

# Chaos or Christ

## A Biblical Response to the School Shooting in Texas

Mark 7:20–23 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

### Introduction:

This past week, we have been tragically reminded of the dramatic escalation of brutality and violence in our culture when “an eighteen-year-old gunman entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday, claiming the lives of nineteen children and two teachers before a border patrol agent killed him.

The school shooting is the second-deadliest in American history, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Before traveling to the school, the gunman shot his grandmother, who remains in the hospital as of Thursday afternoon. The gunman crashed his car in a ditch upon arriving at the school and lingered outside of the building for twelve minutes. Authorities entered the building one hour later and failed to enter the fourth-grade classroom in which the gunman barricaded himself. An elite border patrol tactical team entered the classroom and succeeded in killing the gunman". <https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-may-28-2022/>

To add to the misery of all of this. The husband of one of the teachers who was killed, died of a heart attack just 2 days after the event, leaving there 4 children behind.

Mass shooting like this get our attention, and rightly so. They are shocking and unbelievable to say the least, especially when they involve our children.

Every parent and grandparent here understands and can sympathize with the emotional pain and turmoil this kind of event causes. I remember back in 2012 when the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting took place and 20 beautiful children between the ages of 6 and 7 where killed. The unimaginable pain and sorrow that caused is

devastating. If you are a parent who experiences something like that, you never get over it. You learn to live with the pain until the Lord returns. This shooting in Texas followed another shooting just 10 days earlier in Buffalo New York, where another 18 year old, killed 10 people in a supermarket. This kind of violent act is becoming more and more common. It is no longer the exception. You barely have time to process one mass shooting before another one occurs. In recent years there have been a number of notable mass shooting that garnered the headlines and shocked the nation.

Do you remember the event that got the attention of the nation back in 1986?

### **Edmond, OK: Edmond Post Office, 1986 — 14 dead, 6 injured**

A part-time mail carrier fatally shot 14 postal workers at a US Post Office in Edmond, Oklahoma, in 1986. The attack ended when the gunman fatally shot himself in the head. The gruesome attack was the first of a string of homicides by postal workers between 1986 and 1999, and inspired the expression "going postal."

## **Littleton, CO: Columbine High School, 1999 — 13 dead, 24 injured**

In 1999, two armed students entered Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado fatally shooting 13 people and injuring more than 20 others. The gunmen killed themselves after the attack. A recent Washington Post report revealed that at least 554 children, educators, and school staff have been killed or injured since the massacre.

## **Blacksburg, Virginia, at Virginia Tech University in 2007: 32 dead, 23 injured**

The 2007 massacre on Virginia Tech University's campus remains the deadliest school shooting in US history. The gunman, a senior at the school, killed 32 students and instructors in two separate attacks about two hours apart before killing himself. Seventeen students were injured.

## **Fort Hood, TX: Fort Hood Army Base, 2009 — 13 dead, 32 injured**

In 2009, a US Army major and psychiatrist fatally shot 13 people and wounded more than two dozen

others at Ford Hood, an army base near Killeen, Texas. A civilian police sergeant shot the gunman, paralyzing him from the waist down and ending the shooting. He was sentenced to death in 2013 and remains in prison. Five years later, in 2014, Fort Hood was the site of a shooting spree that left three people dead and 14 wounded.

### **Binghamton, NY: American Civic Association Immigration Center, 2009 — 13 dead, four injured**

A shooter, who donned body armor, stormed into the American Civic Association Center in Binghamton, New York, in 2009, according to local news. The 41-year-old gunman, who took classes at the center, shot 13 people before killing himself, CNN reported. Authorities later learned that the shooter had recently lost his job at the time, per the report. "That this tragedy should have happened in our community to our friends who only wanted to advance their knowledge and love of America is unbearable," American Civic Association told Reuters in a statement.

### **Geneva County, AL: 2009 — 10 dead, six injured**

A 28-year-old man shot and killed 10 people throughout Geneva county, Alabama in 2009, Reuters reported. Five of the deceased were his family members, including his mother. Another victim was the 18-year-old girl, the daughter of the local deputy sheriff, the outlet reported.

