Consider the Results of a Godless Society

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"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was" 2 Timothy 3:1-9.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evilmindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them" Romans 1:28-32.

We bemoan the **sins** of our society without calling them "sins." They are "problems" – "sicknesses" – "exclusions" – "hatred" – etc. But as you read the lists of sins above that come from those who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge," then you know why we suffer such things. We say America is full of **narcissists** – that is "lovers of themselves." We see in America **corporate greed** – that is "lovers of money." We see **hateful pride and arrogance** that promotes one way above the others – that is "boasters, proud, blasphemers." We see our government promoting child rebellion in the name of "safety" as they take control away from parents – that is "disobedient to parents." We see professional athletes literally making as much as \$38 million per year to play and we shake our heads – that is "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." Where are America's children on Sundays now? At the soccer fields, the baseball diamonds, the golf courses, with their parents' and coaches' blessing! Still, we scratch our heads and wonder what's wrong with America. Go to church – read your Bible – pray to God – and eventually the answer will dawn on you!

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