

## 7.15.19 - The Law of Unintended Consequences

Over the years we as a society have created anti nudity laws under the guise of attempting to curb sin, but we did it our way rather than God's way and the end result has been a higher sexualized society...higher rates of rape and incest, etc. The question to be answered is "would doing it God's way have worked better." If we made nakedness legal would that desexualize society some over time? Would it reduce the rape and incest statistics? I don't know for sure, however Denmark's statistics might be an indicator that even though they might not have intended to do it God's way when they legalized nudity, they still ended up doing it His way and their rape statistics are now 1/4th that of the United States as a percentage of the population. This would tend to indicate that it worked.

When I read this paragraph, I asked if there are Bible examples of things not working as planned when done man's way. First example that came to mind was Adam's attempt to know good and evil and become a god. He got the knowledge of good and evil starting with the garden as good and outside the garden as evil. The rest of his life was full of unintended consequences including the loss of a son and having to work for a living. Cain was the next one that came to mind. He offered what he thought God would like, not what God demanded and go figure...God favored his brother's offering. Instead of repenting and doing it God's way, he killed the person who pleased God. That had its own set of unintended consequences. Then Jacob came to mind. He deceived his father to get the blessing and was tricked repeatedly by Laban. Moses tried to hurry God along to deliver the Hebrews from Egypt and got "promoted" to 40 years working with sheep in the desert instead of ruling people at the palace. Korah also came to mind. He expected a place in the priesthood, but got swallowed up by the earth alive. Ananias and Sapphira did not get the honor they expected for their gift, but instead got a quick exit from this life.

It's starting to look like the unintended consequences were a punishment for sin. So, I looked for examples where God's will had been followed and it did not go as planned. Well, Able did God's will with his sacrifice, but it cost him his life. Joseph turned his master's wife's sexual advances down and got prison time for doing what God wanted. The four Hebrew children refused to worship the king's idol and got time in the fiery furnace. Daniel prayed as usual and got a night in the lion's den. All the prophets were abused for telling the people what God was going to do to them. Stephen gave a clear message about Jesus and was stoned for it.

If we sin, we get unexpected results and if we do God's will we get unexpected results. Perhaps we are not supposed to expect results, but that is ridiculous. All actions have consequences. We make our plans with expected results. We are expected to make plans. Paul pressed towards the mark: **Phl 3:14 - I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** Even to not make plans has consequences. We are not even able to imagine all the possible consequences of a given action. We are obviously thinking wrong somewhere.

Then it occurred to me that it is not an individual law, but a corporate law. In the days of Noah **Gen 6:5 - And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** They would not take the warning that Noah tried for 120 years to give them, so they were the first to see it rain. After God purified the Israelites for 40 years in the desert, they were undefeatable, which is not what was expected by the spies 40 years earlier. Now it seems to be working; do it God's way and the results are what He promised, do it any other way and there will be unexpected results for the nation, the church or society in general.

As Christians, we are to come out from among them and be separate. We are not to follow the ways of society. We are to follow the ways of the Lord. We have clearly demonstrated within the pages of this website that God's originally intended way for humans to live on this planet is naked and not ashamed. We have recommended books like Aaron Frost's and Paul Bowman's that clearly show the same thing, but time and time again I talk to Christians who tell me that Christians should not be naked because society says so. When and where did Christians come up with the idea that they are to follow society? It was my understanding from Scripture that Christians are to come out and be separate from the world. If the world is more and more focused on clothing and the statement it makes, then shouldn't Christians be more and more focused on wholesome nakedness, especially knowing that is how God wanted us from the beginning. Instead, Christianity leads the charge on clothing being the preferred method and base most of their "doctrine" on a single verse on "modesty" that clearly doesn't mean what they claim it does in the original Greek. While at the same time ignoring dozens of verses showing the commonplace of nakedness and God's intentions from the beginning. They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel so to speak. What has been the unintended consequence within the church? How many pastors do you hear about cheating on their wives? How many Christians do you hear about struggling with pornography? What is the divorce rate today in the Christian community...better yet what is the rate of Christians having sex before marriage in the Christian community? Are we more highly sexualized today or less sexualized?

Ask yourself this question...if our "culture" promotes a clothed society and it is more highly sexualized today and the "church" promotes a clothed society and it is more highly sexualized today, shouldn't someone be asking what changed? Shouldn't someone be asking if the law of unintended consequences has worked to our disadvantage and maybe we should be considering reversing the

trend by going back to a Godly standard of Biblical non sexual nakedness as commonplace?

[Genesis 2:25](#)

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were **not** **ashamed**.