

So, What? “America’s Freefall to Self-Destruction”

During a message from a senior and wise bible scholar I learned one of the most helpful pieces of advice for getting the most from anything written and recorded in scripture. The focus and attention were aimed at anyone reading scripture and how to get the most out of the text. Over the years I have applied this same advice to anything I read and especially when it comes to learning something new. The saintly gentlemen delivering the message that evening simply told the listeners to always take a minute to pause and ask this question, “So *what?*” At first, I was a little confused about his instruction. He was simply making the point to stop and take a minute to ask the question and ponder the meaning of what I just read. Does what I just read have any impact on me or my circumstance? It is easy to breeze through text with deep meaning and knowledge and simply just miss the entire point the writer was trying to convey to the reader.

This writing is solely intended to make anyone reading it to take a deep breath and ponder the consequences for some very bad decisions made by millions of people for many decades in this nation. Anyone that has been alive for the past sixty or more years without a doubt has seen this nation on a course leading to its total destruction. The America I read and learned about as a young child simply does not exist any longer. To witness what is happening and has been in progress for decades to destroy this country is heartbreaking, frustrating and disgusting all at the same time. Elected leaders in office and the liberal media have brainwashed the majority of the citizens of this nation into believing just about anything imaginable. At the same time bureaucrats in Washington DC and in State Houses across this country are lying to everyone public educators are indoctrinating young children with garbage and lies. The future of this nation has been sacrificed at the feet of evil and perverse socialist ideologies for power and monetary gain.

Fifty or sixty years ago most people would have never envisioned how this country could have fallen so far so fast into socialistic ideology that is now mainstream on both sides of the political aisle. There is no distinction between the two so-called political parties any longer. Both political parties are playing the general public like a fine-tuned violin to make them believe they are actually better than the other side. If a poll were taken today that could be trusted the majority of people would tell you they believe if the right people were elected to office the wrongs in this nation could be corrected and the ship righted to prevent it from perishing into the sea of oblivion forever. The author was in that camp of thinking for many years. Over the past three decades a slow but clearer picture of what is occurring in this nation and the key driving force into the destruction of this nation has been developed.

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For many years I fell for the line that it is the other political parties' fault for the problems this nation is experiencing. This mindset was slow in developing and I worked hard at trying to keep up with what was going on in my city, state and at the federal level of governments. I wanted to make a difference and I wanted my vote count to help make things better. There are millions of people in this country who believe the same way I did regardless of which side of the political aisle you align yourself with. Things started to change for me when I began working for larger companies during my career. I worked hard to learn and to gain the knowledge I needed to work my way up the ladder with very large companies. I wanted to get into the engineering side of my field and profession. I had years of hands-on experience and gained a tremendous amount of knowledge over several decades and earned a good reputation. But what I learned at the top was something that I was not expecting. I learned very quickly at the top of the corporate ladder is where evil and deception operate with free reign. Fraud and corruption were the norm and not only was it the norm, but everybody was part of it! People who I thought were honest, ethical, and moral turned out to be just the opposite. I found out if you attend the best college, earn the highest degrees and credentials you can get rich if you want to be a crook. I soon found myself on the outside and miserable. I did not want to give up my position or the money, but I could not become a crook.

At forty years of age and at the top of my game I had to make a decision. I had to resign my position and give up everything I had worked so hard for to reach the top. It was a time of trials and tribulation not only for me personally but for my wife and family. Many would say I left a lot on the table and the truth is I did exactly that and I did it without regret. Many of you reading this may have had a similar experience and because of your faith, character, and moral convictions you too had to make some tough decisions.

So now is the time for, "*So What?*" This is the place for a pause and to ask what does any of this mean to me? Well, any knowledge or wisdom that is gained is not worth much unless it is applied to life's challenges. So, everything that has been said so far was leading up to what follows. We as individuals must face some tough decisions in life. Some of these decisions are very difficult and may take time to make. The same is true for a nation. The people of this nation must make some very difficult decisions quickly and become engaged immediately before this nation finds itself in a place it has never been before in its history. The first place to start is going to be a surprise for many reading this. It will fly directly in the face of many but cannot be denied once the truth is understood clearly.

It goes without saying the majority of those who are still reading this would tell you this nation can be saved if we could only elect so and so to office, president of other high-level place of office. There are several problems with this thought process that may escape the minds of those who believe this way. Let's start with some of the problems that are most obvious.

