

The Rapid Rise of Latter-Day Solomons & Libertine Morality Reveal the Need for Gentlemen & Ladies; the Heritage of the Privileged Class: Introduction

12. The men of America have become so many Solomons. The downtrends of our Anglo-Saxon culture have produced a new worldview where the virtues of being a gentleman and a lady have been dismissed and replaced by the dissolute lifestyle of the libertine.
13. An example appeared recently in an advice column of the local tabloid. An “advice column” prints letters to a columnist in which the writer tells it all, leaves nothing out, and asks advice. The columnist then responds with human viewpoint, to wit:

Hax, Carolyn, “Being Diligent, Forthcoming about HPV Is the Way to Go,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, sec. E3, August 22, 2006:

Dear Carolyn: I'm a single, straight man. I was recently told by my last lover that she has HPV [Human Papillomavirus: a benign tumor usually on the genitals]. By implication, I probably have it as well. From the Centers for Disease Control site (www.cdc.gov), I learned that at least 50 percent of all sexually active adults get this bug at some point, and that, by age 50, 80 percent of women will have been infected. I learned there is no test for men. I learned that condoms probably do not stop this infection (but may help). I learned that it can be a serious issue for women and is linked with cervical cancer.

To summarize, I can't be sure I have it, most people get it, and there's nothing I can do to stop it short of staying celibate. I want to do the right thing. What is [sic] the ethics of disclosure for my next lover?

[Carolyn] Tell. That way, she'll know to be diligent with her Pap tests, which she should be anyway. She'll also know to discuss current HPV strategies—DNA testing, the cervical cancer vaccine—with her doctor, since there may have been progress since she last checked, assuming she ever did.

And, you'll know whether she's got her head screwed on as well as you do, by seeing if her response to this news is as sane, responsible and nonjudgmental as yours.

14. The libertine morality of both writer and advisor betrays the blasé attitude our society has today regarding nonmarital sex. The women apparently do not realize they are whores or don't care. The men don't realize they are whoremongers or don't care.
15. What are desperately lacking in the country are girls and boys and men and women who are gentlemen and ladies.
16. This shortage may reflect the lifestyle of the hoi polloi, the canaille, the rabble, and the riffraff of America but it should not characterize believers in Jesus Christ.
17. I do not deny that there are many who have believed in Christ for salvation and eternal life who, like Solomon, entered into reversionism and took up the lifestyle of the unbeliever.
18. All this means is that these people have decided to harvest the whirlwind from the wind they have sown. Some have ceased to be gentlemen and ladies even if they once possessed the attributes associated with genteel conduct.
19. But those of this congregation must aspire to such virtues. And this requires that they have a clear realization of their standing among the peoples of this world.

20. Political correctness may cast it aspersions through its agitprop campaigns against Christianity, the Bible, and the principles of decency and honor that both imply, but the One whose analysis has eternal implications is the One Who communicated the rules for human conduct.
21. God's righteousness demands that justice condemn and punish deviation from His standards and approve and reward compliance with them.
22. Those who believe in Christ, whether they know it or not, enter into a status of royal aristocracy and are expected to acquire, through the mentorship of the Holy Spirit, the attributes that such a station requires.
23. Believers in each generation of the Church Age are bequeathed a heritage befitting a privileged class and it is imperative that the current generation come to know about it and that those who are older have a refresher course. This leads us to a study of:

The Heritage of the Privileged Class

Introduction:

1. He who will not go through the process of learning Bible doctrine subjects himself to the hazards of living a spiritual life of conjecture, sentiment, and emotion.
2. Without doctrine the believer is left as a ship without a rudder to navigate the storms of life. God has a plan for each believer but it remains unfulfilled if the believer does not make himself available to its revelation in the Bible.
3. The responsibility of the believer is to discover first of all that there is a plan and then have the desire to learn it. From this knowledge there develops confidence in the plan and, finally, courage to consistently live the plan.
4. Every believer is a combatant in the Invisible War and with knowledge of the Word of God he is able to become a good soldier of Christ.
5. However, with this knowledge he becomes a target for the Dark Side and he must learn to make decisions from the solid rock foundation of doctrine in the soul. Execution of the plan becomes the only way to emerge victorious on the spiritual battlefield.
6. The believer without doctrine might respond to such an analysis by asserting that one invites a lifetime of toil and trouble by the very act of growing in grace.
7. It is a fact that the advancing believer does become a target in the Angelic Conflict, but the grace of God and the power of His Word sustains him in all circumstances.
8. Along the way he enjoys motivational victories that are ever the source of assurance that God is in His heaven and that Jesus Christ controls history.
9. What is true of the believer without doctrine is that his life will also be filled with toil and trouble but for which he has no available solutions due to his choice to remain ignorant of biblical problem-solving devices.
10. All the assets necessary to be a successful combatant in the Cosmic War are issued at salvation, one each to every believer. However, only those who exploit their assets are able to do battle with the ingenious mentality that opposes them.
11. Only those who have the proper credentials may successfully prosecute this fight. Only those who utilize their unique arsenal will be declared winners.
12. These are the ones who emerge as the corps of believers who reap maximum blessing in both time and eternity.

13. In order to qualify for these rewards the believer must develop a mind-set, a fixed state of mind, an attitude of confident assurance that he is a member of a privileged class.
14. Progressivism promotes the human viewpoint notion that there is something wrong with having privileges that others do not have and having prosperity for which others do not qualify.
15. But these things are the heritage of the believer for it is God's desire to bless us exceedingly abundantly beyond all we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).
16. Depravity and poverty are not symbols of a spiritual life but the fate of those who fail to utilize its assets.
17. Every member of the royal family of God is among a privileged class with the potential for great happiness, blessings, and rewards although only a few pursue these benefits and even less qualify for their conveyance.