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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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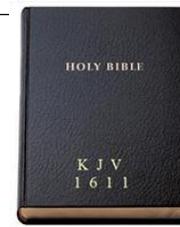
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IV. The Sociological Conditions Of The Last Days

1. Iniquity Shall Abound

Matt 24:12

And because **iniquity shall abound**, the love of many shall wax cold.

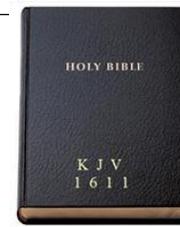
- Three by-products of this condition are that many shall: (1) be offended; (2) betray one another; and (3) hate one another

Matt 24:10

And then **shall many be offended**, and **shall betray one another**, and **shall hate one another**.

- We live in the time of political correctness, when speaking the plain truth or exercising one's freedom of speech is not tolerated if it offends someone, particularly those in a "protected class"
- There is a movement to pass "Hate Speech" laws, both nationally and internationally, that would make it illegal to offend particular people

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- Bible-believing Christians will be deemed “haters” for declaring such things as homosexuality is an abomination before God and Mohammed is a false prophet, according to the Bible
- All across the world and even in the U.S., a strong spirit of HATE has risen between people of differences, whether it be race, religion, ethnicity, or ideology- people can no longer agree to disagree, they HATE those who are different
- There is a clear double standard on both sides- “we” are only expressing our freedom of speech, but “they” are guilty of hate speech
- There are elements of the U.S. government that believe we are on the brink of another Civil War- many federal agencies are stockpiling arms and ammunition in preparation of this

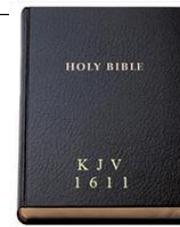
2. Perilous Times

2 Tim 3:1

This know also, that in the last days **perilous times** shall come.

- PERILOUS= “dangerous; hazardous; full of risk”

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- There are 19 specific characteristics that make society in the last days “perilous”, some of which were covered in the Part One (The Spiritual Conditions Of The Last Days)

2 Tim 3:1-5

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

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,

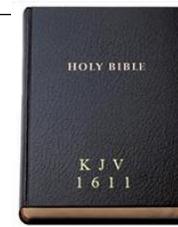
Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1) Lovers of their own selves

- NARCISSISM= “a personality characteristic associated with self-absorption, egocentrism, an overestimation of one’s own importance and abilities, a sense of entitlement, and disregard for others”
- The perspective of the current generation is: “it’s all about ME”

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- A recent psychological study found that 30% of young people were narcissistic, and that number has doubled in the past 30 years
- Another study found a 40% decrease in empathy among young people
- Pop culture, specifically celebrities in the entertainment and sports industries, has had the greatest influence in the narcissism of our youth
- Movies, TV shows, song lyrics, and celebrity lifestyles glamorize and glorify SELF

Evidence of Narcissistic Trends Among Millennials (born after 1982)

The millennial generation has been raised in a culture that places “more focus on the self and less focus on the group, society, and community;” thereby, it should come as no surprise that they “[show] an increasing trend of valuing money, image, and fame more than inherent principles like self-acceptance, affiliation, and community.” Researchers have found evidence of these narcissistic trends among the generation born after 1982. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education:

Millennials, the generation of young Americans born after 1982, may not be the caring, socially conscious environmentalists some have portrayed them to be, according to a study described in the new issue of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

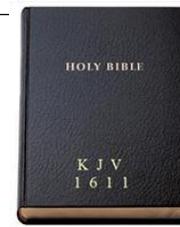
The study, which compares the traits of young people in high school and entering college today with those of baby boomers and Gen X'ers at the same age from 1966 to 2009, shows an increasing trend of valuing money, image, and fame more than inherent principles like self-acceptance, affiliation, and community. “The results generally support the ‘Generation Me’ view of generational differences rather than the ‘Generation We,’” the study’s authors write in a report published today, “Generational Differences in Young Adults’ Life Goals, Concern for Others, and Civic Orientation.”

Popular Culture Shows How Increasingly Narcissistic Our Society Has Become

Alex Balk | April 26th, 2011

“Narcissism, research shows, is on the rise.... Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the University of Kentucky has come to the same conclusion based on quite a different avenue of research. DeWall and his colleagues analyzed the lyrics of songs on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart from 1980 to 2007. They found a statistically significant trend toward narcissism in the music, with the words ‘I’ and ‘me’ gradually replacing ‘we’ and ‘us.’

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2) Coveteous

- 7 out of 10 Americans have 10 or more credit cards, and the average amount of total credit card debt is \$15k
- If you spent \$1 million every day since the birth of Jesus you would have spent a total of \$734,015,000,000 (734,015 days x \$1,000,000) which is only 4.59% of our current national debt of \$16 trillion

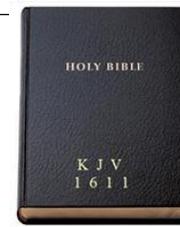
3) Boasters

4) Proud

Pro 30:13

There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

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5) Disobedient to parents

Pro 30:11

There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Isa 3:12a

As for my people, children are their oppressors,

"As a day-to-day school administrator, it is especially hard for me to understand the level of disrespect, violence, rebelliousness and disruptive behavior in our youngest children, ages 3 to 5 years old. The OCC (out-of-control-children) not only spit and bite, but they punch with their tiny fists, clinch their teeth, and use intimidating voices and intimidating body postures. They throw things, make weapons, draw "death threats", climb on the furniture, and verbally abuse everyone, including their parents, their peers and the school personnel."

-Out Of Control Children:
Are we raising a generation
of un-teachable children?