CNN previously reported that the gunman took his own life following a firing exchange with police. "He was going to go until he was stopped, by himself or someone else," Col. Chris Murphy of the Alabama Department of Public Safety said at the time, per the outlet.

### **Newton, Connecticut, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012: 27 dead, two injured**

Twenty students and six teachers were killed in a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012. Each student killed was between the ages of 6 and 7. Minutes before he went to the school, the gunman fatally shot his mother at their home. He died by suicide as first responders arrived at the school.

## **Aurora CO: Century 16 movie theater, 2012 – 12 dead, 70 injured**

An armed man opened fire during the midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, in 2012. The gunman detonated smoke bombs and opened fire on the crowd, according to ABC News, resulting in the death of 12 people. The shooter was arrested near the scene and sentenced to life without parole three years later, the outlet reported.

## **Thousand Oaks, CA: Borderline Bar and Grill, 2018 – 12 dead, 16 injured**

A 28-year-old Marine Corps veteran shot and killed 12 people and injured 18 at a country bar in Thousand Oaks, Los Angeles, on November 7, 2018. At about 11 p.m. with a .45-caliber handgun that had been legally purchased, police said he shot a security guard and several employees, then opened fire inside the bar. It was estimated there were between 130 and 180 people in the bar. He also killed a deputy sheriff before he killed himself.

## **Washington, DC: Washington Navy Yard, 2013 — 12 dead, eight injured**

A dozen people were left dead after a gunman shot multiple people at the headquarters of Naval Sea Systems Command at the Washington Navy Yard in 2013. The gunman, identified as a 34-year-old male who was an ex- U.S. sailor and Navy civilian contractor, was reportedly killed by police. "In the aftermath of the incident, the members of MPD first and foremost want to remember and honor the twelve people who lost their lives," the DC Metropolitan Police Department said in a 2014 after-action report. "Twelve people went to work that Monday, but did not return home to their loved ones."

## **San Bernardino, CA: Inland Regional Center, 2015 — 14 dead, two dozen injured**

In 2015, a married couple opened fire at Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California, where Farook worked as a health inspector. Police said the couple also planted three homemade pipe bombs in the building, though they failed to detonate. The couple fled the scene in a vehicle and were killed by police four hours later. The FBI found

that the two US citizens were "homegrown violent extremists" and were inspired by foreign terrorist Orlando, Florida, at the Pulse nightclub in 2016: 49 dead, at least 50 injured

**This Monday, July 11, 2016 photo shows a makeshift memorial outside the Pulse nightclub, a month after the mass shooting in Orlando, Fla.**

Associated Press/John Raoux

Before Las Vegas, the deadliest mass shooting in US history was the 2016 shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando. The gunman killed 49 people and wounded at least 50 before Orlando police killed him. As the club was hosting a "Latin Night," many of the victims were Latino. During the shooting, the gunman called Orlando police and swore allegiance to ISIS, although authorities found no evidence of communication between the terrorist group and the attacker. Still, the shooting drew swift condemnation from American Muslims. It remains the deadliest act of terror in the US since September 11.

**Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2017: 58 dead, more than 850 injured**

In October 2017, a gunman opened fire on a crowd attending the Route 91 Harvest festival from his 32nd-floor room at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. The rampage lasted more than 15 minutes as panicked concertgoers tried to take cover, unaware of where the shots were coming from. By the end of it, 58 people were killed, and more than 850 were injured. A police SWAT unit broke into the gunman's room and found him dead by suicide.

### **Sutherland Springs, TX: First Baptist Church, 2017 — 26 dead, 22 injured**

A gunman wearing tactical gear and wielding a semiautomatic rifle opened fire in November 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, a tiny town of 600 east of San Antonio. At least 26 parishioners were killed in the attack. Victims ranged in age from 18 months to 72 years. The gunman was found dead after a brief car chase. The shooting supplanted the 2015 shooting at a Charleston, South Carolina, church as the deadliest mass shooting to take place at a house of worship in the United States.

