

# *Are We Headed Toward Being The “Mis-Guided” States?*

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Considering all that the United States is trying to do and trying to be, it seems to me that we are attempting to accomplish on a large scale what we're failing to do in the small. As a might and a world power, the United States is attempting to police the world, that is, be the world's police, yet we can't seem to keep our own schools safe, disciplined, and in good order, even with putting police in the hallways and metal detectors at the doors.

We are lecturing what the peoples should be doing to save lives, yet we can't figure out when a life begins, and we're struggling when it should be over, considering doctor-assisted suicide, or should one do everything in one's power to keep someone alive, even if it is a machine doing all the work.

Talk about the inability to understand the smallest of contradictions, the State of Massachusetts is entertaining a proposed law that would prevent a teen from getting a tan at a salon without parental / guardian approval, because of the danger of skin cancer; but that same teen can get an abortion without even parental notification; that's deemed okay, because it's done for the sake of freedom, maintaining every person's constitutional right.

How about the State of NH who is considering “legalizing” civil unions (which will allow a homosexual couple to have the same rights and privileges as a married couple), but is saying no to gay marriage; however, the civil union bill will not apply to two brothers or two sisters or a heterosexual couple living together; no, it applies to a gay couple. How ambivalent can we get? We are promoting ethics to the nations, setting the standards for others to follow, but we can't figure out the definition of marriage.

Beware of finances as we take on the mantle to be the nation's, and even the world's foundational insurance policy. Any disaster and we are there declaring, “The bills on us”, yet we keep going further into debt. Consider FEMA's ability to throw money at a problem and see little improvement. The waste is amazing, yet it's called helping. If we're going to be an insurance company for disasters, then let's at least do the same due diligence for claims as any good company would do, and let's ensure competence of repair and restoration if we're paying the bill.

What's our new decision, we'll send weapons to Lebanon to fight “terrorists”! Yet, this same country has been a terrorist to our own people, and despises the existence of our ally, Israel. I don't get it! Truly this thought fails to convince me that we know what we're doing. Yet, this can all be handled by simply stating there's more at work here than you know. Perhaps, but giving weapons to those who killed our marines not too long ago and attacked our ally, Israel, just a few months ago, does not make sense, regardless of the faction involved, stay away. Give the weapons to Israel!

Another great debate on the hill, the rights of illegal immigrants! Seems to me that the main thrust for each political party and every politician comes down to: “Wow! That’s a lot of votes.” The thought is, “If I’m the one who secures their legal (voting) status without offending the citizens, what a coup.” The politicians are considering themselves not the country. This country wants to set the standards of democracy for the world and provide freedom to all, yet has come to the realization that we can’t even control our own borders. Also, giving amnesty to everyone does not make for a great or good country. Where is the wisdom?

I am concerned! The United States is operating without wisdom. Some, maybe many, could say, “Well, that’s doom-saying!” Exactly! It sure is! For without wisdom we are doomed! And we cannot have wisdom until we re-discover our need for God the Savior! For fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! Wisdom builds the house, but without it, the termites enter and eat away where we’re soft, until this nation crumbles from within.

I’m concerned when our answer to financial woes in a community is the lottery, a dog or horse track, or a gambling casino. The leaders are always telling the people how much better it will be as money floods the coffers and relieves taxes and established good things. Yet, the wolf in the sheep’s clothing attacks. The cancer-ridden poisons begin their work, the acidic power of vice eats away at whatever virtue is left. We do not advance or improve, and the last forty years give witness; we become more greedy, more adulterous, more vile, more lecherous, more ignorant, and more self-serving.

What is this Nation going to do? Same answer and the only answer, Call upon God! Many countries have come to power and then fallen away. But this particular country truly was established with God in mind and His concerns at core. The country’s root had a covenant with God and the blessing remains, God remembers. The verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14 is as contemporary as when it was written, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land.”

May the Lord of Mercy and Grace look kindly upon us—The United States of America!  
Lord, help us!

May the Grace of God enable you to live out His purpose for your life!