

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Society

"Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favor." – Robert Frost

"Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God." – Billy Graham

"When a nation goes down, or a society perishes, one condition may always be found; they forgot where they came from. They lost sight of what had brought them along." – Carl Sandburg

"Some people strengthen the society just by being the kind of people they are." – John W. Gardner

"Because power corrupts, society's demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases." – John Adams

Society, i.e. the mindset of the worldly-minded, is hard for us to escape. Everywhere we turn it stares us in the face. And the opinions and views that are found within our society, for the most part, are foreign to the word of God.

A man once stopped after a worship service and asked if he could get married at that moment. After the discussion, it was obvious that he did not have a Scriptural right to remarry. When refused his comment was, "But I have a marriage license and the state says that I can remarry."

There seems to be little interest in pleasing God. If society sanctions it, it must be right. It is similar to the problem of abortion. The Scriptures make it clear that God does not sanction the taking of an innocent human life (Prov. 6:16-19). But because society says that it is alright, it must be alright.

We struggle today as man has trained his conscience to the values of society and not the word of God. Mercy killing is alright because it is the loving thing to do; homosexuality is alright because two people express love for one another; it is wrong to try to point our sin because to do so makes people feel uncomfortable, etc.

The Bible is not as accommodating as the views of man. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12). "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" (Matt. 7:21).

We need to be very careful about what we base our life and belief system on: man, or the word of the living God. Wisdom would point to the latter. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).