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I am proud to be an American. Furthermore, I am a conservative American, and I am most importantly a Christian. I am a Christian who is old enough to wonder what happened to the America I used to know? Over the course of my lifetime America has changed; in some ways for the better, in many ways for the worse.

When I was born, America was a nation. Today, it is a fragmented society in which various segments divided by race, gender, and sexual preference preach hate toward all the other segments. Currently white, working class, southern, heterosexual, Christian males are losing in the hate game, but like a rabid dog, once hate is unleashed it can turn on anyone. I am a part of the new underclass in a fragmented society in which everyone has special privileges except me. Unfortunately, many of us are too brainwashed to understand what is happening. Some even feel that it is our just punishment to be

downtrodden. The American melting pot has been destroyed by politicians who divided the population into fragmented hate groups.

Many political offices require you to swear an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Most of the time, our military has successfully dealt with foreign enemies, but it is our politicians that are allowing our domestic enemies to destroy us from the inside.

Let's consider four tools our domestic enemies are using:

**First is Ignorance.** *“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free . . . it expects what never was and never will be.”* (Thomas Jefferson) The domestic enemy has dumbed down our educational system, which used to be the envy of the world. According to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Education, 21% of adults read

below 5th grade level. American students are lagging behind virtually all developed nations in reading and comprehension skills. However, it is important to understand that a students' ignorance is not a failing of the government educational system – *it is a crowning achievement.* Efforts by several generations of reformers and public policy experts have combined to produce a generation of know-nothings. That was the goal all along!

Recent statistics show that not even a quarter of American students are proficient in US history. Only 20 percent of 6th graders, 17 percent of 8th graders, and 12 percent of high school seniors demonstrate a solid grasp on their nation's history. In fact, American kids are weaker in history than in any of the other subjects tested. When asked which of four countries; the Soviet Union, Japan, China, or Vietnam — was North Korea's ally in fighting US troops during the Korean War, nearly 80 percent of 12th-graders

selected the wrong answer. And these kids are not even aware they are being short-changed. Colleges report that students are actually shocked when they are placed into remedial math. Ignorance is a bad thing, but ignorance of your ignorance is even worse.

**Second is Apathy.** For a classic example of an interested and enthusiastic nation you can look back to America during the Second World War. While still reeling from the Great Depression, U.S. citizens in the 1940's rallied around the war effort to support our soldiers overseas. Historians still marvel at what they accomplished. Most everyone was wholly invested: Posters reminded Americans of the reasons for the shortages and asked them to make do by conserving, by avoiding the black market, and by generally becoming more self-reliant. Nowhere is the totality of the war effort seen more clearly than when Americans plowed up their lawns to grow "*Victory Gardens*" to reduce the need of vegetables at home so the soldiers could be supplied overseas.

President Roosevelt challenged the country to get to work. He stated: *"Powerful enemies must be out-fought and out-produced...We must out-produce them overwhelmingly, so that there can be no question of our ability to provide a crushing superiority of equipment in any theatre of the world war."*

The people responded. Elderly quit retirement to help build ships. Women, by the millions, left their positions as homemakers to work in factories. American civilians built 14,000 ships, 88,000 tanks, and 300,000 airplanes in the four years of war. In 1944 alone, the U.S. constructed more planes than Japan did throughout the entire war.

Despite only having 5 percent of the world's population, in 1945, the U.S. produced 50 percent of the world's manufactured goods.

We were also financially committed. More than 85 million Americans of the 139 million at the time (64%) bought government war bonds. Half of the total cost of war, \$340 billion in 1940 dollars, was paid for by income from bonds, even children participated. In today's dollars, this would be like every man, woman and child in America investing nearly **\$8,900** in the war effort. Some borrowed money to buy war bonds to support our country. Do you see why they are called the "*greatest generation?*" Imagine modern Americans backing any cause like this. So why the drastic change since then? It is apathy. During most elections half of us don't even vote, and many that do, cast an ignorant vote.

**Third is Socialism.** Socialism at one time was a foreign enemy, but no longer. It is a domestic enemy today. Socialism is the opposite of social responsibility. Capitalism has been the most dynamic force for economic progress in history. Over

the past century, it has delivered billions of people out of poverty, raised living standards to once-unimaginable heights, and enabled an unprecedented growth of creativity. But among young Americans, it is apparently not very popular.

A Survey of Americans ages 18 to 34 finds that 62 percent think "*we need a strong government to handle today's complex economic problems,*" with just 35 percent saying "*the free market can handle these problems without government being involved.*" Actually, socialism gets higher marks than capitalism from Hispanics, Asian-Americans, and African-Americans. Sixty-one percent of Democrats take a positive view of socialism as do 25 percent of Republicans.

