

The Great Apostasy

II Timothy 3:2-3: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good

The biblical warning of men becoming lovers of themselves seems hauntingly relevant today. From husbands and wives who prioritize their desires above their families to the celebrity Pastor phenomenon where the leader becomes more prominent than the teachings of Jesus Christ. The spotlight on self is blinding us to the needs of others. It is the new religion that is forming. The religion of self and the religion of pleasure. The religion of pleasure isn't new fallen humanity has always been drawn to it. Today many worship at the altar of pleasure. We live in an era dominated by Pleasure Seekers rather than God Seekers. An era that embraces the m"antra eat ,drink and be merry for tomorrow we die". The religion of pleasure is really the worship of the flesh. We must be vigilant because our very nature is attracted to pleasure.

There are those who attempt to pretend that there is no pleasure associated with sin. There is a pleasure that comes with sin pleasure. There is pleasure in fornication in adultery in sexual immorality. There is satisfaction in sowing discord and seeking revenge. Drugs and alcohol too offer their own forms of pleasure. Sin in its many forms can be enticing ITimothy 5:6 "but she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth". An ungodly person who is living their life for pleasure is alive but is as good as dead since they are not living for God. The pleasure of sin deceives because it never lasts. The pleasure of sin always attempts to make you want more and more and more more and more, The world is going to worship at the altar of pleasure in 2024. The religion of pleasure is selfish it pushes you to put your sinful desires above the well-being and the future of your loved ones.

Fall in love with your family put them before pleasure. Fall in love with your children put them before pleasure. Think about how your sin can destroy your family. Think about how your sin could cause a division in your family. Pleasure can pull you away from your responsibilities. It can pull you away from your duties as a husband or a wife. Fall in love with your husband .Fall in love with your wife. Fall in love with your children, they are worth more than the pleasure of sin. The pleasure of sin is deceptive, it will deceive you into thinking you can live a double life. You can't- you really can't! What secret pleasure do you have that your husband or wife or family know nothing about? Be sure your sin will find you out- be absolutely certain that your sin will find you out be sure your sin will find you out!

As we move forward the need to be vigilant has never been greater as we stand on the cusp of 2024 the trends of global unity, technological advancement, spiritual apostasy and moral decay are more than mere observations, they serve as cautionary signposts urging us to reflect, discern, and act based on our convictions. While the world may veer towards a new world order, believers must find strength in their faith and scripture. We must remain steadfast, nurturing our relationship with God and reinforcing the foundations of our beliefs.

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