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## WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?

(Psalm 11:1-7)

### INTRODUCTION

(v3) "If the foundations be destroyed, **what can the righteous do?**"

"Foundations" - God exists; His eternal purpose; church; home; civil society; morals; etc.

Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, stated ...  
Hymn #457 How Firm A Foundation

"Destroyed" - foundations being attacked, under-mined, and discredited; to tear down.

"Righteous" - God's people; those who do right; in harmony with God and His Word.

"Do" - activity; involved in a task; habitually practice; achieve.

### 1. CONTINUE, REMAIN STEDFAST, IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

This principle is illustrated in the case of Sodom.

(Gen. 18:20) "... their sin is very grievous," and God would destroy it.  
Abraham pleaded, (v23) "Will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?"  
(v32) "I will not destroy it for ten's sake."  
Think of it! The presence of ten righteous people could have spared the city.

(Prov. 14:34) "Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

(Titus 2:11-12) "... we should live ... righteously ..."

### 2. BE READY TO STAND THE TEST

(2 Tim. 3:12) "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"

Words to hymn: Ready To Suffer

(1 Peter 4:16) "Yet if any suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed ..."

### 3. PRAY FOR OUR WORLD LEADERS - (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

### 4. PREACH THE GOSPEL - (Romans 1:16)

CLOSE - (Mark 16:15-16) "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved ..."