Another survey by George Barna, indicated that four out of every ten adults say they prefer socialism to capitalism. *That is the stuff of civil wars.* It ought to set off alarm bells among more traditionally-oriented leaders across the nation. As socialist countries have fallen across the world, little did we know that the fires of socialism were being stoked all across America where it is held in higher





regard than in nations that have suffered under it. Americans who believe in limited government, welfare reform, and states' rights should look over their shoulder and realize that a dangerous ideology is gaining ground. A crowd that you thought history had left behind is growing.

**The Final Domestic Enemy is Ungodliness.** True Socialism or Communism has no place for anything else but itself as a belief system or the state as an object of worship. To examine the largest concentrations of atheists in the world is to look at a map of current and former communist and socialist countries. Christianity or Judaism, as a rule, usually does not thrive in a communist or socialist nation. So, for socialism to thrive in America, Christianity must go first.

The framers of our constitution, being people of faith, learning, and reason, designed God into the founding documents that would define the United States. Why? The framers knew that to succeed, the nation needed to be beholden to something greater than the will and character of flawed humans, no matter how noble those humans were. Those finer and greater things were the **rule of law**

and **the blessing of God**. The ultimate irony in United States history is that a nation so founded upon God may find God to be its undoing. Under socialism, there is no place for God. When God leaves, His blessings depart as His judgment arrives. John Adams said: *“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

*“I do not know whether all Americans have a sincere faith in their religion—for who can search the human heart?—but I am certain that they hold it to be indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions. This opinion is not peculiar to a class of citizens or a party, but it belongs to the whole nation and to every rank of society.* (Alexis de Tocqueville)

When an unnamed refugee from Castro's Cuban regime began to realize that the socialism he had risked his life to get away from was now being embraced in America, He said to a fellow American: *“You're not as fortunate as I was; I had somewhere else to go. You can't escape; you must stand and fight if you want to be free, for you have nowhere else to go.”*

He was right. If freedom dies here where are you going to go? Oh, I know some nations still have far more liberties than others, but freedom is dying all across the globe. We need to combat the epidemic of ignorance that pervades our nation, we must battle against personal apathy, we must fight against the evils of socialism, and most importantly we must renew our dependence upon God. These four things are not an exhaustive list, but they do give us a starting point in rebuilding our nation.

The America I knew as a child is gone, and even with all of her imperfections, I miss her a lot. As a father I have been unable to fully explain to my own children how special it was to live in the America of my childhood. I cannot bring back the past, but maybe, *just maybe* I can use the liberties I still enjoy to slow my country's demise into a socialist state.



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be pretty dark hours for some of our overnight listeners.

Storms will come into our lives this summer, figuratively and literally. During these times in the life of a believer, we may feel we are about to sink under great distress or trouble. Often, it seems these trying moments are most pronounced during the darkest of night. The blessing is, even during such heavy moments, our Lord provides a song in the night.

*“. . . in the night His song shall  
be with me.”*

**Psalms 42:8**

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**Isaiah 30:29-30**

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## Artist Spotlight - CrossWay

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When the preparations were being made for this new group, Gary and Caila were both very dependent upon the Lord because they had some needs, and God met those needs within a short time period with the help of friends and family. The Lord provided the resources for them to record their first cd, *By Grace*, on a very short notice. On May 19, 2019, **CrossWay** made their first appearance at a church in Chocowinity, NC, and God made his presence known in that service, so much so that a member of their family gave her heart and life to Jesus.

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# I'll Do It Lord.

*Mrs. Sherry Worthington*

I had a conversation yesterday with one of my SummerCare parents who works in public schools. She is a wonderful lady and is very dedicated to her work. I had a trash can in my hand and was headed out front to pick up trash which was on our academy property. She said, *“My daughter can help. I am not against child labor.”* I said, *“That is a great idea!”* She then told me they weren't allowed to have the children pick up trash. She even said a parent got upset because her child was asked to wipe off tables. The mother felt it was demeaning. I was mortified. What does that teach our children?

As I watched the children clean up the lawn out front, I began to think about

what she had said. I was very proud of our children. We made it a game to see how many pieces of trash they could pick up. They did a great job, much better and quicker than I could have by myself. They seemed even to enjoy themselves. The children also learned valuable lessons as well. They asked, *“Why do people throw trash on the ground?”* I told them that some people are lazy and care more about themselves than taking care of God's earth. They seemed sad that people would throw trash on the ground. Hopefully, one of the things they learned was that when you are lazy and don't do what you are supposed to someone else has to do it for you. I'll have to remind them of that when we are picking up trash on the playground.