## **Parkland, FL: Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, 2018 — 17 dead, 17 injured**

A former 19-year-old student shot and killed 17 people and injured 17 more, armed with at least one AR-15. The dead included students and adults. The shooter was charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder. "It's a horrific situation. It's just a horrible day for us," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said. "It's a day that you pray every day that you get up that you will never have to see. It is in front of us, and I ask the community for your prayers, your support for these children and these families.."

## **Pittsburgh, PA: Tree of Life Synagogue, 2018 – 11 dead, six injured**

Armed with an assault rifle and three handguns, police said a 46-year-old truck driver entered the Tree of Life synagogue and killed 11 people on October 27, 2018. When he was arrested, the gunman told officers that "all Jews need to die." He was a frequent user of a social network called Gab, which attracted people on the right, where he posted anti-Semitic messages. It is thought to be the deadliest attack on Jewish people in US history.

## **Sante Fe, TX: Santa Fe High School, 2018 – 10 dead, 13 injured**

A gunman opened fire at Santa Fe High School in Texas, killing 10 and injuring 13. Authorities charged the 17-year-old accused shooter with capital murder. Police said he used a shotgun and a .38-caliber revolver, both legally owned by his father. Police later found a journal that outlined Pagourtzis' plan for his attack and later suicide, but he ended up being taken into custody. Police also discovered four pipe bombs at the high school and a Molotov cocktail at his house.

## **El Paso, TX: Walmart, 2019 – 23 dead, 23 injured**

Police have charged a 21-year-old with capital murder in the shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas on August 3, 2019. Police say the gunman, who lived 650 miles away from the Walmart, posted a racist, anti-immigrant manifesto on 8chan, an online message board. It appeared 20 minutes before the attacks, and talks about a "Hispanic invasion of Texas," and turning Texas into a "Democrat stronghold."

**Virginia Beach, Virginia: Municipal Center, 2019 – 12 dead, four injured** Police said a 40-year-old public utility employee killed 12 people after he opened fire on multiple levels of a municipal center in Virginia Beach, where he had worked for 15 years. Eleven of the victims were employees. He had a semi-automatic pistol with a sound suppressor, and a rifle, and engaged in a gunfight with police. He was shot dead at the scene.

**Boulder, CO: King Soopers Supermarket, 2021 – 10 dead, one injured**

Officials alleged that a 22-year-old Colorado man was behind the deadly shooting at King Soopers grocery store in Boulder last year. The gunman is accused of killing 10 people, including a police officer and at least three employees.

**Buffalo, NY: Tops Friendly Market, 2022 – 10 dead, three injured**

Law enforcement allege a white 18-year-old man off Conklin, New York traveled to a predominately Black neighborhood in Buffalo and opened fire at Tops Friendly Market, a local grocery store. Officials said 13 people were shot in the "racially motivated" attack

and that a majority of the victims were Black. The man, who was dressed in tactical gear and live-streamed the incident, was charged with first-degree murder, to which he pleaded not guilty.

### **Camden, NJ: 1949 — 13 dead, three injured**

A gunman, reportedly a WWII vet, fatally shot 13 people in his own neighborhood in Camden, New Jersey, in 1949, according to USA Today. The shooter was arrested by authorities, and according to NJ.com, confessed to the crime. A Parkland shooting survivor, Carly Novell, said that her grandfather survived the shooting in the Camden massacre decades before, The Courier-Post reported. "When he was 12 years old, he hid in a closet while his family was murdered during the first mass shooting in America," Novell tweeted in 2018. "Almost 70 years later, I also hid in a closet from a murderer. These events shouldn't be repetitive. Something has to change..

The sad thing is that these are only a very small example of mass shooting in the United States. In my research this week, I found some information that was truly shocking.

