

## FAITHLESS SERVANTS

**I**n Matthew 25, and in Luke 19, we can read the parable of the talents. It is a commentary on men's motives as revealed by their actions. It depicts two contrasting types of men – those who believe and trust in Jesus, and those who do not believe or trust in Jesus (probably because their belief and trust is lodged elsewhere). Jesus gave this parable two millennia ago, and its lesson is as vital today as it was then. But who is listening? Really listening?

The message of this parable has been confused and convoluted by the churches and their hired translators. As they rendered it in the King James Version, it completely misses the message that Jesus gave.

In the KJV, and some other English translations, it insinuates that Jesus told his disciples to wait until a future kingship: “*Occupy till I come*” (Lk. 19:13, KJV). But translated correctly it shows that Jesus was talking about a present kingship.

11. As they were listening to these things, He added and spoke a parable because He was near Jerusalem and they were thinking that the Kingdom of God should appear instantaneously.

12. Therefore, He said: A certain nobleman goes into a far land to take kingship for himself, and to turn again.

13. And he calls ten of his servants and gives to them ten minas and says to them, Carry on the work in which I am come.

Luke 19:11-13

Apparently, Jesus' disciples were expecting the Kingdom of God to instantly show up, miraculously, at a given moment. This tendency to look for physical kingdoms as evidence of God was typical of Babylonian thought back then as well as today. Churches today teach that a physical city will suddenly fall out of the sky and land upon Jerusalem. Jesus was faced with the same sort of error in the first century. Thus, He began a parable to explain certain aspects of his Kingship, and to disabuse his disciples of certain wrong ideas they had about it. He told them not to look outwardly for cities, but to look inwardly for His Kingship (i.e., His Reign) in men's hearts. He told them that his Reign – his Kingship – must first take dominion in men's hearts, changing the nature of men, and of Israel before an outward kingdom can be manifest.

20. ... the kingship of God does not come with observation.

21. Neither will they say Look here, or Look there; for the kingship of God is inside you.

Lk. 17:20-21

Jesus gave the parable of the talents to show his disciples the error of their thinking about the kingdom. He wanted them to see his Kingship, and stop looking for a physical city like Jerusalem.

In this parable, Jesus is depicted by the “lord” or “master,” and the “servants” depict his disciples. If we read it correctly it teaches us that Jesus declared his Kingship soon after He was raised from the dead. He then began

recruiting disciples (“servants”) to take up his kingdom work.

But English readers of the Bible have been deceived by bad translations and by church doctrines that deny Christ's Kingship. Churches teach that Christ's Reign was postponed because the Jews rejected Him. We are also expected to believe that Jesus abdicated his post and flew off to outer space, instructing his followers to just “occupy” ... to sit idly and wait till He “returns” to Earth ... and then his kingdom and the work could begin.

Futurists love to quote Luke 19:13 from the King James Version Bible because the KJV rendition excuses their faithlessness and justifies their rejection of Christ's Kingship. According to the KJV rendition, Jesus told his disciples to “... *Occupy till I come*.” In other words, “wait around until I return.” This is misinformation designed to obscure Jesus' present Kingship and point us to a futuristic kingdom - a mythical picture invented by rulers (church & state) who want to keep their subjects pacified and blind.

When the common people accept Jesus as their present King, they stop being awed by the Beast System. That effectively dethrones the rulers. That is why the government systems of the world HATE Jesus and do everything they can to destroy all understanding of Jesus and his Kingship.

By twisting this verse into a futurist myth the churches lead millions astray, teaching them that Jesus' Kingship was postponed for an undetermined period of time, and during the interim Christians are to assume the status quo, do nothing

but wait, and accept the idea that the bad guys have the upper hand. What a depressing scenario!

From childhood I've heard this doctrine taught in churches, and I've read it from the KJV Bible many times, and it always had the same effect upon me. "Occupy till I come." It told me to wait, do nothing, and expect nothing in my lifetime. It told me that Jesus was defeated, that He went away, and that any efforts for the kingdom will only result in defeat until after He returns. It told me that Jesus was a defeated, passive, absentee king who had assumed a status quo position, and I must do the same.

After hearing and reading this Futurist rendition most my life, I was heavily programmed in the Futurist mindset. But later in my life I learned the truth, and it was liberating. This parable does not tell us to assume the status quo. Quite the opposite in fact. It teaches us to trust Jesus, and to have the faith to forge ahead; to take action.