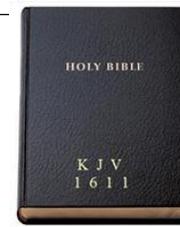
By Dr. Bria McDonald, Dean of Education
for the Potter's House



Rebellious
children



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"We live in a time of obedient parents and disobedient children. Parents obey their children - while it should be the other way around and this is, needless to say, a major problem! "

-Parents and disobedient Children
Rosen Castle Nursery School
and Activity Centre

"The troubled teen epidemic has many parents, school teachers, and school administrators at their wits end. Many teens of today are blatantly disobedient to anyone with authority, especially their parents. It may be hard for some to believe but there are parents that are literally afraid of their children."

-Teen Success
Helping Families With Troubled Teens

"the incidents of Domestic Violence cases where children physically assault their parents has increased 700%."

-Det. Robert R. Surgenor
Berea, Ohio Police Department

"The problems that face parents today are unique from the problems that their parents once faced, many years ago. Parents that are now grandparents simply spanked, grounded or made their child do extra chores if their children were disobedient. It is well known today that this type of correction could land a parent in jail. The youth of today realize the power they hold, and have no reservation in using it against their parents."

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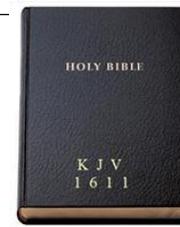
"The Child Protective Service threat is very real and very effective. There are parents that have been reported for no real reason and have had to pay fines and face restriction from the rest of their family."

-Teen Success
Helping Families With Troubled Teens

In the past - people still respected their parents. Today we see even small children screaming "I Hate You!" - at their parent - when they have been denied some small indulgence.

Children will tell the parent - what they are going to do, whether the parent likes it or not! The children have become manipulative of the parents - for their own selfish desires.

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6) Unthankful

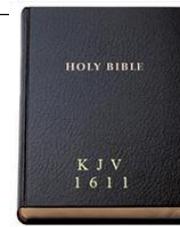
- According to the EPA, the U.S. throws away approximately 33 million tons of food each year
- This equates to about 10 pounds of food for every person on earth
- People are not thankful today because they feel entitled

7) Without natural affection

- There is no greater evidence of this than when a woman “chooses” her convenience over the life of her unborn baby
- Since Roe v. Wade (1973), there have been over 55 million abortions in the U.S.
- Since 1980, there have been 1.25 billion abortions in the world

8) Truce-breakers

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9) False accusers- gossip and slander

10) Incontinent

- INCONTINENT= “not restraining the passions or appetites, particularly the sexual appetite; indulging lust without restraint or in violation of law; unchaste; lewd; unable to restrain discharges; lack of self-control”

1 Cor 7:2,5

Nevertheless, *to avoid* **fornication**, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

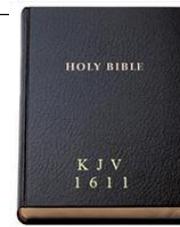
Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your **incontinency**.

- Incontinence is fueled by the “if it feels good, do it” and “let’s party” attitudes that prevail in our society

Ecc 8:15a

Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to **eat**, and to **drink**, and to **be merry**:

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10) Fierce

Pro 30:14a

There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives,

13) Traitors

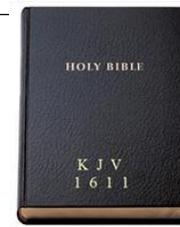
14) Heady- rash or hasty

15) Highminded- arrogant

Pro 30:12

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

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- Many of the characteristics in 2 Timothy 3 are also mentioned as part of the degradation of human society in Romans 1

Rom 1:29-31

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

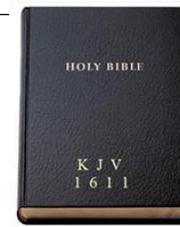
Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

- The chilling conclusion is that in spite of knowing that they will reap the judgment of God for doing these things, people still do them and have PLEASURE in others who do them as well

Rom 1:32

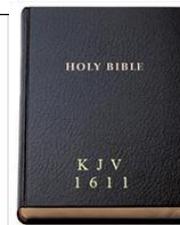
Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

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- In the days of Lot, gangs of homosexuals freely roamed the streets at night and could go door-to-door and forcibly defile whoever they wanted without any fear (there were either no laws forbidding this conduct, or the authorities did not enforce them)
- Society in the days of Noah is described as: (1) wicked (Gen 6:5; 13:13); (2) evil (Gen 6:5); (3) corrupt (Gen 6:11-12); (4) violent (Gen 6:11,13); and (5) ungodly (2 Pet 2:5; Jude 15)
- Mutation of human DNA and hybrid offspring (Gen 6:4) as a result of angels committing fornication with women (Gen 6:2; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6-7) cf. (Rev 12:9; Dan 2:43)
 - ✓ One of the common testimonies of those who allege to have been abducted by aliens is that they were subjected to reproductive experimentation and/or violated in a sexual manner
 - ✓ Genetic engineering and cybernetics (human tissue/robotics) is a reality- scientists are fusing human and animal DNA (i.e.- chimera) to create “hyper-sapiens” or transhumans
- HOMOSEXUALITY
 - ✓ Who would have thought 40-50 years ago that homosexuality would be celebrated and promoted, much less tolerated?
 - ✓ A total of 8 states have passed laws legalizing gay marriage
- FORNICATION
 - ✓ Fornication is celebrated and glorified in our world today (*Californication; Desperate Housewives; 16 and Pregnant*)
 - ✓ 36% of all births are to unmarried women; 50% of births to women in their early twenties are out of wedlock
 - ✓ In 1940 68% of women (20-34) were married vs. 39.2% in 2010
 - ✓ The U.S. has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the world (22%), New Zealand is second (14%); it also has the highest divorce rate



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