What has happened to many Americans? Why would anyone feel it is demeaning to wipe off tables and pick up trash? Can you imagine what would have happened if the men and women who settled this country had felt that way? Can you imagine what some of the comments might have been? *“I can't cut that wood. I might work up a sweat. I have to use my hands to do laundry. What about my nails?”* How absurd!

I was raised that you do whatever it takes to get the job done, and you do it right. If that means mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, or taking out the trash, then you do it. My first job, unless you count babysitting, was at a fast food place, Kentucky





we think we are too good to serve, we have missed our purpose. Jesus was the master servant. Remember when He washed the disciple's feet? He did it to show love and humility. God chose to do the job of a servant. Who are we to protest menial jobs, if there is such a thing?

Now that doesn't mean people shouldn't clean up after themselves and take their turns. We should have the decency to clean up after ourselves and pick up our own trash. If we make a mess in the bathrooms, we need to clean it up. To expect our spouse, parent, co-worker, or employee to wait on us and clean up our messes is very selfish and lazy. At the academy, our students are assigned a turn to clean tables after lunch. We do not expect them to throw away everyone's trash or pick up everyone's mess. But we do expect the students to clean up after themselves, and the table washer just washes the tables. That is the way it should be.

Fried Chicken. *Yes, it was around back then.* I got a job to pay for gas, etc., and I bought many of my school clothes. There aren't many sixteen-year-olds with jobs nowadays. I know working for my new boss taught me a great deal. I had to clean tables and the bathroom on occasion. I also ran the cash register and packed the chicken. Of course, KFC has changed a great deal, but the basics are the same. I would not have kept my job long if I had told my boss I didn't want to clean tables, nor should I have.

When a person feels that a job is beneath them, there is definitely a pride issue. God Almighty created each one of us to serve Him. When

On many occasions, we find ourselves cleaning up unnecessary messes, like picking up paper someone else tossed. It makes it hard to have the right attitude in this case. Someone I love very much shared with me how she approaches a task like this. An unusually messy task needed to be done, and no one wanted to do it. It was hard to want to clean it because some people thought the task was beneath them, even though they had made most of the mess. She had decided she was going to do the chore because it needed to be done. As she gathered her supplies together, she prayed to the Lord. She asked Him to give her the right heart. It was interesting what she shared with me. She said the Lord told her, *"I need*

*someone to clean the bathroom for me today."* She looked up and told the Lord, *"I'll do it, Lord."*

Wow! I often have cleaned up nasty messes and plunged toilets. I have taken out trash and other things, but I never looked at it quite that way before. I began to look at the chores I had to do at work and at home in a different way. When you serve in a small ministry, you have to have this heart. Many things need to be done, and everyone has to chip in to do them. But shouldn't it be this way in everything we do? When people preach or sing for the church, they often pray and give God the glory. Why is that different?

Let us give the glory for all that we do, no matter what the size of the task. May we say I will do this for You, Lord. This job or task is for You. I am answering Your call. Never feel you are too good to do a job. Please do not teach your children they are too good to do a task. Our Lord did not feel He was too good to die for us. I am so glad that when God said, *"I need someone to save my people."* Jesus said, *"I'll do it, Father. I'll pay the sacrifice. I'll die for them."*

Have you convinced yourself that some tasks are beneath you? Ask yourself, what am I willing to do for my Saviour? No task should be too small, or too great! The important thing is to be about your Father's business... whatever that entails, and always give Him the glory.



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# Woe To Them At Ease In Zion

Dr. Glenn Mills

*“Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!”*  
**Amos 6:1**

In Biblical times, Zion represented the city of Jerusalem. Later it was the nation of Israel. But, due to the availability of the gospel around the world, it now refers to the Kingdom of God. Today, Zion refers to any place the presence of God occupies; and that is everywhere. King David even said, “If I make my bed in hell, God would still be there.”

So, who does this “woe” speak to today? First, it applies to the sinner who is comfortable in their sin. They see themselves as good people; just as good as some church goers they know. Sad to say, many times they are right. Some sinners behave better than some church folks, even though that will not get them to heaven.

Multitudes are lost in sin and many in the church do not seem to be the least bit concerned. The media, along with many churches, are feeding them false hope. They tell them God loves them and will allow them into heaven no matter what they have done. Woe to them for judgment is soon to come.

Secondly, there is an even greater “woe” in regards to the church. Many are at ease in their religion while multitudes are going to hell. Too many preachers have turned to a “feel good” gospel, not wanting to offend anyone in their congregation.

Many churches are more concerned with people to fill their pews than souls to fill God’s Kingdom. While we know the wealth of the wicked is laid up for the righteous, we don’t trust God to transfer it to us. Instead, we give the wicked a spiritually social place they can come, hoping they will fill the offering plates.

