

Stand Together Against Sin!

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First of all, let me say how thankful I am for several leaders of our community who came together in support of the American Family Association Chapter recently. These are the kind of men who founded our nation and formed the laws of our land.

Our community and nation have been urged to join together to fight off the evil wiles of Satan! We must make some changes in the morals of our children before it is too late.

The American home has been attacked by Satan. There are more broken homes today than in any century. With these broken homes have come broken children. Their sense of "belonging" has been destroyed.

A child, when it comes into the world, is fragile and needs love and care. Each of us wants this feeling of being sheltered and kept from danger. When a child can't feel the love of others, it makes him hard and unable to feel love toward and accept love from others. He feels he has to prove himself capable of taking care of himself

when he is so vulnerable.

The child turns to whoever or whatever comes along. By nature, we are all born in sin and we enjoy the darkness and those things which please our physical senses.

When someone comes along and sheds a light on this ugliness and makes us feel condemned, then we want to retaliate by lashing out at this "good" spirit. There is a warfare within us that can only be settled by listening to someone who really cares. That someone is God! His people can also help us.

There was a time, not so long ago, when divorce and unplanned parenting were kept quiet because we knew when you made a vow it meant something special. A girl, when found to be in an expectant way, was put away until the baby was born, and the baby either raised by the family or adopted by loving parents.

Today, we hear of fathers and mothers committing incest with their children. Our land has become a big zoo

full of animals! Our land has been polluted by garbage brought in on our TV's and pornographic materials. It has become so natural to see all this filth around that our minds and hearts are seared by the filth!

Unless those who can still see the goodness that should be in our land take a stand to dispose of this garbage, our nation is headed for a fall that would make Sodom and Gomorrah look like an afternoon picnic.

We have to wake up and turn back to God and seek Him while we can, if it's not too late already. God's children are so precious to Him, but by His love we can be chastened and brought to our knees.

The change in our society will have to begin with the home unit! If we can bring the home back together and begin to serve our Lord in the way He has instructed, our land may be spared from a horrible destruction. Let's join together in every community to clean up the corruption!

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Regrets

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I would like to discuss something that we all have had at one time or another: regrets. What does regret mean? It means to have remorse or be sorry for something you have done or not done.

I have many regrets in my life. I regret I did not pursue a better education and apply myself better in school. I regret I was not a better parent. I regret I did not study the Bible more while I had good eyesight.

What are some regrets you have?

The Bible is full of those who have had regrets. Think carefully about the regrets in each of the following Scriptural examples:

1. Adam and Eve listened to Satan's lies. Do you think they regretted what they had done?

2. David wrote many things in Psalms showing regret of sins in his

life. (For example, look at Psalm 51:1 thru 10.)

3. Peter was a disciple and an apostle of Jesus. Do you think he had regrets? Look at Matthew 26:69-75.

4. Judas betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver (See Matthew 27:3-5). Judas certainly regretted what he had done!

5. Esau did something very similar to Judas. He sold his inheritance for pottage. (Hebrews 12:16-17 says, "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

6. Jonah disobeyed God by not doing what God said. After being cast into

a living hell, Jonah regretted his action!

7. David, in I Chronicles 21:17, regretted numbering the children of Israel. "And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued." He had deep regret for what he had done.

In closing, please think about the difference in regret without repentance, and regret WITH repentance. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Corinthians 7:10).

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