

## **Question: Why is our nation facing a moral dilemma?**

Nationwide, many children in our schools regularly cheat on course work and exams, speak disrespectfully to their teachers and other adults, and a few even murder their fellow students. School libraries are filled with books that do not build the character and integrity of young people, but appeal to their immoral passions. Disgruntled employees sabotage their employers and kill their fellow workers. Gangs trounce through our city streets gendering chaos and death. Adultery and divorce are out of control. Homosexuality is portrayed as normal human behavior albeit an “alternate lifestyle.” Pornography roars like a mighty river through our land in several public mediums.

### **Note the teaching of the Bible:**

**Cheating** -- “...providing honorable things...in the sight of the Lord...in the sight of men.” (2Co 8:21)

**Disrespect**-- “...younger people, submit...to your elders...” (1Pet 5:5)

**Murder** -- “...love your enemies, bless those who curse you...” (Mt 5:44)

**Adultery** -- “...whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery; and who ever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.” (Mt 5:32)

**Homosexuality** -- “...uncleanness...dishonor their bodies...vile passions...against nature.” (Ro 1:24-26)

**Pornography** -- “...whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Mt 5:28)

These immoral behavior trends seem to distress the public at large, and yet the public is to blame for them. Our nation, by and large, is wavering in its support of Biblical morality, and in doing so is rejecting the wisdom of the Creator, not to mention the principles upon which our nation was founded. Freedom has come to mean, “I can do anything I want to do, and no one can deny me that right.” Is it possible for a society to exist on these terms? Is it possible for a society to exist without recognizing the correct standard by which all human conduct is measured?

Solomon once said, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Pro 14:34). When you see a nation crumbling in moral decay, it is because she is not guided by principles of moral rightness. Is it any wonder then why we bury and incarcerate our children, and live in fear of one another?

The sad thing about humanity is that it has such a short memory. The history recorded in the Bible shows what happens to men when they do not seek God’s sense of morality.

During the days of the Judges, this statement is made: “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6). Does that sound familiar? Is this not what we are seeing today? Many people are doing what they want to do because it seems right to them. They consult no higher authority than their own misguided conscience. David tells us why people live that way: “An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, when he finds out his iniquity and when he hates. The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; he has ceased to be wise and to do good. He devises wickedness on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not abhor evil” (Psalm 36:1-4).

Solomon said, years ago, “There is nothing new under the sun” (Ecc 1:9). The moral bankruptcy we are seeing today was prevalent in his day. And until we, as a nation, have the courage to stand with God on the moral high ground we will continue to see the flood of corruption leading to our nation’s demise. May our school and government officials have the courage to stand on principles of Biblical morality. As the people of a great and blessed nation, we must mark well the rule of God’s word by which to measure our own lives. If not, then our nation is headed for escalating moral turmoil.

I know it was not a pleasant subject, but thanks for reading these words. We appreciate your interest and concern in these matters. Our future as a nation is hanging in the balance. Which way will we tip the scale? Study your Bible and search the Truth!