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To bring back to life that which has died or been unconscious.

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*The clear decline of
biblical Christianity
in Western culture
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...and, to a
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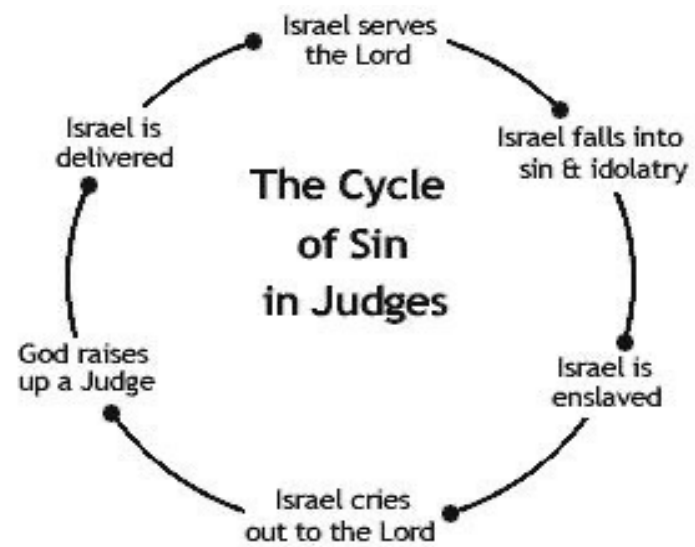
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Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society's own level, and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender.

A.W. Tozer 1963
[The Pursuit of God](#)







THE OFT-REPEATED CYCLE OF CHURCH HISTORY



Self-identifying evangelicals in the United States believe:

- 65% We are born innocent in God's eyes.
- 48% God changes by learning and adapting.
- 26% The Bible is helpful but not literally true.
- 43% Jesus was a great teacher, but He was not God.
- 38% Religious belief is not an objective truth.
- 62% The Holy Spirit is not real.
- 60% You can earn your way to heaven.
- 37% Gender identity is a matter of choice.



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- disappointment,
- destruction,
- and disaster.

