

# How to Stay Afloat

## In a World That's Circling the Drain

### *Things You Will Never Hear in Polite Conversation*

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#### **Introduction**

A lot of verbal interaction can be a waste of time. People blow smoke at each other day after day, never saying what they really think until they are behind your back. However, there are some things that need to be said right now! Some may counter what people might like to believe, and some are confrontive, pointing out problems or deficiencies currently avoided. You will never be able to make the best decisions about your future without the reliable data, so here goes!

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#### ❖ **Assumptions**

Fact: The economic future is grim

Fact: Some people will be devastated

Fact: Reliable data must be considered

Fact: New strategies are in order

Fact: Proactive decisions must be made

#### ❖ **Conventional Wisdom**

1. Devise your plan
2. Secure your assets
3. Identify your network
4. Update your resume
5. Use your position

#### ❖ **Common Fallacies**

1. Your plans are unreliable
2. Your assets are unreliable
3. Your network is unreliable
4. Your resume is unreliable
5. Your position is unreliable

#### ❖ **Alternate Approach**

1. Maintain confidence despite attacks
2. Maintain confidence despite deficiencies
3. Maintain confidence despite disasters
4. Maintain confidence despite shortages
5. Maintain confidence despite odds

#### ❖ **Minimum Requirements**

1. Recognize real authority
2. Follow biblical directives
3. Demonstrate Godly character
4. Exhibit sensitive generosity
5. Maintain consistent integrity
6. Manifest divine reliance
7. Continue faithful giving

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