith? Faith is a confidence in and a commitment to the will of God. Faith is not shrinking back, but running forward.

We see faith in the life of David. *1 Sam. 17:11, 24, 48*

2. Shrinking back leads to destruction. Living by faith perseveres (gives life to) the soul. *Heb. 10:39*

Two men who initially pleased God, but who ultimately allowed a mentality of shrinking back to ruin their lives.

A. David. *2 Sam. 11:1; 12:10*

B. Asa. *2 Chron. 14:2–5; 16:1–3, 9*