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CORRUPT HEARTS

Have you observed the movies and the television shows America watches today? When movies and television were in their infancy, you would never hear a single filthy word. In fact, I am old enough to remember that when they showed a married couple in their bedroom, they would be sleeping in twin beds. You would never see a married couple engaged in sexual intimacy and the producers would never consider showing an unmarried couple in bed together. Now people have come to accept programs that display the type of behavior that God condemns in Colossians 3:5-8. The public even supports the companies that sponsor them.

Do I believe that movies and television shows have corrupted our nation? Perhaps they have since they lead people to believe this is normal, acceptable behavior. However, this kind of behavior is more symptomatic of a greater problem than it is a cause.

The problem facing our nation today is corrupt hearts that can only be cleaned by the blood of Jesus Christ. *“¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” Hebrews 9:14*

Our nation is walking down the same deadly path that Israel walked. *“⁷I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. ⁸(1) The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD?’ (2) Those who deal with the law did not know me; (3) the leaders rebelled against me.” Jeremiah 2:7-8*

Our nation is now full of (1) ministers and priests who do not search for the Lord and do not search His entire Divine Word to find His direction. Moreover, our nation is now full of (2) local, state and national politicians who deal with the law but do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In addition, our nation is now full of (3) leaders who are very religious but have never asked Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt they owe.