There are hundreds of mass shooting every year now. In a study I read that qualifies a mass shooting as 4 victims and above and these can be families, police engaging criminals. Anything where gunfire is exchanged and at least 4 or more are killed or injured. Already this year from January to May there have been over 200 mass shooting. And if you think the Covid virus slowed any of this, you would be very wrong. In 2020 there were 616 mass shooting or about 51 a month. [https://](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2021/may/27/us-mass-shootings-database)

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The death toll in mass shootings in the last decade has grown dramatically. In the 1970s, mass shootings claimed an average of eight lives per year. From 2010 to 2019, the average was 51 deaths per year.

- Sixteen of the 20 deadliest mass shootings in modern history (i.e., from 1966 through 2019), occurred between 1999 and 2019, and eight of those sixteen occurred between 2014 and 2019.

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/new-nij-report-shows-significant-increase-in-mass-shooting-deaths-over-past-decade/>

First, the [vast majority of mass shooters](#) in our study experienced early childhood trauma and exposure to violence at a young age. The nature of their exposure included parental suicide, physical or sexual abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and/or severe bullying. The trauma was often a precursor to.....depression, anxiety, thought disorders or suicidality.

Second, practically every mass shooter we studied had reached an identifiable crisis point in the weeks or months leading up to the shooting. They often had become angry and despondent because of a **specific grievance**.<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-04/el-paso-dayton-gilroy-mass-shooters-data>

One article written in the New York Post got it right when the author stated, .

“We are the greatest nation in the world, and we are failing our children like no other. To read the description of America’s **latest school shooter** is to recognize an all-too-familiar profile: young, male, angry. Notably disturbed,..... An obsession with guns, violence and first-person **shooter video games**. An estrangement from at least one parent. Refusal to attend school. Anger toward girls and

women. Antisocial. Has no sense of belonging to family, to school, to community, and thus retreats online, where rage and veiled threats are unleashed to a like-minded cohort, reinforcing a sense of victimization and validating the thirst for what these shooters see as vengeance.

The lone wolf is no more, not since the internet. Now any disaffected young man can become, with anonymous encouragement and advice, a killing machine. <https://nypost.com/2022/05/25/our-greatest-public-health-crisis-the-angry-young-american-male/>

This is a real problem in our society. The majority of male young shooters spend hours and hours playing very violent and graphic video games. In some cases up to 15 hours a day. Although there are plenty of psychological studies that say that there is no connection whatsoever between the violence and anger in young men and their willingness to carry out a mass shooting.

Remember these are the same people that tell you that man is basically good and that you came from an ape and that guilt is bad for you and you should vent your frustrations.

**According to a study published last march.**

Among the most recent violent subcultures to coalesce online are the **so-called incels**, or short for **“involuntary celibates,”** ....( these are young men you make up an online community who offend stay alone in there rooms playing video games and do not believe they can attract women) .....they are... deemed a specific threat by the US Secret Service in a study published last March.A self-described “incel” was busted by the feds on Wednesday for allegedly plotting a mass shooting of sorority girls at an Ohio university, prosecutors said.

Tres Genco, 21, allegedly wrote a manifesto stating he would “slaughter” women “out of hatred, jealousy and revenge,”

The membrane between the virtual world and the physical one has all but collapsed. Online threats and perseverating over violent actions, **especially by young men** — these need to be treated as real.

This is America’s true enemy within, as dangerous to our national security — physical, psychological, existential — as any war or pandemic.

The vast majority were addicted to violent [video games](#). Nearly all were [atheistic](#) or [liberal](#), or driven by hatred of [God](#). Most of these killers absorbed [Hollywood values](#) and [communist](#) indoctrination through [public schools](#). Many were [marijuana](#) users. Most of these murders fit the observation by the forensic psychiatrist Dr. Michael Welner about the Connecticut massacre: "This was a crime that was more than a mass shooting. He killed these people like an arcade game."<sup>[1]</sup>

[The most recent shooter in Texas this week](#) "used to play the first-person shooter game *Call of Duty*,"<sup>[4]</sup> and he was much into [video games](#) that he was teased about it.<sup>[5]</sup> He also posted his large gun collection on [social media](#). The shooter was abandoned by his parents, and his mother is drug addict who kicked him from her house, then he lived with his grandmother which he shoot her before moving to school

Ethan Crumbley.

