

WHAT AMERICA DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS?

Are you concerned with the changes taking place all around us? Have you considered the future of our great country and what the future holds for you, your children and your grandchildren? If our country continues on its current path, what America will your children and grandchildren inherit?

Consider the following facts regarding our nation:

- Over 62 million abortions have taken place since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.
- For every adoption referral Planned Parenthood made in 2016-2017, they performed 82.6 abortions.
- The illegitimate birth rate in the US has increased more than fivefold in the last 80 years, from 7% in 1940 to 40% in 2018. In some ethnic groups in America, the illegitimate rate is now almost 70%.
- 1 in 5 Americans have a sexually transmitted disease on any given day and half of those are under the age of 24.
- Almost 50% of US marriages now end in divorce.
- 40 million Americans are regular visitors to internet pornography sites.
- 25% of all internet search requests are pornography related (68 million daily).
- 12% of all internet web sites are pornographic.
- 90% of children ages 8-16 have viewed pornography.
- By the time the average child is 18 years old, they will have witnessed over 200,000 acts of violence and 16,000 murders through entertainment media.
- Nearly 75% of violent scenes on television feature no immediate punishment for or condemnation of violence.
- Research indicates that media violence has not only increased in quantity, but has also become more graphic, sexual, and sadistic.
- 89% of the top-selling video games contain violent content, almost half of which is of a serious nature.
- 21% of 8th graders and 47% of 12th graders reported using illicit drugs in their lifetime.
- 26% of 8th graders and 62% of 12th graders reported using alcohol in their lifetime.

And who can deny the recent push from our current president, Hollywood, many corporations, and social media for the normalization of homosexuality

and transgenderism in our nation while at the same time marginalizing those who stand for traditional Christian values?

What is happening to our great country? Not only is sin tolerated in America today, it is often celebrated and supported by many in positions of power. The Bible warned of this very circumstance over 2000 years ago, “You are doomed! You call evil good and call good evil. You turn darkness into light and light into darkness. You make what is bitter sweet, and what is sweet you make bitter.” (Isaiah 5:20)

Ask yourself these questions: **If these current trends continue, how long will America survive? What is the legacy that our current generation is leaving to the next? What America will your children and grandchildren live in?**

We are locked in a cultural, moral and spiritual battle for the very future of America. The most Christian nation in history is rapidly becoming a godless nation. As worldly forces erode the Christian foundation upon which this country was founded, America slides further and further into moral and cultural decline. **As Christianity and its stabilizing effect on culture is pushed further and further from the heart and soul of America, we see and feel the results of spiritual darkness growing in our neighborhoods and in our country.** Indeed, our nation is now far removed from its godly roots and is rapidly proceeding along the path that has led to the destruction of all nations and empires that choose to turn from God. Although we feel these effects now in our own lives, how much more will future generations be impacted by the path that our nation is following?

The Bible tells why this is happening. “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalms 9:17). During the past 70 years, America has sown the seeds of disobedience of God’s will. **The harvest of all nations that choose to disobey God is always moral and cultural decline and spiritual darkness. America is now beginning to reap that harvest. But how much greater will be the harvest that future generations will reap?** Hosea 8:7 states, “They have planted the wind and will harvest the whirlwind.” God’s word is true, we always harvest what we plant, we always harvest after we plant, and we always harvest more than we plant. This is true in nature and true with nations, and America is no exception. **Every day, we plant the seeds that future generations of Americans, our children and grandchildren, must harvest!**

It is the responsibility of each generation to provide for the next. Today, our generation reaps the benefits and suffers the consequences of all the choices

of previous American generations. **For many generations, our nation has reaped the benefits of the Christian principles upon which our founding fathers chose to base America's founding on and God has blessed our nation. However, as we as a nation choose to erode that Christian foundation by turning from God, God will no longer bless us as a nation.** God's word states, "If I threaten to uproot and shatter an evil nation, and that nation turns from its evil, I will change my mind. If I promise to make a nation strong, but its people start disobeying me and doing evil, then I will change my mind and not help them at all." (Jeremiah 18:7-11). The choice is ours. **Our choices not only impact us today, but will impact our children, our grandchildren and all future generations of Americans.**

God is patient and long-suffering (2 Peter 3:9). God is a loving God (1 John 4:7-8). But God is also a jealous God. "... I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers' iniquity (sin) on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me.." (Deuteronomy 5:9). While the Bible teaches children do not directly bear the sins of their father (Ezekiel 18:20), children do bear the results and consequences of their father's sins. Our choice today to disobey God leads to evil consequences for our children, our grandchildren, and our nation. **Our choices and the choices of our nation today will lead to the future America that our children and grandchildren will inherit. What America do you want for you children and grandchildren? Your choices today will determine their America tomorrow.**

We hope this message will cause you to carefully consider the current state of our nation and what the future holds for you and your family. We desire America to return to the Christian principles upon which it was founded and pray you do as well. We understand nations change one citizen at a time. We also understand that, in this world, evil will triumph if good men and good women do nothing. Despite our nation's many problems, God remains in control and God's promise still stands: "but in every nation, the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him." (Acts 10:35) **God's word contains the solutions for our homes and for America's future** and we would love to share God's message of hope with you and your family.

May God bless America and may God bless you,

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