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sowing and reaping

"do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." gal 6:7

billy graham's daughter, anne, was being interviewed on the early show by jane clayson, regarding 9/11/2001. she was asked, "how could God let something like this happen?" ms. graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. she said, "i believe that God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are. but, for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. and being the gentleman that He is, i believe that He has calmly backed out. how can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand that He leave us alone?"

this form of rejection seemed to begin when madeline murray o'hare complained she did not want any more prayers in our schools. and we said, "ok." (side note: madeline was murdered, and her corpse was found.)

then, someone said, "you better not read the bible in school"... the bible that says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. and we said, "ok." (and when a shooting or tragedy happens in a school we ask God why He allowed it, never stopping to consider God isn't allowed in schools anymore.)

then, dr. benjamin spock said, "we shouldn't spank our

children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem.” and we said, “an expert should know what he's talking about,” so we said “ok.”

then, someone said, “teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. and the school administrators said no faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave, because we don't want any bad publicity, and we surely don't want to be sued.” and we said, “ok.” (side note: how's that been going? there's a huge difference between disciplining and touching, beating, smacking, humiliating, kicking, etc.)

then someone said, “let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents.” and we said, “ok.”

then some wise school board member said, “since boys will be boys and they're going to do it anyway, let's give our sons all the condoms they want, so they can have all the fun they desire, and we won't have to tell their parents they got them at school.” and we said, “ok.”

then some of our top elected officials said, “it doesn't matter what we do in private, as long as we do our jobs.” and agreeing with them, we said, “it doesn't matter to us what anyone, including the president, does in private as long as we have a job and the economy is good.” (side note: does anyone remember the clinton/lewinsky scandal in the white house?)

and then someone said, "let's print magazines with pictures of nude women and call it wholesome, down-to-earth appreciation for the beauty of the female body." and we said, "ok."

and then someone else took that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children, and then stepped further still by making them available on the internet. and we said, "ok... they're entitled to their free speech."

and then the entertainment industry said, "let's make tv shows and movies that promote profanity, violence, and illicit sex. and let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and satanic themes." and we said, "it's just entertainment, it has no adverse effect, and nobody takes it seriously anyway," so we said, "ok."

now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves. more than likely, if we think long and hard enough about it, we can figure it out. i think it has a great deal to do with... "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

america, once held as a beacon of light, now has it's brightness overshadowed by the candle of heathen nations. "righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." prov 14:34