Oxford school shooting public school edu.

"He was definitely into [video games](#) - shooter games,"<sup>[10]</sup> and he dressed like a warrior in the *Call of Duty* violent [video game](#)

Nikolas de Jesus Cruz high school shooting  
Allegedly played up to 15 hours a day of violent [video games](#), and was fond of posting vile things on [social media](#).

Christopher Harper-Mercer community college shooting

The murderer acted "like he was playing a video game," according to a victim.<sup>[30]</sup> The murderer declared that he will be "welcomed in [Hell](#) and embraced by the [devil](#)."

Dylann Storm Roof. Charleston Church shooting

Spent much of his time playing [video games](#).

Elliot Rodger

got hooked on violent video games at a young age, and by his own admission hid himself "away in the online World of Warcraft, a place where [he] felt comfortable and secure." He did not realize "the

severity of how far [he] had fallen" due to the violent video games

### James Holmes Theater shooting 2012

dressed in all-black for the killings<sup>[55]</sup> and was obsessed with playing [video games](#) like "World of Warcraft" (see Breivik below);<sup>[56]</sup> for the murderous rampage, he dyed his hair bright red presumably to imitate the Joker (Batman's nemesis).

### **Adam Lanza Sandy Hook Elementary Shooting**

"existence ... largely involved playing violent computer video games in a bedroom," and he "spent hours playing violent video games such as Call Of Duty in a windowless bunker"; he was "goth" and wore a mask; after the massacre, officers found evidence that he had been playing "graphically violent" video games recently; "Dynasty Warriors" had been one of his favorites in the past  
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UberFacts states that gamers have put in "25 billion hours" in *Call of Duty* games, which is the equivalent of "2.85 million years." With *Call of Duty Modern Warfare (2019)* smashing sales records too and player loyalty at an all-time high, those hours have really added up over the years.

And now, with the Advent of the newer technology of VR or virtual reality gaming, the divide between fantasy and reality is being blurred. Many young men and women will immerse themselves in hours upon hours of violence, desensitizing their conscience, and feeding their minds and hearts with evil.

Peter Lanza, father of infamous Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza (above), was right when he warned that more senseless school shootings would occur.

This is the first generation raised on the internet, with video gaming.

Our culture has been sowing seeds for 20 years and now the harvest has come.

I personally believe that this is just the beginning of a massive display of the reprobate mind unleashed and a culture truly abandoned by God.

Just since the shooting on Tuesday, Schools across the country are facing a wave of violent threats in the days following the devastating rampage at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas that left 21 people, including 19 students, dead.

Experts say that while school threats are a daily occurrence, schools are now on edge as administrators assess threats made on social media and in classrooms, resulting in heightened security and lockdowns.

In New York, Suffolk County police said [they arrested a 16-year-old](#) for posting on social media Thursday that he planned to conduct a “massive shooting” at Bellport High School, which he attends. In Maryland, a high school in Prince George’s County [went into lockdown on Thursday](#) after a student brought parts of a “ghost gun” into a classroom; the student was later arrested. And at least six threats have been made this week against schools in Texas, according to media reports.

David Riedman, co-founder of the K-12 School Shooting Database, said he has recorded more than 2,500 instances of threats to carry out school shootings through media reports since 2018, though warned that this is far from an exhaustive database.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2022/05/27/school-shooting-threats-hoaxes-uvalde/>

When these violent acts continue to escalate and saturate our culture. Many ask why, what in the world is going on???

From political pundits to the talking heads of the news rooms, from the school teacher to the police officer and the average person just trying to get by and mind his own business. People are at a loss to what has happened and what can be done to correct the course of this ship.

Churches that used to have an open door policy and felt no threat to leave their doors open for the late comer or the visitor, now must lock the doors and have armed men who secure the premises.

