



The Truth

The Truth Watch weekly newsletter

Volume VIII, Issue 2

“There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness.” (Proverbs 30:12)

“Donald J. Trump is a product of American society. Even if Paula White declares him a Christian, our president give reason to doubt his salvation. But so do I at times. Would to God our culture and church be as ‘shocked’ at the over 50 million babies slaughtered in America as they are at the President’s words.” – Dave



Apparently as an evangelical I am supposed to be shocked that President Trump called Haiti “a s---hole.” In his Washington Post [column](#), Pastor Ed Stetzer (a man I greatly admired) believes I should be shocked because the president said a bad word. In fact, Pastor Stetzer is imploring that we “please let it shock” us.

Forgive me for not being shocked, but my background before I got saved, and my 22 years in the Army have conditioned me to hearing those words regularly.

My conditioning to profanity does not mean my acceptance or approval. As a matter of policy, as a course manager in a military school where I teach, I always tell my class at the beginning that we restrain ourselves from using profanity. We do so even though other classes and instructors use it. At times, my students use profanity, and instead of being shocked, I correct

them. That is what I intend to do in this edition of The Truth Newsletter.

We will look at a more excellent way for not only the president to conduct his official meetings, but also for us as a nation to maintain a realistic perspective on our response to the president using profanity.

What we will do is to look at the truth. Right now, we are relying on the word of Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL.), who has a [history](#) of lying about private White House meetings. So the first thing we have to do is to try and get to the bottom of this accusation. That may be a Herculean or Sisyphean task with the way DC works.

Our elected leaders are flesh and blood just as we are. Perhaps we, me chief among us, need to be careful of the standards we set for others because we may one day be expected to live up to them. Nevertheless, let us all as Americans strive to live with civility and courtesy.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Father of Our Country would no doubt be appalled not only by the language President Trump has used in the White House, but also a long list of past presidents who have conducted themselves unworthy of the office.

“Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.” From George Washington’s copy of the “[110 Rules of Civility](#).”

At sixteen years old, “George Washington wrote out a copy of the 110 Rules of Civility in his school book.” Quoting from the quintessential website [MountVernon.org](#) (which I highly recommend), we learn that “these maxims originated in the late sixteenth century in France and were popularly circulated during Washington’s time.”

Washington is my favorite president for a number of reasons, primary being that he was a man of grace and honor. As you scroll through the 110 rules, you will see that from all accounts, Washington lived the whole of his life to adhere to the proper behavior outlined. In his farewell address to the nation, in which he set the tradition of only serving two terms, Washington wrote to the nation;

Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and Morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great Nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence.

President Trump’s alleged disparagement of less fortunate nations, albeit a product of socialism, is the latest example of modern presidents who have long forgotten the example and exhortations of our first president. The only one who came close to Washington’s example was Ronald Reagan, who is quoted as saying:

“There are times when I’m in church, I think God might recognize the magnitude of my responsibility and give me an extra portion of His grace...and I don’t feel guilty for feeling that way.”

FROM THE PULPIT

“It has given me great uneasiness to read some ostentatious, vaunting expressions in our newspapers, though happily, I think, much restrained of late. Let us not return to them again. If I am not mistaken, not only the Holy Scriptures in general, and the truths of the glorious gospel in particular, but the whole course of providence, seem intended to abase the pride of man, and lay the vain-glorious in the dust.” Pastor John Witherspoon, “The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men” [sermon](#), Princeton, New Jersey, May 17, 1776.

Pastor John Witherspoon is one of the most underrated Founding Fathers of the American Revolution. Notwithstanding, a modest interest in his influence over the formation of the United States of America will reveal previously unknown information.

As the sixth president of the College of New Jersey, today known as Princeton University, Witherspoon transformed the tiny, financially-weak institution into a school on equal footing to Harvard and Yale. Known as the “Educator of Revolutionaries,” some of Witherspoon’s students [included](#) “an American president (James Madison) and a vice president (Aaron Burr), as well as 39 congressmen, 21 senators, 12 governors, nine Cabinet members and three Supreme Court justices.”

Before the Revolution, Witherspoon did not preach political sermons. However, seeing the encroachment of the British Crown and Parliament upon individual liberties and the fast-approaching revolution, he was in the forefront of the move to independence. His famous sermon, from which I’ve quoted above, was reprinted and widely read in Philadelphia. It was because of his moral philosophy that he became concerned of the open pride being displayed among some of the revolutionary leaders.

Our current president is a very prideful man; that is the main reason I did not support him in the primaries. Nevertheless, I also could look at the tyrannical designs the Democrat Party had and has upon individual liberties, chief among them religious. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton openly spoke of the need to limit our individual rights for the greater good. Donald Trump promised to support and defend religious liberty, and so far as taken many actions to keep his promise.

I will always use [Exodus 18:21](#) as my standard for selecting those to represent me in government. Perhaps I will be guilty of situational ethics, but I will also vote for a less-desirable candidate who will defend my individual liberty, even such an imperfect man as Donald J. Trump. I will do so knowing I will answer to King Jesus for all my actions.

TO THE STREETS

How do we bring civility to politics is a question I'm often asked or hear from news pundits. The truth is politics has always had a sharp edge to it, however today we see a chasm deeper and wider than ever before.

For civility to return or actually start in politics, those involved will have to be civil, including not only politicians, but WE the People whom they represent. In fact, it will be the citizenry that demands such behavior because we conduct ourselves thusly.

So, to become a more civil nation, may I suggest the following:

1. The great [Judge Paul Pressler](#) once said that if we want to change Washington, then the hearts of those representing us must have a change of heart. Only God, through Jesus Christ, can give us a new heart. Do you know Him as your personal Lord and Savior? If not, that would be the first place I would start.
2. To get the candidates that we desire, we have to play an active role in electing them. We cannot rely on the Republican Party leaders to back that type of candidate. In fact, they oppose such a candidate at every possible chance. That is why at [Truth Watch PAC](#) we are spearheading "Take the Pledge." We must be involved in the primary process if we're going to elect the candidates we desire.
3. We have long forgotten our American Heritage and Hillsdale College has an excellent class that you can take online for free. Please sign up [today](#).
4. This is as much a reminder for me personally as it is to share with you. We are commanded by the [Bible](#) to pray for our leaders, both those we support and oppose. If we desire God to intervene into the lives of those representing us, then we must petition our Lord to do so. Not only out of obedience to the Scriptures, but also as the desire of our hearts.

America can be restored to her greatness and moral and religious moorings. We are a nation founded upon biblical principles.

Let us once again become grounded in the same Holy Scriptures that led our Founders as they started this new nation.

This copy is for your personal, noncommercial use.
If you intend to reprint this e-newsletter you must obtain permission prior to publication.
The Truth Newsletter is a for profit publication and is for subscribers only.
Please tell all your family and friends about The Truth Watch and invite them to join us.