

Proverbs 14:34

1 Tim. 2:8-10

1 Peter 3:1-4

THE REVERSE PLUNGE

1. In Africa where polygamy, idolatry, adultery and nakedness has been much in evidence in the past:
 1. The natives have now turned to (many of them) Monogamy, modesty, and spirituality.
 2. All of this because some missionaries introduced them to Jesus: including a great number of our own.
 3. This could rightly be called the reverse plunge for they had no way to go but up. They had gone as far down as they could.

THE PLUNGE IN AMERICA

1. Some one has said, according to our good song STAR SPANGLED BANNER, that America is the "land of the free and the home of the brave."
2. It might be better expressed as the "land of the free and the home of the frustrated."
3. It might be better still to say, "the land of guided missiles and the home of mis-guided men."
4. Some years ago:
 1. In America many people started taking their clothes off. This was the real beginning of the American plunge.
 2. There was the plunging neck-line, the strapless evening dress, the strapless bathing suit, and just recently with no straps to bother, the bathing suit plunged all the way to the waist line
5. AMERICAN EDUCATORS ARE SAYING:
 1. That American morality has dropped 75 to 80 percent the last sixty years.
 2. This could only happen to a people, American or otherwise, where Jesus "is on His way out."
 3. Not many Christians are standing up against this trend, but plunging their standards downward with the world.
 4. If up leads to heaven, then down leads to hell. Since America is plunging downward then we find ourselves in real trouble.

FAMILY TOGETHERNESS ALMOST A THING OF THE PAST IN AMERICA

1. There are many centrifugal forces which continually pull families apart.
 1. There is the automobile which has been the most potent factor in the last three decades. The multi-car family has become common place
 2. Busy fathers and mothers have turned their children over to baby sitters. Fathers no longer have time for right recreation with their sons. All of this has been turned over to some club.
 3. It takes work and planning today for families to be together. Otherwise, homes have become little more than "filling stations" or "parking and sleeping" places.

A FAMILY LOOKS AT AMERICA OF TODAY. What that family sees when it looks at America:

1. The family sees a government with no financial morality. "CHARGE IT," is the accepted practice.
2. The family listens with dismay to the campaigning for the Presidency that is going on about us today. From those who have any conviction left there ascends the cry for a crusader to call us back to dignity, strength and austerity: Plain honest living, and high thinking.
3. The family today must face up to an America that has fallen so low in leadership that a little two by four nations will take our money with one hand and slap us in the face with the other.
4. No one can have right respect for a nation, or individual where fiddle-faddling, wobbling, fumbling becomes the rule in policy or deeds. No one has respect for a weakling.
5. The family today sees an America where death on the highways, a pack a day, cheating from top to bottom in our society, get rich quick schemes of every sort and kind, the break-up of the family seems to be the accepted order of things. These things have destroyed nations before us. Why should we think that we are wise enough to take the same path and change history. THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC...NOT ROME

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Some years ago, in America many people started taking their clothes off. This was the real beginning of the American thing. There was the shining neck-line, the strapless evening dress, the strapless bathing suit, and, most recently with no straps to bother, the bathing suit plunged all the way to the water line.

AMERICAN EDUCATORS ARE SAYING:

That American morality has dropped 75 to 80 percent the last sixty years. This could only happen to a people, American or otherwise, where Jesus "is on the way out."

Now many Christians are standing up against this trend, but plunging their heads down and with the world.

As it is, it is heaven, then down leads to hell. Once America is plunged downward then we find ourselves in real trouble.

FAMILY TOGETHERNESS ALMOST A THING OF THE PAST IN AMERICA

There are many centrifugal forces which constantly pull families apart. First is the automobile which has been the most potent factor in the last three decades. The multi-car family has become common place. But fathers and mothers have turned their children over to baby sitters, fathers no longer have time for right recreation with their sons. All of this has been turned over to some one else.

It takes work and planning today for families to be together. Otherwise, homes have become little more than "filling stations" or "parking and sleeping" places.

FAMILY LIFE IN AMERICA OF TODAY What that family sees when it looks at America:

1. The family is a government with no financial morality. "CHANGE IT," is the repeated cry.

2. The family is a government with dignity to the campaigning for the Presidency that is going on about us today. From those who have any conviction left there sounds the cry for a crusade to call us back to dignity, strength and austerity. Plain honest living, and high thinking.

3. The family today must face up to an America that has fallen so low in leadership that a little two by four nation will take our money with one hand and give us the face with the other.

4. We can have no respect for a nation, or individual where flirts-faddling, winking, winking because the rule in policy or deeds. No one has respect for anything.

5. The family today sees an America where death on the highways, a lack of day, cheating, and a lack of order in our society. Get it on such schemes of every sort and kind, the best of the family seems to be the accepted order of things. These things have destroyed and are before us. We should we think that we are wise enough to take the same path and change history. The decline and fall of the American Republic is before us.

PROVERBS 14:34

A FAMILY LOOKS AT RELIGION IN AMERICA TODAY

1. Some churches are busy promoting "civil disobedience" among our youth. In mid January when the YOUTH MINISTRY CONSULTATION ON RACE met in Nashville, Tennessee one adult editor of a youth magazine said, "Youths should be blooded in demonstrations, and the kids owe it to the church to march, to picket. She pointed out that "all over the nation parents have restrictive influences. Summer camp(church) is the is the first time for the youth to get away, free to do as they like. This meeting was under the sponsorship of the EMERGENCY COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of CHURCHES.
2. Many denomanational churches of have become nothing more than a social club of some kind.

A CHANGE IN ORDER AND BADLY NEEDED

1. We must have a change and deep dpwn in the American people. WHAT KIND OF A CHANGE?:
 1. There must be a genuine crusade against self-indulgence.
 2. There must be a crusdae against immorality public and private.

THE REMEDY

We need to and we must return to the Lord, and we will have to as a nation return to the Lord and walk in his way so that, "all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:12

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