

How Could This Have Happened?

At the time of this writing our nation still does not know who will be its next President. Court cases have been filed wanting a re-vote, no vote, and everything else imaginable. Some people apparently cannot read a ballot and some officials want to interpret the way a person intended on voting. We have a genuine, bonifide, mess on our hands. The question comes to mind, "how could this have happened?" Let me tell you how this has happened? What I am about to say may not be popular but it must be said.

It happened because the people of our nation no longer have any common sense. They have lost the ability to reason and think for themselves. Instead of facing one's personal responsibility most people blame others for their mistakes. Much like the people of Nineveh, our nation know longer knows its right hand from its left, Jonah 4.11. Good is called evil and evil is called good.

It started when our nation decided it could do better without God. God was banished from our schools. Courts ruled it was illegal to display the Ten Commandments in the classroom and school prayer was an infringement on one's personal rights. The Bible could not be seen or tolerated. Instead, a generation grew up with humanism, atheism, materialism, sexism, and a bunch of other "isms". Like the Gentiles, "Professing to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1.22). Parents were not paying attention to the garbage being taught their children on television, in movies, in music, and in some classrooms. Instead of being brought up in "the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6.4). Children were brought up with Dr. Spock and moral relativism.

It started when Christians decided to be quiet. Many claim to follow Christ but rejected His word. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) Many professed "Christians" are faithless and fruitless. Parents allow their children to do things that are wrong. Our children dance to the idolatry of popularity. Young people become sexually involved, commit fornication, and a child is conceived. Our daughters dress like harlots and we remain silent. They want to be cheerleaders, parade around in front of young men with hardly anything on and their mother think it is cute. Let's face it, Christians have become so worldly they care

more for the world than they do for Christ.

It started when our institutions became anti-God. Our government has been taken over by people who mock the Word of God. Television has become filthy over the years and yet many say nothing. Mass media ridicules our beliefs and we just shake our heads.

It has continued until our nation is now a nation of men and not laws. We are like the people in Judges 2.10, "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel." And Judges 21.25, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

People believe their feelings matter more than what is written. Students were expected to give the correct answers to pass a test. Now they are asked how they feel about the test. Instead of reading the Bible and rightly dividing the word, (2 Timothy 2.15) people ignore the word or replace it with their feelings and "I think so's". Adultery is now permissible if one's spouse is a clod or uncaring or abusive. Homosexuality is OK if both parties truly love one another. Lying is necessary if the truth hurts one's feelings. The Bible is no longer positive enough for people, it makes them feel bad. Churches have stopped proclaiming the truth in order to appeal to man's social needs. They are too busy entertaining and feeding folks to preach and teach against sin and God's plan of salvation.

When will it end? When will we get out of this mess and rely on common sense? Only when Christians become the light and salt of the world, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5.14-16). Our nation will not repent until we become more diligent in our lives. We must use our opportunities to rebuke sin and encourage righteousness. Parents must teach their children and not tolerate teachers who undermine their authority. Dirty television programs need to be turned off. We need to be more interested in being right with God than politically correct. Our children must be taught personal responsibility. It is our fault when we sin and we must make correction in our lives to get right with God. We must think for ourselves and not just follow the masses. Congregations must seek and save the lost. Our preaching must convict the world of sin and of righteous judgment, John

16.8. We must be faithful in our worship, in our homes, and in our communities. We must stop being worldly and excusing sin. Instead of tolerating “social sins” we must abstain. Even then our nation may not change but at least we can save our souls and those who will listen. - - Dennis Tucker

(Editor's Note: this article was written in November of 2000, shortly after the Presidential election and the outcome was some what in doubt. I reworked it a little but think it still applies today.)