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The Destiny of Democracy Is in Your Hands . . .

At about the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in the year 1787, Alexander Tyler (a Scottish history professor at The University of Edinburgh) had this to say about "The Fall of The Athenian Republic" some 2,000 years prior.

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the worlds greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From Bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."

Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the most recent Presidential election:

Population of counties won by: Gore=127 million / Bush=143 million; Square miles of land won by: Gore=580,000 / Bush=2,2427,000; States won by: Gore=19 / Bush=29

Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Gore=13.2 / Bush=2.1

Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory Bush won was mostly the land owned by the tax-paying citizens of this great country. Gore's territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off government welfare..."

Olson believes the U.S. is now somewhere between the "complacency and "apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy; with some 40 percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

APATHY IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR FREEDOM.

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The Safest Place on Earth



- Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- The majority of auto accidents occur within five miles of one's home; you may want to consider moving.
- Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve some form of transportation.
- You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.
- Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!
- Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

“FOR SAFETY'S SAKE- Attend church! IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!”



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The “Great Communicator” Now With His “Great Creator”

Excerpts from Reagan's first inaugural address as governor of California
January 5, 1967

“Government is the people's business, and every man, woman and child becomes a shareholder with the first penny of tax paid. With all the profound wording of the Constitution, probably the most meaningful words are the first three: “We, the People.” Those of us here today who have been elected to constitutional office or legislative position are in that three-word phrase. We are of the people, chosen by them to see that no permanent structure of government ever encroaches on freedom or assumes a power beyond that freely granted by the people. We stand between the taxpayer and the tax spender.

It is inconceivable to me that anyone could accept this delegated authority without asking God's help. I pray that we who legislate and administer will be granted wisdom and strength beyond our own limited power; that with Divine guidance we can avoid easy expedients, as we work to build a state where liberty under law and justice can triumph, where compassion can govern, and wherein the people can participate and prosper because of their government and not in spite of it.”

President Reagan had a clear picture of his purpose here on earth. His focus was simple and to the point. When he was shot and nearly assassinated, he stated that he saw even more clearly that there was a battle between light and darkness in the world. He saw America as a beacon of light. He was convinced that God had something special for him to do. God has something special for each of us to accomplish for the kingdom. When His purposes are finished, He will call us home. We have the best of both worlds; we can choose to serve a loving God here on earth and then spend eternity with Him. What could be better?

Character

FOLLOWING THE LINES OF LEAST
RESISTANCE MAKES
RIVERS AND MEN CROOKED.

MUCH MAY BE KNOWN OF A
MAN'S CHARACTER BY WHAT
EXCITES HIS LAUGHTER. - *Goethe*.

The test of your character is what it
takes to stop you. - *Bob Jones, Sr.*

Brains and beauty are God's gifts;
character is your own achievement.

A Great Verse to Memorize to Help Heal A Hurting Heart . . .



Psalms 119:50

"This is my comfort in my affliction,
for Your word has given me life."

Widow's Mite Ministry Barnabas Ministry

We have been able to assist widows
with well over \$13,000 over the past 8—
10 months to help pay bills and meet im-
mediate needs.

We have also been able to help several
in ministry with assistance totaling nearly
\$15,000 over the past 18 months.

Your support to these two ministries
has made this possible. Thank you to
each one who has given to make this pos-
sible.

**Your gifts over the summer allow
us to continue serving others.**

“Please Do Not Send Any More Gifts; We Have ALL the Funding We Need.”

Someday, I would love to be able to say that and
follow-up with suggestions as to what other minis-
tries you might consider assisting. As of now, we
cannot honestly make this statement. When we can,
you will be among the first to know.

In fact, we have been at our lowest funding level
in several years. We were down to \$363 in our gen-
eral fund. Part of the decrease was the fact that there
were few ministry opportunities for the first quarter
of this year. I was fighting an inner ear infection that
made it impossible for me to walk, stand or drive for
a couple of weeks. I struggled with that for the better
part of two months.

Please continue to pray with and for us; give as
God directs you. Let your church know about our
ministry and how we are striving to serve Pastors and
Police officers here in the Inland Northwest. Would
your church consider partnering with us?

It is only through our faithful prayer and giving
partners that we can maintain our work. You make it
possible for us to serve. Thank you.

Laughter is Good Medicine

Kids Answer Questions About Mom and Dad

Why did your Mom marry your Dad?

- My dad makes the best spaghetti in in the world and
mom eats a lot.
- She didn't know what else to do with him.
- My grandpa says that mom didn't have her thinking
cap on.

Why did God give you your Mom and not some other Mom?

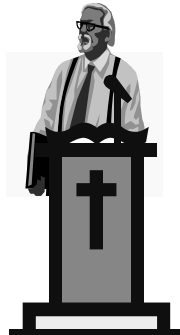
- We're related
- God know she likes me a lot more than other peo-
ple's moms like me.

Why did God make mothers?

- She's the only one who knows where the scotch
tape is.

**The Purpose of
Eagle Summit Ministry:**

**“To serve those
who serve others
from behind a pulpit
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badge.”**



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To Summit Up

- July 11 & 18 Pulpit Supply AM/PM Opportunity Baptist, Spokane Valley
- July 25-30 Jr. Camp, Camp McCullough, Tacoma, WA
- July 31 Diehl Wedding
- Aug 1 Pulpit Supply AM/PM, Sunset Hill Baptist Church
- Aug 8 & 15 Pulpit Supply AM/PM Opportunity Baptist, Spokane Valley
- Aug 22-26 VBS / Grace Church, Osburn, ID
- Every Open Sunday — Grace Church, Osburn, ID / Children's Ministry



Pastors Need Prayer Too . . .

Pray that your Pastor and his wife will find real JOY in ministry. It is easy to be caught up with the constant challenge of the needs of people. A Pastor's vision can be clouded by the reality that the work of ministry is never done. Spiritual struggles can drain the soul of your Pastor and leave him spiritually dull. No one wants to put on a mask and pretend to be joyful when his heart is aching or numb. Joy in the midst of struggles comes from a deepening relationship with God and is an evidence of spiritual maturity (Psalm 51:12).

Allow your Pastor the time needed to maintain a deep and growing relationship with God. This cannot be artificially induced nor does it come in a speedy seminar format. It comes only from spending time alone with God.

Joy and happiness are quite distinct. Joy is not the absence of pain but the presence of God. Joy is determined by our inner man; happiness is determined by our outward circumstances. Loss of joy is one of the first evidences of a strained love relationship. Joy is a by-product of our deepening love for God (John 15:11).