## MOTIVES & ACTIONS

Our actions reveal our motives. By the same token, our motives reveal our idols and gods, whoever or whatever they may be.

*1. Beloved, do not trust (your) every motive, but prove the motives whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world.*

I Jn. 4:1

Our motives and our actions should reflect the one true God. It is our responsibility to test our motives and actions regularly to keep them in tune. We can test them by using the many witnesses and tools given in the Bible. Failing to test our motives and actions, and ignoring these witnesses and these tools, can leave us with misidentified gods.

*4. ... we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one.*

*5. For even if some are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as there are many "gods" and many "lords."*

*6. But to us there is one God, the Father out of whom are all things, and we in Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through Him.*

I Cor. 8:4-6

False prophets are dangerous. They motivate people to accept wrong ideas. There are many false prophets, many wrong motives, and many wrong ideas. That is why we are commanded to always test our motives to make sure they are of the one true God. It is no shame to catch yourself getting off track. It is a shame, however, to ignore the command to test yourself, which is the only means to get back on track.

The worship of false gods usually begins with the acceptance of wrong ideas (from false prophets). Those wrong ideas produce wrong motives. Then, if those wrong motives go untested and uncorrected they develop false doctrine. That, in turn, gives birth to false gods.

But, by referring back to Jesus' words, and by correctly translating them, we can see that the churches have produced motives and gods that do not agree with Scripture.

For instance, the gods of the churches are the kind whose creation plans go haywire and must be replaced by improved plans. And the christs of the churches are passive, long-haired mystics who can't stand up to their enemies. The translators of the King James Version Bible have popularized this mythical misidentification by putting their own Futurist twist on the Holy Scriptures.

But when Jesus gave the parable of the talents it was a lesson in common sense. When it is translated correctly, it tells of a nobleman who establishes his kingship in a new land. After taking his kingship, he calls servants (i.e., appoints helpers) and gives them each some funds ("talents" or "minas"), and instructs them to use the funds for furthering his work ("the work in which he had come").

Then he turns and goes his way, probably to declare kingship in other lands as well.

After a time, the new king comes back around to check on his servants to see how the work is going. Two of the servants report they have worked and increased the master's property. The master commends these two for being faithful, and he promotes them to

greater positions in his kingdom.

The third servant, however, had done no work, and had hid the funds that had been entrusted to him.

*20. I kept your mina hid in a cloth.*

Luke 19:20

Matthew puts it a little differently:

*25. ... I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth.*

Matthew 25:25

This third servant opted to disobey the new king. He chose to do nothing. He didn't even try. He excused himself by claiming he was afraid of the new king ... whom he accused of being a hard, exacting man who takes what is not his, and reaps where he did not sow (in other words, he is a cheat and a thief). But the servant's protest was bogus. He was faithless and a liar. Judging him by his own words, the new king told the servant that if he had truly believed his king to be a cheat and a thief then he should have placed the money with the bankers and collected usury for him (i.e., stole for him). Usury is theft: it is "reaping where you did not sow."

The servant was caught in his own deception. He had refused to put the money to work in any manner whatsoever. He hid the money to prevent it from being used. This was the act of an enemy. By refusing to use the money for the new king he declared his rejection of the king, and his preference for the status quo. He preferred his former status and the former system that had been in place before the new king came.

Choosing to do nothing, in this case, was not only faithlessness, it was rebellion. The new master had invited him into his company, given him a position, and instructed him to do work. But he refused. Obviously, this servant not only lacked faith in his new king, he actually hated him. He apparently still preferred his former MASTER (the system that had preceded the new king). The servant wanted the OLD system to continue, rather than the new system of the new king. This character flaw is the basic problem of mankind, and has been common in Israel since she was a nation. When Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, and while God

was preparing them to become a nation and receive his abundant blessings, they began rebelling against their new king (Yahweh) right away. They made it known in no uncertain terms that they preferred the lifestyle they had back in Egypt. As it turned out, that generation of Israel proved unwilling to accept the new King, and thus died in the wilderness ... never receiving the promise. The next generation of Israel went into the promise land and received the blessings. In accordance with this precedent, in the New Testament it is the "next generation" (i.e., the born-again generation) that inherits the Kingdom and the blessings. The old generation (the old man) cannot perceive the Kingship.

3. ... *Except a man be born from above, he cannot perceive the Kingship of God.*

Jn. 3:3

In the parable of the talents, the new master had established his kingship. As with any change of kings, there were changes in policies and laws. The faithless servant rejected change. He attempted to prevent it by deactivating (burying) the funds that were intended to further the work of the new king.