For those who want answers, I can assure you that most of our culture has no clue. In fact, the most they can offer are studies that tell you what is going on and how much and where it might be headed. But they have no long term, answers or solution. This is not an external problem. The source of the problem is not unlocked doors, or a lack of security or low paid policing. It's not a lack of education on gun safety or the amount of guns in America. It's not that we don't have enough government restriction on law abiding citizens. And it's not making sure we throw more money at it. There is no political solution

to the problem and you cannot educate your way out of this.. It won't matter who is the President and who is the majority in Congress. It won't matter how many more laws you make. This is NOT an external Problem.

## The Source of the Problem

This is a Heart problem. Specifically, it is a sinful heart problem.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,  
And desperately wicked;  
Who can know it?

Jeremiah 16:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me.

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Genesis 8:21 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

Job 15:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> How much less man, *who is* abominable and filthy,  
Who drinks iniquity like water!

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

Mark 7:21–23 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,  
<sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

Psalms 58:2–3 (NKJV)

- 2 No, in heart you work wickedness;  
You weigh out the violence of your hands in the  
earth.
- 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;  
They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking  
lies.

**Paul gives a very clear summary product of the  
fallen human heart.**

Romans 3:10–18 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

*“There is none righteous, no, not one;*

<sup>11</sup> *There is none who understands;  
There is none who seeks after God.*

<sup>12</sup> *They have all turned aside;  
They have together become unprofitable;  
There is none who does good, no, not one.”*

<sup>13</sup> *“Their throat is an open tomb;  
With their tongues they have practiced deceit”;  
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;*

<sup>14</sup> *“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”*

<sup>15</sup> *“Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

<sup>16</sup> *Destruction and misery are in their ways;*

<sup>17</sup> *And the way of peace they have not known.”*

<sup>18</sup> *“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

## **God shows us what an unrestrained evil heart looks like in**

Genesis 6:11–13 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

<sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

This is the source of all of this violence. What we are witnessing is the unrestrained fallen human heart.

If you really want to really see just how evil man can be. Remove all the restraints and boundaries.

Remove him from any instruction in righteousness,

Remove any discipline for any disobedience.

Remove genuine love and care for him.

Make every example corrupt and evil.

Give him no responsibilities.

Do not hold him accountable.

Feed his heart and mind with wicked violent video games and pornography.

Make his entire world about personal gratification.

Give him a weapon and get out of the way!

**1. The Source**— the human heart full of sin

## **2. The Symptoms**

These can be seen a number of ways in the Bible.  
But probably, Romans 1  
Romans 1:28–32 (NKJV)

**28** And even as they did not **like to retain** God in *their* knowledge, —-Practical Atheist. they like not believe in God. It frees their sin. They don't approve of having God in their Life.

God gave them over to a **debased mind,** —  
unapproved, worthless mind, can't

past the test. unable to function the way God intended it too.

to do those things which are not **fitting**; — —  
 Proper or appropriate for community or family

**29** being **filled**== Perfect Passive part. having been filled and controlled by and continuing in this state.

with all **unrighteousness**, - not right or just

**sexual immorality**,== pornea - any sexual sin  
**wickedness, πονηρία**- ponia —

. — the perverting of virtue and moral principles from their purposes to evil ends.

**covetousness,**

**greediness** n. — the excessive and immoderate desire of acquiring more and more (wealth).

**maliciousness;**

**depravity (perversion)** n. — the perverting of virtue and moral principles from their purposes to evil ends.

**full of envy,**

**full (extent)** adj. — complete in extent or degree and in every particular.

**envy** n. — spite and resentment toward the success or possessions of another.

**murder,**

**murder** n. — the unlawful killing of a human being by another human being.

**strife,**

**strife (conflict)** n. — bitter conflict; heated often violent dissension.

**deceit,**

**craftiness** n. — shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.

**evil-mindedness;**

**malice** n. — a character trait that feels a need to see others suffer.

*they are* **whisperers,**

**gossiper (whisper)** n. — a gossiper who is especially characterized by whispers and hushed tones.

### 30 backbiters,

**slanderer** n. — one who attacks the reputation of another by slander or libel.

### haters of God,

**God-hating** adjs. — characterized intense dislike and antipathy toward God.

### violent,

**hubristic person** n. — a person who is characterized by their offensive disrespectful acts or statements that are outrageously forward or bold.

