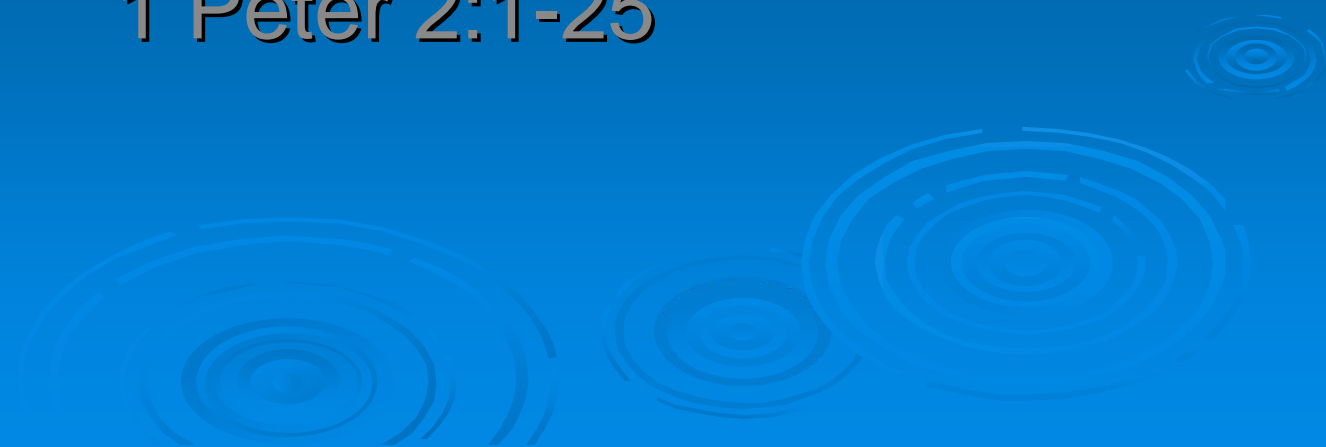


# THE CHALLENGE OF SPIRITUALITY

SPIRITUAL ECONOMY

1 Peter 2:1-25



# CURRENT CHALLENGES

## Isaiah 5:20

- Abortion = freedom of choice
- Homosexuality = gay or same-sex couples/marriage
  - Speaking pejoratively of homosexuality is looked down upon
  - Some efforts to label it as hate speech
- Adultery = open marriage/swinging
- Sin = myth
- Moral Judgments = morally offensive

# THE BEST STRATEGY?

Be the best you!



# SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION

- Economic depression marked by drastic decline in economic activity.
- Psychological depression marked by drastic decline in mental and physical activity.
- Spiritual Depression marked by drastic decline or complete absence of spiritual activity.
  - Too busy for God's word
  - Too busy for prayer
  - Too busy to worship
  - We know it is happening...

# SPIRITUAL RECESSION

- Economic recession marked by temporary decline (slight) in economic activity.
- Spiritual recession occurs when people begin to pull back away from former activities.
  - Multiple reasons
  - No good excuses

# SEASONS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Fun, exciting, rewarding...
- Ever increasing spiritual activity.
  - Can't get enough of God's word.
  - Unceasing prayers.
  - Excited about worship assembly.
  - Looking for opportunities to serve.

# A MATTER OF PERSONAL DETERMINATION

A NEED FOR REVIVAL

Ezekiel 37:1-14

