

## The Law of Decency

1 Corinthians 14:40

40) Let all things be done decently and in order.

Why I would rather be decent than “good.”

What do social, spiritual, and intellectual reprobates look like? What is their commonality? No society, anywhere at any time in history, can plummet any lower than when decent people begin justifying indecent acts of violence and destruction.

Whenever evil is celebrated as good, it's then that the center erodes, and a complete universal structural collapse is inevitable. It becomes imperative that decency is provided a consistently steadfast and concretely safe structure to harbor in, as to bear healthy spiritual offspring.

Goodness, as taught in Galatians 5, is the inner spiritual attributes, or lasting evidence, of the Holy Spirit. Goodness is manifested externally through the high character trait of an honorable lifestyle cemented in honesty. Goodness comes from above. The origins of good are a vertical transfer of spiritual power rather than a horizontal cultural network of circular exchanges. Good, unfortunately, however, is consistently being defined by culture.

Decency in its purest form is a product of the decontaminated conscience. Good in society will always benefit the majority in charge. Decency will faithfully forgo what is often viewed as the acceptable good to do what is morally right. For spiritual goodness to bear fruit, there must be a stable structure where decency is safely quarantined.

The conscience, or that executive suite of the inner spiritual man, whenever preserved, becomes a refuge for decency and can skillfully negotiate between spiritual and the physical or earthly matters. Goodness comes forth from the dwelling place of decency. It is within this “think tank” of the inner man where decisions and choices that are most beneficial for spiritual prosperity are hammered out and resolved. It’s in this venue that God initially talks to man. It’s from this arena that decency emanates.

Cultural moorings are subsequently weighed and measured against the morality of decency. Man is not inherently good, but man has the built-in capacity and natural propensity to be decent. How? Man is made in the image of God; therefore, man does not lack the necessary moral attributes needed to be saved. Man indeed has the rudimentary attributes to be saved; he needs the spiritual agent that brings salvation and Holy Ghost power.

The lifeblood of good clings to and depends upon decency to produce moral attributes reflecting good.

Decency born through the breath of God, and cultivated in righteousness, stands on the unmovable foundation and principles of God’s word. Decency henceforth becomes the compass of good, always giving direction to good. The societal tools, such as images, and humanistic propaganda, cultivated by men as they attempt to define or perhaps redefine what is good, cannot be permitted to alter or restructure the God-ward-ness of decency.

Decency has a built-in framework that must be protected at all times, however, or it will become incrementally indecent until it is altogether extinct. Decency thrives best when there is a collective or absolute order. Disorder distorts what is decent. Decency and order must be joined at the hip if godly goodness is to survive.

In our culture today, decency is a vanishing virtue due in no small part to the ongoing insanity rooted in disorder. A diabolical strategy must be enacted to destroy decency to eliminate the godliness of good.

First, disorderly conduct or sins affect the body and soul. Secondly, the ongoing and unchecked sins will eventually begin to distort thinking involving the mind. Finally, a delusional mind that distorts truth ultimately affects the spirit. Consequently, new truth emerges from the ashes of decency as a new spiritual world order. One that lavishly rewards the concepts of the majority in control.

The creating of disorder is the most valuable weapon in the enemy's arsenal. Continual chaos, and unrest, invites the annihilation of decency. With decency buried in the graveyards of history, the majority in charge are then crowned victors. They mandate the new conscience of the people. They decide the ultimate new good for all men and what the new evil will look like. Truth, conversely, is remorsefully changed into a lie.

Ephesians 5:9-10

9) For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;

10) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

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