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1. If certain individuals elected to office were to be elected and positive and real changes were possible, it could only happen if these individuals were operating in a place and setting that was functional in ways that would allow for positive changes.
2. Any individual elected must be grounded in the rules and laws that govern this nation. As we have all witnessed for decades this never happens.
3. Politicians that run for office without fail never follow through with their promises. Morals, Character, and Ethics are lacking among leaders.
4. During an election cycle you cannot remove and replace enough elected leaders to make a real difference by taking the majority. It is possible to make good changes when a party holds the majority, but it is never long lasting and, in most cases, not productive.
5. Most politicians running for office have been professional politicians for many years and have been pre-programmed with the “go-along and get-along” mantra that is part of the political establishment.
6. Politicians have ulterior motives to better themselves at the expense of taxpayers and those who voted them into office.
7. Pork Belly Spending and Omnibus Bills are tattooed on their foreheads. The majority of political leaders most likely cannot count change back to you from a dollar bill. The balance in your back account does not matter to them, they consider your money their money.

So, based on what has been stated so far, what is the greatest challenge facing this nation today? This is where things are going to get messy. If you are one of those who want to blame the government for all the problems, we as a nation are facing, you are by default part of the problem! You didn't see that one coming, did you? This in itself in my opinion the biggest problem we face in America today. No one wants to admit they are part of the problem. As I said earlier it took me a long time to realize I was looking at things incorrectly. I was one of those who threw the first stone at the government for every problem I saw and witnessed. It took me years to realize the government is comprised of the citizens of this nation. Those in office are put there by the people of this nation by a process that many believe is fair. The fact of the matter is there is really nothing fair about at all.

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Washington elites and the media control the narrative, and most people are too busy to pay attention, or they simply do not care about the truth. Regardless of one's political affiliation no one in this nation can deny the government is too BIG! The sheer size of government is a huge indicator of the ignorance and apathy of the general population as a whole. The current size of government in this nation is a direct reflection of the lack of ability for individuals to act responsibly. Whether you agree or not with the author the citizens of this nation want BIG government to hold them by their hands and lead them wherever they want. We are a nation of weak people who have lost their identity as free citizens with liberty and freedoms granted in the US Constitution. The people of this nation have forfeited their rights and given the government Carte Blanche of their lives. Those of us who want the government out of our lives and to leave us alone are in the minority and by a wide margin. There is nothing that makes me angrier than to have the government interfere with any aspect of my life. The government at any level in this country is pathetic in regard to fairness, cost, or doing the job it is supposed to do.

The government of this nation must be reduced in size at all costs and by any means needed. The weight of the government and those individuals who seek to milk the system will be reduced. Hard working citizens who are pulling the load by working two, three or more jobs to make ends meet are tired of hearing the government is out of money and needs more money year after year. Whether it's the federal, state, city or school districts who seek to increase taxes on hardworking individuals there is going to be repercussions for the overreach of government and leaders into the lives of free citizens of this nation.

The size of government is the problem of every citizen in this nation. Every citizen is responsible for letting government get as large as it is today. Every citizen regardless of political affiliation must work to reduce the size of the government at every level. The clock is ticking and counting down quickly on America and its future. This country will not fall to outside forces but instead will simply implode on itself. Only those individuals that rise up and retake control of their lives will ever have anything in life. Pop-culture and perverse influences have replaced the rugged and self-reliant American cowboy many young boys admired growing up in America in the 1950's. Even sports figures today do not reflect what at one time was sought out by the youth of this nation.

Regardless of what those in Washington or in the media are telling you do not pay attention to their lies and deception. Take charge and control of your life and your family's life today and break loose from the reigns of the government. Only the strongest will survive the difficult times ahead. Individuals must start the process and make plans today because the government will not be there for you

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when you need them. The tragedy in Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida are just examples of what the broken system of government looks like today.

In Closing

Many of the founding fathers believed in God or there was a God, a supreme creator. Many were men of faith. No matter what happens in this country over the coming years the government and its leaders cannot guarantee one's futures and how things will turn out. Any man or person that says otherwise is a liar. Only God has provided and done for mankind what mankind cannot do for itself and to secure a future that will last for eternity future. As a Christian my hope is found in Jesus Christ and Christ Alone. My future has been secured in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we are still alive and living on this earth there are things, we can do to make our lives as best as possible but even these things are temporal and will come to and end. But the most important thing a person can do is to put their faith and trust in Christ and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with as many others as possible.

*“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay
down one’s life for his friends”*

John 15:13 NKJV

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