

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
9. [Make disciples](#).
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



The Peril of Shrinking Back

Hebrews 10:38–39

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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*

