

## **R U Ready?** **Part 12: "Steps of Demise!"**

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Current Events Series... Because times are changing and we need to be equipped to know how to respond. We want to be like the men of Issachar, "valiant men and women of might who had understanding of the times to know what to do..." **1Chron 7.5 12.32**

**Want to know what to do with...** Upcoming Elections, The Economy, Islam, Israel, Abortion, Disproportionate Homosexual presence... Demise of the Church

**Today as we introduce the demise of the church, I want you to now I am believing the best about us... And I am believing the best about our next generation of Christians and leaders and for miracles to attend their way! I am as unwilling to bash the church as I am to smash my thumb with a hammer... but we must cut open the skin to get to the infection that threatens us!**

**The Church is not what she once was... the Bride has become weakened, sickly and too near to death...**

**Steps of demise... (Steps OF death)**

**People's hearts grow cold because sin is so abundant! Matt 24.12** "What fruit did you have in those things that you are now ashamed of? The end of those things is death!" **Romans 6.21** Like a "Dog returned to his vomit, washed sow returning to the mud!" **2Peter 2.22**

**Men become lover's of themselves... of pleasures... of sin... more than lover's of God! 2Tim3.1-5** Strange contradiction: "Want the form of godliness, but denying the force, meaning, and mightiness of it!" **v5**  
Want the world way! **1Sam 8.19,20**

**Don't want to be judged! "Don't judge!" Mt7.1** In fact, want to be excused! **Lk 14.15ff** Refuse to judge themselves! **1C11.28-32 R14.13** Bringing themselves into judgment by God/others! **Mt7.15-20 1Co5.12 Col2.16**

**Want to prove that their way is right so they "do not judge others!"** Don't want to be a hypocrite! Don't want to be *judgmental!* Want to be perceived as loving/gracious... "Christ-like!" (**cp: Matt 5.17-48**)

**In fact, will soften the experience of salvation by diminishing the Word of God when salvation was meant to be the beginning of a revolution!**

Carrie Underwood: "I don't know what it's like to be told I can't marry somebody I love, and want to marry. I can't imagine how that must feel. I definitely think we should all have the right to love, and love publicly, the people that we want to love." She attends a "gay friendly" church and doesn't believe she has the right to judge anyone. "Above all, God wanted us to love others. It's not about setting rules, or [saying] 'everyone has to be like me.' No. We're all different. That's what makes us special. We have to love each other and get on with each other. It's not up to me to judge anybody."

**Proof of the growing illiteracy in the Word!** Cannot condone what it doesn't! **Is5.20** Not love to let people continue in sin! **GOD!** "every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart is only evil continually." **Gen 6.5 Jer 7.24ff** "ways that seem right and the end of them is death!" **Pr 12.15 14.12 16.25 21.2 2Pet2.15** Churches/clergy living by "feelings," sentiment, instead of truth! **Jer17.9 Numbers 12.14** *Compassion overriding completion!* "Friendly churches" that affirm people in sin rather than call them up/out! **J8.11 (Mt11.19)** Unwilling to judge and be judged! **1Cor6.2**

**"I am a sinner saved by grace (gift, favor) thru faith (belief in Jesus) and God who is abundant in mercy (forgiveness and cleansing of sin) called me to sanctification (purity by purging, pruning, learning,**

believing)... so I can be like Him!" "If you can help me get there by snatching me out of the fire, coming alongside me, pointing out my faults and blind spots, telling me the truth... PLEASE DO!"  
A person's judgmental attitude means nothing, there is no condemnation to the judged and saved, but there remains a great need for other's judgment!

***No longer want to serve! (more work)*** Want to be served! Let someone else do it! Even though our Leader made clear what He wanted from us, "To be like Him, who didn't come to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many!" **Mt 20.26-28 John13**

At this point the Church just becomes another carcass on the heap of social, fraternal, political charitable organizations... and not what Jesus had in mind at all!

***"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways... then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land... Now My eyes are open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made... for I have chosen and sanctified this house that My name may be there forever and My eyes and heart will be there always!"***