What does it mean to be at ease? It simply means many have become comfortable, cold, and uncaring about the work of the Lord or the needs of people. Many sermons are no more than motivational speeches playing on the emotions, yet missing the heart that needs God’s truth. The focus of most preaching is only what God can do for His children with little mention of what He also requires from them.

What many call praise and worship is little more than a spiritual concert, entertaining the flesh only to have people leave unchanged, uncommitted, and unconvinced.



These same churches have professional greeting teams, but have little to no evangelism outreach teams. While the church should have answers to the world's problems, many simply have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

God declares it is time His people stop playing church and start being the Church, the Body of His Son Jesus Christ. How is it we claim to have the presence of God in our services, yet sinners are not convicted of their sin and need for a Saviour?

The first time I felt the love of God in a church service, I was a boy of thirteen. I was overwhelmed with His love and my sin. I wanted His love more than my sin, so I gladly accepted His Son to wash my sins away. So, if the love and presence of God is in our churches, why are sinners not being saved?

As the coming of our Lord is drawing near, we must wake up from our slumber and ease and

be busy about God's work. The Holy Spirit is calling Believers for prayer and service.

It is time we worship God in spirit and in truth, not for entertainment. Who will fast for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in such a way He is allowed to fill our services and overtake them? Who will block out the distractions of this world and get consumed with God's Word?

Or, will many remain as the foolish virgins who were at ease with their lack of oil and were shut out when the Bridegroom came?



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# And Finally...



## My Favorite Old Movie...

*Gone with the Wind* is a 1939 classic that I could watch over and over again. I would be embarrassed to tell you how often I have seen this movie. Set in the Civil War era, the storyline is dominated by the contrasting priorities and values between two southern families and their approach to restoration from the ruins of war. Although this was a horrendous time for America, the main focus of this movie was by one main character, Scarlett O'Hara. She is a spoiled, self-indulgent, southern woman who lacks empathy for anyone except herself. The loss of her home and family drives her relentless ambition to never be poor or hungry again. So, if you want to see a movie about love and war, greed and mayhem, with a little southern charm and humor thrown in, check this one out.

**W. M.**

I have always enjoyed old war movies and westerns. It would be hard to pick a favorite. I would easily say as far as television shows go, it just doesn't get any better than *The Rifleman*, *Leave it to Beaver*, or *The Andy Griffith Show*. Wholesome shows uplifting family, godly morals, and good character. There is no way most shows today come even close to the wholesomeness of the old shows. Kids today just don't know what they're missing!

**D. T.**

My favorite old movies incidentally coincide with my favorite time of year, Christmas. I'm sure you can already guess which movies I'll probably say. *It's a*

*Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, and the 1935 original version of *Scrooge (A Christmas Carol)* are some of my favorites, just to name a few. Now, I'll have to admit, Hallmark always has some enjoyable movies at Christmas, but I always go back to the old ones time and time again.

**M. K.**

One of the first "old movies" I remember watching as a child was *The Wizard of Oz*, originally released in 1939. The scarecrow, tinman, lion, munchkins, Dorothy and Toto, and all the wonderful songs are still remembered almost 80 years after their making. *The Wizard of Oz* is truly a classic in my book!

**S. P.**

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# Monument Or Mission?

**I**n today's economy, is it wise to raise money to build and operate Christian radio stations? Actually, encouraging listeners to contribute funding is inherently neither right nor wrong. In some cases, God is glorified through the financing, construction, and operation of a Christian radio station. In other cases, through massive indebtedness, incompetence, extravagance, pride, and facility misuse, God is dishonored. Obviously, prayer is always needed before you contribute.

I know during times of economic hardship people may criticize a ministry by saying, *"If that money was given to the poor, far greater things could be accomplished."* This is sometimes true and it will need prayerful consideration. On the other hand, by serving the Christian community and reaching out to the unsaved, a Scriptural ministry provides evangelism, encouragement, and edification. Ultimately, the poor and hurting may be ministered to in a far greater degree because of the investment that was made in the faithful ministry.

We must continually strive to be sure the burden of funding, building, and maintaining radio stations doesn't become our main mission. At **GoMix Christian Radio**, our mission has never been radio stations, *it is people*. Distractions from this mission cannot be accepted. We must consciously battle the rationalizations that so often turn churches and Christian organizations away from building Christ's kingdom to building their own.

Some things, like the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, can serve two distinct and worthwhile purposes. It assuredly served a very useful mission, yet it is also recognized as a grand historic monument. The dividing lines for ministries are not quite as clear. So for us, we shall strive to forgo the illusion of a monument. You see, just like your church building, Christian radio stations should be tools for ministry, not monuments to man.

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