### proud,

*arrogant, haughty, proud*

boasters,

**braggart** n. — a person who has a self-exalting, self-absorbed conceit of their own superiority; especially one that believes that all achievements are of their own doing.

### inventors of evil things,

**inventor** n. — a person who comes up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort.

**disobedient to parents**, —I have always wondered why this is here in the middle of such deviant sins.

The reason I believe is

1. All of these sins are in seed form in every child

2. These begin to express themselves in disobedience, disregard and disrespect for authority.

3. This is only place to curb this slide to complete depravity. If you loose it here. they can end up reprobate.

**31 undiscerning,**

**uncomprehending** adj. — lacking the ability to understand the meaning or importance of something (or the knowledge acquired as a result).

**untrustworthy,**

**covenantless** adj. — designating someone not bound or not considering themselves bound by a covenant; usually characterized by double-dealing behavior.

**unloving,**

**heartless** adj. — lacking in affection for others; especially the natural affection between family members.

**unforgiving,**

**implacable** adj. — incapable of gaining the good will of; especially through any formal means of peacemaking.

**unmerciful;**

**merciless** adj. — having or showing no mercy.

**32** 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.

2 Timothy 3:1–4 (NKJV)

**3** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves,

**φίλαυτος, ον**: pertaining to self-centered love or concern for one's own self—'selfish love, self-centered love

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 292). United Bible Societies.

lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,  
<sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,

without self-control,

**debauched** adjs. — unrestrained by convention or morality.

brutal,

**ἀνήμερος, ον**, *not tame, wild, savage*, of

Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., Jones, H. S., & McKenzie, R. (1996). In [A Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 137). Clarendon Press.

despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors,

headstrong,

**reckless** adjs. — marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences.

***rash, reckless, thoughtless***

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 873). University of Chicago Press.

haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

When a population of young men are given over to this you will see

1. Men with no Conscience
2. Men full of Anger
3. Men who seek Vengeance
4. Men who have no self control.

1. The Source

2. The Symptoms

### **3. The Solution**

This is not easy and it will be slow. We have feeding this beast for sometime and he is large and strong and healthy. The years of investment in evil and a culture of evil have now taken over like weeds left unattended in your garden.

We have added thousands of gallons of fuel to a fire that is unquenchable by natural means. So in order to right this ship. In order to be able to see the culture in the country turn around, which is a massive undertaking, we have to give ourselves over to three things.

1. Family
2. Faith
3. Future.

## **1. Family.**

The family has been and is being systematically destroyed. Fatherless children, abortion, Homosexuality, divorce. Untrained parents and untrained children are giving us generations of pagan reprobates.

The Culture, Government are antifamily and pro perversion.

Even in our churches, children are a nuisance and we divide up or churches so that the older generations never see or in anyway participate with

or mentor the younger generation. If the family goes the country goes with it.

One of the major similarities of all the young men who are mass shooters is that they live in a broken home, with absent fathers. Until this is corrected, we will see a continuation and escalation of this depravity.

We as the church are the only place this can start. We have the truth of the Word of God and the instruction on being a Man of God and Godly fathers to our sons and daughters. We are the ones that are responsible. We will be held accountable. We must love our wives as Christ loves the church and Love and discipline and train our children in righteousness. This means that you will have to make sure your children are not given access to the evil of the world. Computers and smart devices with violent video games will reprogram your child's heart. It will feed and mold the seed of evil and violence that they are born with.

Quit listening to the world and the seduced Christian community about your children and their discipline. They tell you that you should not spank your children or use physical punishment to train your child. But God disagrees.

**Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> He who spares his rod hates his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

**Proverbs 19:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> Chasten your son while there is hope,  
And do not set your heart on his destruction.

**Proverbs 22:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

**Proverbs 23:13–14 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Do not withhold correction from a child,  
For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not die.  
<sup>14</sup> You shall beat him with a rod,  
And deliver his soul from hell.

**Proverbs 29:15–19 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> The rod and rebuke give wisdom,  
But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his  
mother.  
<sup>16</sup> When the wicked are multiplied, transgression  
increases;  
But the righteous will see their fall.

- 17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest;  
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.
- 18 Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off  
restraint;  
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.
- 19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words;  
For though he understands, he will not respond.

When you tell a child to stop doing something and  
they disobey and are not punished for that, you  
are training them in unrighteousness.

Corporeal punishment or a spanking should be for

1. Disobedience
2. Defiance
3. Disrespect

It should always be done in love, not anger and  
always with God and confess of sin to God in  
mind.

The child's sin is foremost against God

For those Fathers and Mothers who refuse to do  
this God's way.....

Exodus 20:5 (NKJV)

- <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I,  
the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the

iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

## 1. Family

## 2. Faith

The only cure for any of this rot in the human heart is the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. No human institution can change the heart of man. The best we can do as a society is manage the problem and in-prison the problem. The church can't do it either. We can't reform the society by pushing or morality on them. They hate your God and will do everything they can to remove him from their culture.

It is the Gospel and the work of Regeneration that can change a people.

**Titus 2:11–14 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us

from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

1. Family

2. Faith

**3. Future**

This is where we as a christian community are falling woefully short. To change the culture and the future of this country, we much begin investing in the future generation of men and women in the church.

We are missing it completely if we believe that we are doing our Christian duty by just coming to church and listening to a sermon and going home and spending time with our own family. There is much more involved in this than just that. We are to be mentoring young men to become the next generation of godly leaders and fathers. The older women are to be leading and teaching the younger women to be godly wives teaching them how to train their children in righteousness and godliness.

I ask you some questions.

Are you doing any of that?

Have you done any of that? I'm not talking about with your own sons and daughters. That is a given. Way more than 50% of all the families are broken families. Many of the young men coming into churches come from broken families or fatherless homes. Many of the young ladies that are attending churches have no mothers that are godly or could teach them anything from the Scripture.

What are we doing?!!

If you think that this is going to magically change overnight because we sit back and watch what other people are doing you are very wrong and very naïve. If we continue on this path that we are on right now, and neglect our responsibilities for the future generation of men and women, the wrath of the anger and the vengeance that we will see in the next decades will be unparalleled in human history.

Titus chapter 2 is very clear that there should be a handing down the biblical truth and disciplines in the Christian life from the older generation to the younger generation. We have let youth teachers you have no clue or experience with marriage and fathers teach our young people how to live a Christian life and to become godly men and women and fathers and mothers.

We have let the church become the surrogate father or mother to our children and yet in many cases the church fails miserably and even teaching these basic fundamental things to our children. It's no wonder that we have so many problems our culture and many of those same problems are exactly mirrored in the church. There's very little difference. We must change this we must give ourselves holy over to the things of God renewing our minds and teaching the scripture to the next generation both in principle and example.

We can't change all the homes in America and the families in this area. But we can change our families. We can rededicate ourselves to the things of God and the mentoring of our young people for Christ. We can start here and begin to see a change in our families and in our communities and in our lives.

While all the talking heads and political Pundits debate the solutions to the problems in attempt to make more laws to restrict guns and at the same time promoting the very end morality and godlessness through media is the foundational fuel to all of this, they will continue to severely missed

the mark and provide no solutions to the real problems.

We the church of the Lord Jesus Christ have the only truth that can change the life of anyone we have the only gospel that can regenerate a dead soul we have the only means through the power of the Holy Spirit they can take a young man who is wrapped up in the evils of this world being seduced by the deceitfulness of sin and see him changed converted and made new and become a godly man and a godly father.