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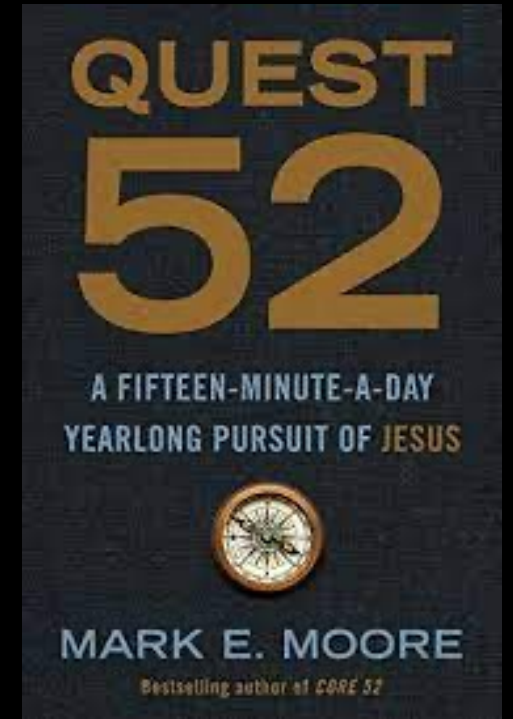
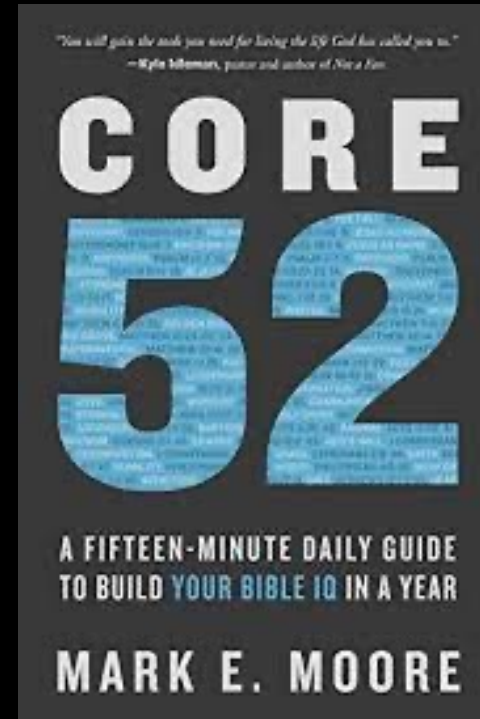
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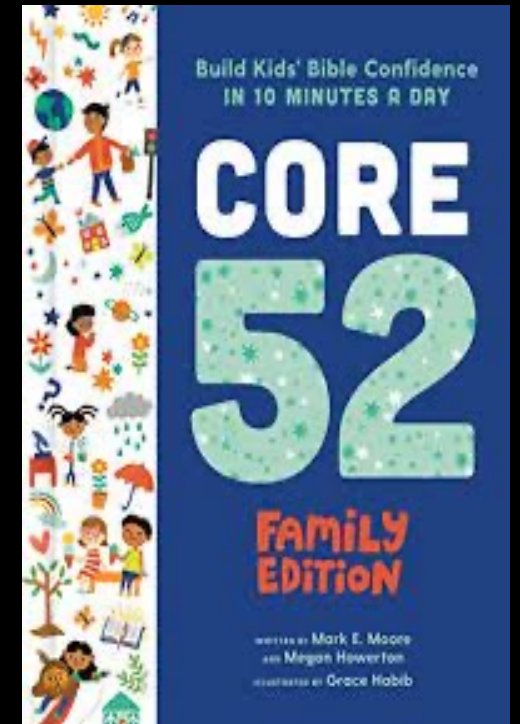
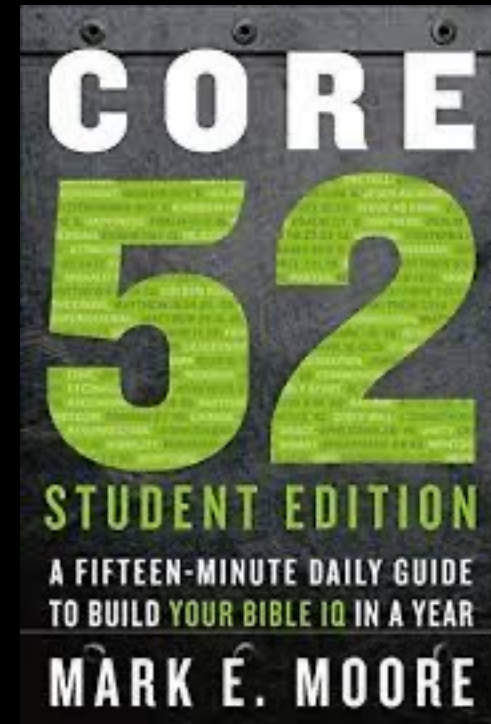
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7. There is always an excessive fringe of revival
8. There is often a mainstream cultural backlash
9. Sometimes conservative, traditional church leaders become uncomfortable
10. There is usually a significant and real impact on society

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- Billy Sunday (1862-1935)

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When sincere Christians...

are more grieved and distressed
by their own sin
than they are by the evil
in the world around them.

Repentance

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When sincere Christians...

are captured by the majesty of Christ
and His rightful authority in their lives
and in the world.

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When sincere Christians...

understand that the holiness of God is so attractive that they want their lives to be aligned with everything that He is about.

Value Kingdom

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When sincere Christians...

are compelled to pray for those
in their neighborhoods,
in their workplaces,
in their schools,
in their government,.....

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When sincere Christians...

get involved
in seeking the welfare of their community
and of the people in their circles of influence.

Volunteer

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When sincere Christians...

have a heart to share the undying hope
that they have graciously been given
by Christ through His sacrificial love.

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There is an incredible need for Christians to examine their lives and to consider which things to step away from and which to stand against in a culture that is contributing to its confusion, destruction, and disaster.

Revival is the visitation of God

which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's near presence and holiness. Thence springs a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart in repentance, praise, and love, with an evangelistic outflow.

- J.I. Packer



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