The king then judged this servant. He took away the money he had left in his care, and gave it to one of the other servants who would not bury it, but would use it for its intended purpose. The lord scolded the faithless servant, calling him "wicked, sluggish, and useless," and had him cast out of his kingdom.

Faithlessness is not only unproductive, it is rebellion. It has no place in Jesus' Kingship. But how easily it creeps into our lives ... especially when we covet comfort and security.

## HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

Taking the basics of this parable, we can test ourselves and determine if we are thinking correctly about Jesus and his Kingship. We must ask ourselves whether Jesus' intention (motive) was to preserve the Roman/Judean status quo, or if He intended to institute change. The answer to this question will tell us a great deal about the work in which Jesus "was come." By the same token, this answer will also tell us a great deal about our

own motives and actions today, and whether our motives reflect those of Jesus.

The obvious fact is, if Jesus had intended to preserve the status quo the rulers would have loved Him. They would not have hated him and killed him. One of the important things accomplished by Jesus' death was that it emphasized the enmity between Himself and the Beast System.

Jesus' death also put permanent enmity between the Beast System and us. When we are born again in Christ we inherit that enmity. If we do not feel that enmity, it means we have a problem. If we forget this, and if we begin making friends with the Beast System, we shame ourselves and deny Christ's Kingship.

Therefore, we must ask about religions today (churches) that promote the status quo. Are churches founded for the purpose of emphasizing the enmity between Christ and the Beast System? Or ... are churches founded for the purpose of preserving the status quo and affirming the life styles of their owners and controllers? Do churchgoers attend and support churches in order to save their consciences and get approval for their faithlessness?

You know the answer! Church boards hire preachers who make them comfortable, who say what the church boards like to hear, and will assure them that they are justified in their selfish and faithless capitulation to the Beast System. Churchgoers want to feel good where they are. That's why they invest large sums of money into churches ... which are social clubs for affirming their accepted paradigms. They don't want their waters disturbed.

In fact, most churchgoers who profess to be waiting for Jesus' "second advent" will readily admit that they hope Jesus doesn't "return" in their life time ... because they expect it will be a "bad time" and it will upset things and create havoc. What hypocrisy! This they have inherited from the churches.

What nonsense to base your religion upon a "returning savior" ... and then literally dread his so-called "return." They imagine with horror "... the presence of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." (2 Pet. 3:12)

Most churchgoers are so confused

they don't even realize that they have become advocates for Christ's enemies. They harden their hearts while they uphold Babylonian life styles.

Churchgoers fit the profile described by Karl Marx. He said religion is the opiate of the people. Churchgoers are certainly drugged and comfortable. They have no interest in finding Christ's Kingdom. Rather, they seek compromise and safe feelings.

If the work of Jesus had been to build churches, make people feel good, and make them socially acceptable, He would not have been hated and killed. The Romans and Judeans would have erected statues of him in their cities, and proclaimed him a patriot.

If the work He commissioned to his apostles had been to make peace with the religious and political rulers of that day, those apostles would not have been persecuted, imprisoned, and martyred. If the followers of Jesus had taken the attitude of modern churchgoers they would have never found themselves in the Roman Coliseum with the lions.

We should ask ourselves whether or not the world system hates us. If it doesn't ... or if we find ourselves compatible with it, how can we claim to be followers of Jesus? How well do YOU get along with the world system? Are you a Republican? A Democrat? A Methodist? A Baptist? A Freemason? A Patriot? Do you get along well with Christ's enemies?

Think about it. Jesus came preaching against the political and religious status quo, and demanding change. The rulers, in defense of the status quo, conspired to kill Jesus. How then can anyone claim to be a follower of Jesus while conforming to the Babylonian system of religion and politics?

13. *Marvel not, brethren, that the world hates you.*

I Jn. 3:13

18. *If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, on this account the world hates you.*

Jn. 15:18-19

Do churchgoers prefer the status quo? You bet!

Can you look at yourself and honestly



state that you do NOT prefer the status quo? I hope so!

How can a church claim to follow Jesus when it dreads the fall of Babylon, and when it supports the Beast System whose great purpose is to preserve and control the status quo? Churches, regardless of their hypocritical rhetoric, are in a holding pattern, trying to keep things stable as they are, waiting, not fighting the Beast System, not seeking truth, not wanting change. Most churches condemn and sometimes disfellowship members who attempt to fight against the Beast System. Churches do this while claiming to be the work of Jesus. Anyone who believes in, or sympathizes with, churches is denying Christ.

## WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

The third servant in this parable had no faith in his new king. His lack of faith and lack of action tells us he did not want what his new king offered. This was the act of a man who valued the stifling security of the status quo rather than the quickening spirit of truth, new growth and improvement. He valued his investments in the old system, and he acted accordingly. He probably had a bank account, real estate, mortgages, insurance, and a fixed retirement. He was "secure." ... or was he?

*15. ... that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in God's sight.*

Luke 16:15

## DO YOU PASS THE TEST?

What is taught by this parable? That blind faith is good? That caution is bad? Not at all!

The master did not ask his servants to act upon blind faith. Rather, he asked them to have faith in him and in the kingship he had established. He established the project. He funded it himself. He set them up in his business, then he merely asked them to carry on the work. The servants were not asked to risk their own money, for the master supplied the money himself. He offered them each a chance to earn a position in his kingdom by proving their loyalty and faith.

This was a test to see if they would be

faithful with small things. Those who proved faithful with small things could be trusted with greater things.

*17. Well done good servant! Because you have proven faithful in this small thing, you have authority over ten cities.*

Luke 19:17

*17. Well done good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.*

Matthew 19:17

*10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unrighteous in that which is least is unrighteous also in much.*

*12. If therefore you were not faithful in unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with true riches?*

*12. And if you were not faithful with that of another's, who will give you that of your own?*

Luke 16:10-12

## WHO CAN SEE?

Christ's Kingship is a mystery to most people because they have been confused by church religion. But the Kingship is understood by the chosen. A man must be born from above in order to perceive and understand the Kingdom. By the same token, a man must be born from above in order to possess the faith necessary to trust Christ and to truly believe that He will bless us.

*6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6

Who has the faith to trust Jesus? I mean truly believe in Him and trust Him? Who has the faith in Jesus to seek truth, regardless where it takes you? Who has the faith to allow Jesus' agenda to take precedence over our own agenda? Who has the faith to step toward light even if it means stepping away from comfortable, established ways? Who has the faith to trust Jesus enough to step forward and be a pioneer, and to stand

alone if necessary? Who has such faith that he will step forward and gladly risk his perceived "security" to follow Jesus? Who has faith enough in Jesus to trust truth to be the best way for us? Who has faith enough to believe effort spent pursuing truth will be blessed? Who has faith enough to realize that coveting some perceived security at the expense of truth is the surest way to lose both truth and security?

The Kingship of Jesus gives us freedom. It stands for liberty and fairness. The kingdoms of men, on the other hand, are designed to facilitate men taking freedom away from one another, and taking advantage of one another. Taking advantage of one another is the modern American way, and is called "Capitalism." Based upon this precept, the gigantic beast known as Western Civilization was built. These are the kingships of men: the Beast System.

On the other hand, under Jesus' Kingship, taking advantage of one another is prohibited ... the same as theft. Indeed, it is theft. But only the faithful and bold can see it.

The Kingship of Jesus promotes honest work, and just compensation for labor (*"The laborer is worthy of his hire"* Lk. 10:7). In contrast, the kingship of men stifles workers, taxes the productive, and rewards drones and bureaucrats. In modern day Babylon/America, men learn that in order to "get ahead" they must seek government positions and titles where they control (manage) their fellow man. They learn that no one gets ahead by actually accomplishing something. Those who do the actual work end up supporting layers of higher-paid "managers," middle men, bureaucrats, and costly government upon their backs. About 75% of their wages goes to taxes to fund the system that is keeping them enslaved.

The Babylonian system of this modern era is built upon a particular way of thinking. That doctrine teaches that achievement, or accomplishing a work, is of little or no benefit ... but true benefit is derived from maneuvering one's self into a position to take advantage of other people, as in banking, politics, military, police work, government bureaucracy, sales, and personnel management. This Babylonian way of thinking is personified by the third servant in this parable who had probably established his own fixed

income and retirement through government affiliated pork-barrel politics. When the new king came along with a new and fairer way of living, the servant sought to preserve his acquired benefits rather than follow the new king.

By the same token, churchgoers commonly profess faith in Jesus but fail to act ... fail to prove faith. Churchgoers love and defend the very system that seeks to defeat Jesus. Is it possible for them to believe in Jesus while they love his enemies? Can they believe in Jesus without doing something to show it? Can they believe in Christ's Kingship without making a commitment and an effort to learn about it? Can they really believe in Jesus without making the least effort to carry on the work He established?

