

A Mission Warning

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Matthew 24:1-14

The French political thinker and historian Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-59) visited America and wrote a two-volume set entitled, *Democracy in America*. He wrote that he sought for the greatness of America in its large harbors, ample rivers, expansive prairies, rich mines, and commerce, but did not discover it there. Rather, he found America's greatness in its churches and heard its "pulpits aflame with righteousness." "America is great because she is good." But he warned, "If America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Many feel America's goodness is slipping; in fact, not just in America, but in the whole world in which we live.

Tocqueville's warning applies also to the spiritual realm. Drifting from our mission of serving God must be avoided at all costs. David Busic states that those charged with spiritual leadership face many diversions from many directions. To pay careful, humble, and relentless attention to the heart of our mission is an essential part of faithful leadership.

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