

A Tale Told by An Idiot



is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." From MACBETH, Act 5, Scene 5, by William Shakespeare.

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It would seem to me that our society has completely lost all sense of direction. We have begun to call sweet bitter, and

"...life's but a walking shadow,

a poor player that struts and

frets his hour upon the stage

and then is heard no more. It

bitter sweet. We are embracing darkness and calling it light, and we have called light darkness. The asylum seems to be under the control of the inmates. Many of our major politicians from all political parties cannot seem to find any way to discuss, nor to deal with our real problems. They only send forth lies about any opponent, and evade talk about the real issues. We, as a nation, spend billions of dollars on wars, and foolish exercises in political maneuverings, while many go hungry and homeless within our own cities. Somehow the decision has been made that we should not acknowledge God in any way publicly lest we offend some unbelieving soul. Many have embraced the lie that homosexuality is an acceptable choice of lifestyle that should be approved and accepted. If one points out that God has always called this practice sinful, then the one who points out such a fact is labeled as intolerant and ignorant. (Bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter)

In the aftermath of a report concerning a prominent NFL player disciplining his child by spanking, an outpouring of talk occurred, which labeled all spanking as child abuse. Many of the problems of our society today would probably have been avoided had parents applied the switch instead of time out, philosophical reasoning, and the like. Instead, we have tried to solve the lack of structure and concrete expectations with drug treatment and "let them make their own choice" foolishness. Now such a course has resulted in more problems than we seem able to fix. We have sown the wind and now we reap the whirlwind. The mindlessness of modern (antichristian) psychology has finally put us in a hole from which we may not recover.

Many have bailed out of committed service to God and the church because their feelings were hurt, or because they didn't like the way things were going. Such seems to be a symptom of a selfish and arrogant mindset which only cripples the one having such a misguided attitude. As a result, many of our churches, in a misguided effort to appease the disgruntled, have become nothing more than social clubs which are anemic and powerless to influence society. If we quit on our families, our businesses, and our country because we didn't like the way things were, then what would be the result? I believe we can see the answer to that. Let's roll up our sleeves my friend, and go to work to be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem.

Only when we return to a firm belief in Jehovah as the only true and living God, only when we label a sin as a sin, only when we determine to follow the right as revealed within the holv word of God, only when we determine to do what is right in the political realm without regard to political positions, only when we return to justice, mercy, and humility before God and man, only when we care for our fellow man in compassion, without regard to his/her skin color or national origin, and only when we train up our children in the way of God (and that may at times require a swat on the backside in order to give direction and structure) will we find the right path. Otherwise we are running down the fast lane to destruction as a nation. As Ronald Reagan once said, 'We are either one nation under God, or we are a nation gone under.'

Houchens among nation's top employee- owned companies

By DON SERGENT Bowling Green Daily News

Bowling Green-based Houchens Industries was ranked third on a list of America's largest majority employee-owned companies released last month.

The list from the National Center for Employee Ownership said Houchens has 18,000 employees. It trailed only Florida-based Publix Super Markets, with 188,000 employees, and Missouri-based Penmac, which has 24,470 employees.

Houchens, started with a single grocery store in 1917, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Today, Houchens has a diverse portfolio of holdings that includes grocery stores, insurance companies, construction companies, restaurants and more.

Among the Houchens holdings are Crossroads IGA, Southern Recycling, Sheldon's Express Pharmacy, Scotty's Contracting and Stone, Van Meter Insurance and Stewart Richey Construction. Houchens, with \$3 billion in annual revenue, is also on the Forbes lists of America's largest private companies.



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