*14. What benefit is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but has no works? Is faith able to save him?*

*17. Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.*

*18. But someone may say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from works, and I will show my faith by my works.*

*19. You believe there is one God? You do well. The demons believe and shudder.*

*20. But are you willing to know, oh empty man, that faith without works is dead?*

James 2:14-20

What is this work that we are to carry on? What is this "work" in which our Lord "is come"?

Churchgoers would tell us that the Lord's work is to build and furnish churches. They say He went away, and told us to "occupy till He returns." Building churches is somehow supposed to save men and prepare them for "heaven." They would have us believe that this, alone, is the work Jesus left to his followers while He is "away."

But that is not the teaching of Jesus, nor is it the teaching of the Bible. Rather, it is the age-old teaching of Babylonian religion. (Read The Two Babylons, by Hislop).

Most of us, at one time or another, have attended, or belonged to, a church. Most of us can remember that we, once believed that churches manifested the

work of Jesus. The apostle Paul made the same mistake in the synagogue church system of his day. Paul was forced to repent of his church idolatry, and so must we!

In America right now there are millions of people who consider themselves Christians, but they are not carrying on Christ's work. They are supporting and carrying on the work of churches, and ignoring Christ. They are, in effect, giving support and aid to the enemy. Churches are antichrist! They seek to take the place of Christ's Kingship on Earth. Supporting them and placing your faith in them is tantamount to treason against the Kingship of Jesus.

If you don't like the way America is headed, it is time to look in the mirror and see who is to blame. It is YOUR FAULT ... if you have depended upon churches to heal the nation.

If you want to help America, STOP GOING TO CHURCHES!

On the other hand, if you don't want to stop going to churches, then stop complaining about the direction America is going. She is going the way of the Beast system ... which you support and defend when you support and attend church. Pay your taxes, support your priest, and shut up!

## CHURCHGOERS =

## FAITHLESS SERVANTS

So, we see the lesson of the parable of the talents. And we see that it applies to today's churchgoers. Church-going Christians have been given a gift from their King, just as the servants in the parable were given money from their new king. Christians have been trusted with truth and the holy spirit. Now, Jesus wants them to put those gifts to work ... like the talents in Luke 19. However, if the Christian buries his gift under church idolatry, he will lose it.

The lesson cannot be discerned by churchgoers who are content to go to church and ignore the reality around them.

Churchgoers need to step away from their routine long enough to see truth. They also need courage ... enough to change their faithless ways and try following a REAL KING who motivates men to be REAL MEN instead of faithless lackeys.

Motives are manifest by actions. Let your actions manifest the motives of our Lord, not the motives of his enemies.

## NO ENEMIES?

*You have no enemies, you say?*

*Alas! my friend, the boast is poor:*

*He who has mingled in the fray*

*Of duty, that the brave endure,*

*Must have made foes!*

*If you have none,*

*Small is the work that you have done.*

*You've hit no traitor on the hip,*

*You've dashed no cut from perjured lip,*

*You've never turned the wrong to right,*

*You've been a coward in the fight.*

—by Charles Mackay

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# WHAT MAKES PRICES RISE?

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**IS** the U.S. Dollar shrinking? Each year, the Fed Note buys less and less. A house that cost \$20,000 in 1970 now costs \$80,000. That's a 400% increase. In 1970, a new car cost \$5,000. Today a comparable car costs \$20,000 – again, four times the FRN's it took thirty years ago. In 1970 a husband alone could provide a better living for a household than both husband and wife can provide today. Prices continue to rise each year.

Is this happening because money is losing value?

This steady increase in the price of things has continued so long that we've become accustomed to it. We take it for granted. Indeed, we expect it ... as if it were an immutable economic principle: a natural feature of economy. As sure as "death and taxes," the mere passing of time brings a rise in prices. We are told it comes with "economic growth." Like the increase in one's age, the increase in prices seems to be driven by nature and time.

Economic gurus tell us the dollar is losing value due to "INFLATION." They also tell us that a small amount of inflation is unavoidable in a "growing economy." Most patriots accept this theory ... and add that it could be prevented if we would stop printing unbacked paper money.

They don't understand it ... they just accept it because their "experts" tell them it is true. "Inflation" is the official culprit, say the "experts." But, before you accept that official explanation you should finish reading this article.

