

THE NINE MANIFESTOS WE CAN EMBRACE

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I: WE WILL REMAIN ROOTED TO THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES.

In a world where truth is feelings-based, we will remain rooted to the Christian Scriptures and their life-giving direction.

II: WE WILL TRAIN OUR YOUNG.

In a society of educated ignorance and blindness, we will train our young in the freedom, knowledge, and power of Christian truth.

III: WE WILL BE KNOWN FOR DOING GOOD.

In a world where Christians are labeled as bigots or backward, we will be known for doing good, serving the least of these and loving our neighbors.

IV: WE WILL DIGNIFY ALL PEOPLE AS IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD.

In a world where people are treated as commodities or as opponents, we will dignify all people as image bearers of God.

V: WE WILL BE AMBASSADORS.

In a post-Christian world, we will be ambassadors to foreign tribes, behaving diplomatically toward neighbors who have been told the worst about Christianity.

VI: WE WILL LOVE OUR PERSECUTORS.

In a world where opponents are vilified and crucified, we will love our persecutors.

VII: WE WILL REMAIN CALM.

In a world competing for limited resources, driven by fear, unrest, and scarcity, we will remain calm, confident that our Father provides our daily bread.

VIII: WE WILL BE INVINCIBLE.

In a world where we are discriminated against, prejudged, and even persecuted, we will be invincible as we serve God's purposes for which we are placed here, now.

IX: WE WILL BE FEARLESS.

In a world divided by violence, terrorism, and war, we will be fearless.

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