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Bible Classes..... 9:30  
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Joe Cooper  
Eldridge Woodard

### Preachers

Robert Hatfield  
Paul Sain

## Oh, For The "Good Ole Days"

Sadly, the number who immediately remember the conditions that existed in *"the good ole days"* are quickly decreasing. Most of the younger ones today do not have a clue of the lifestyle enjoyed a mere few decades ago.

**May I briefly describe those "good ole days"?** It was a time: If one gave their word, it was their bond (better than a signed contract). Hard work was respected. The school room was a safe haven for young ones. One felt safe in their home, even with the



doors unlocked. Money was tight, each dollar earned was appreciated. Divorce was not

a thing to be desired, laughed at or glorified. Neighbors were friends and willing to help and sacrifice as the need arose. Smoking tobacco was a temptation, but alcohol and drug use was largely avoided as evil.

I may NOT be able to change the whole world, but I can be **ONE** who is determined to be right, do right, live right, and one day, die right.

As an American I can do all within my power to be righteous, obey the laws of the land, a godly citizen, an excellent employee or employer, a friend to those in need, a strong supporter of our educational system (especially our teachers), work passionately to raise our children and grandchildren in *"the way they should go"* (Prov. 22:6).

# Truth in Love



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## What Is Happening To America?

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and others – the founding fathers of our great nation would hardly recognize the America of the twenty-first century! The Declaration of Independence (signed on July 4, 1776), as well as Abraham Lincoln's words contained in the Gettysburg Address (1863): *"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"* spoke of the greatness of America. The foundation on which the United States of America was founded has been attacked, chipped away, and partially destroyed.

It is a terrifying and heart-breaking thought to consider what has happened to America in the last 50 to 100 years! While every nation has experienced problems and concerns, at some point in their existence, conditions have now deteriorated in the United States to discouraging lows. If America is not extremely cautious, the United States of America is headed for total destruction.



### PASSIONATE PATRIOTISM

When I hear the words of the song, *"My country, tis of thee..."* it makes me have emotional thoughts of thankfulness and joy. The **National Anthem** is filled with deep and precious messages.

Without doubt America is still the greatest, the best! Yet none can successful contend that she is a godly nation, *"one nation under God"* as in years past. Far too many changes have occurred!

Is it too late? Can

anything be done to bring America back to her greatness?

### A LESSON FROM HISTORY

In the ever popular and powerful book **The History of the Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire** (first published in six volumes) by Edward Gibbons (1737-1794), we benefit from his summary of what caused that great empire to crumble and brought on destruction.

Gibbons pointed out **a few major areas of collapse**. Note them with me and



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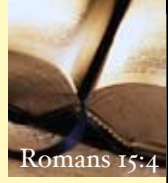
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see how they relate to America today.

**(1) Decline of morals and values.** Alert citizens of America KNOW of the drastic and discouraging changes which have occurred morally in America. What God has declared evil, man often pronounces as acceptable and/or good. Man has esteemed himself to a position of determining what is right and wrong. We have become numb to sinful and evil practices. From the killing of babies to sexual involvement with most anyone, including homosexuality – many say that these type of actions are an acceptable lifestyle.

**(2) Political corruption.** Senators, sheriffs, mayors, commissioners, etc. – seems none are exempt from choosing an evil and illegal course of action. Arrests, indictments, prison terms are tragically common.

**(3) Unemployment and crime drastically increased.** Unemployment is at an extreme high level. Crime statistics are alarming. The attitude of many is "what is mine is mine, what is thine is mine" if I am big

enough to take it from you.

**(4) Higher taxes which undermined the economic stability.** Who can deny the certainty of this occurring? The exact numbers regarding government employees, government spending are frightening.

**(5) Break-down of the nation's military defense.** The mind set of far too many calls for a reduction in our military strength. Such action has proven to be a destructive force time after time in the history of world powers.

In their ignorance to the extent of present dangers and the power and number of their enemies, they were vulnerable and easy prey. America is walking down the same road to utter destruction.

**IS ALL HOPELESS?**

Are we **wise** enough to hear a call of repentance, as Jonah spoke to Nineveh in the long ago? Are we **courageous** enough to stand against foolish and liberal ways? Are we **willing** to do our part in making this country a "godly nation" once again?

~ Paul Sain

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



**THERE IS NO GOD?**

- Jim Bishop, Miama Herald, July, 1967

There is no God. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand-billion stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles, man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there.

How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Why does snow sit on mountain-tops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for 70 to 80 years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood, and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other?

Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all animals?

Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes, ears, and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

**There Is No God ??**

**DO YOU GET ENOUGH EXERCISE?**

by Robert Halford

Webster defines exercise as "bodily exertion for the sake of developing and maintaining physical fitness." Health and nutrition experts continually encourage people today toward activity as a means to stay healthy. While routine health issues are certainly worth considering, the Bible sheds light toward true priorities in life:

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8).

Paul's point of view extended beyond the realm of physical life, which is evident to his reference to the life "which is to come." The idea is that bodily exercise will only last for a brief moment (James observed the brevity of life, James 4:14), but godliness is profitable in every respect.

The word godliness is parallel to the word pious. The Greek word actually comes from two words meaning "well" and "devout, reverent." So the word simply denotes qualities of reverence and holiness; these are actions of one who is fully devoted to God. Such qualities require diligent attention and care, and are able to develop over time through persistence and maintenance.

Can you imagine how different the world would be if each person began to exercise himself or herself unto godliness?! How would the world change if people began to meditate day and night on the word of God (Psalm 1:2)? What if every soul attended each assembly with God's people to worship Him and to be encouraged from one another (Heb. 10:25)? What if each person treated other folks the way they should be treated (Mat. 7:12), with tenderheartedness and forgiveness even as Christ forgave sinners (Eph. 4:32)? Would there be a different air about each person if he or she was constantly aware of the fact that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord" (Rom. 8:28)? A righteous world would begin to take shape with enough godly exercise.

Godly exercise keeps the eternal spirit healthy, and it may help one's physical life as well. The man who seeks godliness first will worry less (Phil. 4:6-7). This man will pray more for those who are sick and bereaved (James 5:16). When priorities are right, everything else falls into place (Mat. 6:33b).

Are you ready to enjoy "the good life" (1 Pet. 3:10)? Are you ready to share with others the secret of true happiness and peace? Then why not consider increasing your amount of godly exercise? — Prepare to see great results.

The Bible Clearly Defines This As

**EVIL, WICKED**

One of the seven things that God Hates is the shedding of innocent blood. Of the many ways innocent blood could be shed, **ABORTION** must surely be at the top of the list. The Bible concisely details that from conception, that which is growing inside a woman's womb is a child, a wonderful baby.

A human baby, precious, so innocent and pure – to be viciously ripped from the mother's womb, their treasured life snatched from them is **EVIL!**

From the infamous black Monday, over thirty years ago, literally MILLIONS of babies have died because of the hideous and horrible practices of abortion. Some shout for "Choice". What about the babies choice?

America, wake up! May we have the courage to STOP KILLING OUR BABIES!

**Our Guidebook To Heaven:**

**The Bible**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psm. 119:105).

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:4).

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Matt. 7:21)

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2:11-12).