

Transforming Daily
“... *sexual immorality* ...”
Jude 7

As far as I can tell, every nation that has fallen has first demonstrated sexual immorality with abandonment leading up to their destruction. Whether it was destruction by an inside force or destruction from an outside force, either way, ramped up sexual immorality was among the last things the nations' experienced before they were overthrown. Now those nations are compromised, demoralized and living under political, religious (non-Christian) and military bondage. Some of those nations left the godly heritage of their forefathers (sexual immorality being one of the indicators). Other nations had opportunity to turn and follow after God, but chose not to. They chose to continue in their pagan ways. In result, they eventually were overthrown according to God's purpose.

Is the United States of America, as a nation, on the same track as other nations who were established according to God's purpose, and for His name's sake, but then drifted from His will? It seems by the estimation of many scholars, both secular and sacred, that we are. These experts point out indicators that presently exist in our political, social, educational, economical and religious communities that reflect such comparative changes. One of the indicators is the unraveling of our society's moral fiber and in particular, sexual immorality with its subsequent infection resulting in the normalcy and acceptance of adulterous relationships (leading to a high percentage of divorce, the same percentage in the church as well as outside of the church), homosexuality (lesbianism, bisexuality and “bicuriosism”) and abortion (whether by professional assistance of chemical assistance by means of over the counter drugs). There are other related infections to sexual immorality such as fornication, pornography, abstinence from heterosexual marriage, declining families, child abuse, etc.

Like darkness in its relationship to light, sexual immorality only exists when biblical sexuality has been removed or rejected. Darkness doesn't exist; it is the absence of light. Cold doesn't exist; it is the absence of heat. Sexual immorality and its related infections and influences don't exist; it is the absence of biblical sexuality, its godly intention and design. I believe it was Edmund Burke who said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Biblically speaking, Christ gave the keys of the kingdom to the church, not just good men, but godly people. He said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (the church). The charge and implication is that the church is to go into the world with the truth of the gospel and preach God's Word. The believer is to be in the world, but not of the world. Here in lies the rub. It seems today that more of the world is in the church and less of the church is in the world. Is that possibly the reason for adulterous relationships and divorce to be statistically the same in the church as it is in the world?

Do you know what the Bible says about Christian conduct? Do you practice the spiritual disciplines so as not to be tempted beyond your understanding and strength? Have you committed to abstain from sexual immorality?