## WHAT IS INFLATION?

"Inflation" is defined as "**too many dollars chasing too few goods**." In other words, "inflation" occurs when banks loan too much currency into circulation, upsetting the balance of currency to the volume of goods and services. We need enough currency in circulation to facilitate commerce. But too much would cause an "inflated" money pool (i.e., too much money in circulation). When too many "dollars" find their way into circulation they begin to compete for the

goods and services to be purchased. When too much money is available, buyers compete for goods ... in effect, bidding up the prices. This causes the dollar to lose value against the goods it is purchasing.

When the money supply inflates, prices are not the only things affected. Wages rise, unemployment drops and Wall Street explodes.

Compare this to the effects of deflation and DEPRESSION ... the opposite of inflation. A depression occurs when the money supply shrinks. In a depression, prices fall and the value of currency rises because it becomes more scarce. Prices are lower but people can't buy much because they can't get their hands on money. It's too scarce.

In 1929, US banks pulled dollars out of circulation and caused "the Great Depression." Wages dropped, people couldn't find work, and Wall Street shut down. To cure the problem banks and government put more money into circulation. It took a few years, but the depression ended when the banks loaned enough money back into circulation.

The Great Depression of the 30's was an orchestrated takeover of small banks by the large commercial banks. The small banks went out of business, and the big banks conspired to take and keep control of the nation's economy.

So, the equation is simple. Inflation is too much money in circulation. Depression (deflation) is too little money in circulation.

Inflation is cured by banks extracting currency out of circulation by making fewer loans. On the other hand, depression is cured by banks making more loans.

The remedy for inflation or deflation is simple! But this does not answer the loss of purchasing power of our money in our lifetimes. The "inflation" excuse does not explain the rise in prices and debt. Prices and debt go up, but do not go down. If these hikes were being caused by inflation the prices would go up and down in correspondence with the balance between money and goods. But that has not been happening.

When in your lifetime have you seen

a sustained increase in the dollar's buying power? When have prices or debts decreased for a sustained period? We have not seen such a reversal in this trend since the Great Depression of the 30's.

Anytime the cost of gasoline, cars, housing, etc. has fallen a little, it didn't last. In a short time it came back with a vengeance.

Something insidious is at work in America causing an inexorable increase in prices, debts and taxes ... but it isn't "inflation." Before inflation would occur people would pay their debts with the excess money at hand. But in America debt is not decreasing.

If inflation were the problem it could easily be addressed, could it not? But the cost of things keeps getting higher. In fact, we have been trained to not expect it to ever reverse. Thus, most of us simply shrug our shoulders and say, "It must be inflation!"

No one seems to know how to stop the erosion of our properties, our labor, and our liberties. We live in an era in which the only enterprises that prosper are banking and government ... or corporations closely tied with them.

So, who or what is to blame? What if "inflation" is not the culprit? What if the real culprit is something else? What if America is being kept in a state of depression rather than inflation? And what if the real explanation is not mysterious and hard to grasp? What if you and even your children could understand the problem? And what if there were a real cure for this problem?

Sound impossible? Read on.

## THE ANSWER

There are four things that consistently move together – up and down. These four things increase or decrease in direct proportion to one another. They are: Prices, Taxes, Debts and Government. These four are directly tied together. When one grows, the other three grow in direct proportion. When government grows debts go up, taxes go up, and merchants raise their prices to pay their higher taxes and debts.

Here, then, is the simple answer to



the rise in prices. It is caused by the rise in debts and taxes caused by growth in government and debt. This is how prices rise without “inflation.”

Of these four, DEBT is perhaps the worst culprit because the US economy is based on a USURY DEBT MONEY SYSTEM. It is important that you understand how a “debt usury money system” works.

Since US money comes into existence via loans, the banks must make loans all the time to keep an adequate supply in circulation. Banks charge usury (interest) on all those loans ... and since usury causes the debts to grow to a greater amount than the supply of money, it puts the country into perpetual unpayable debt. It also insures that the bankers make more profit than anyone ... making them the richest and most powerful people on Earth. With all that wealth and power they control the world.

Governments are tools in the hands of bankers to control nations. Through governments bankers impose laws to legalize their crime. They legalize higher usury fees and taxes, forcing merchants to raise prices. The consumers pay higher prices and thus require higher wages to meet their “cost of living.” This perpetual cascade of extortion, from banker to government, and on to the wage earner, grows upon itself. Less and less of the dollar goes to the purchase of goods and services, and more and more of it goes to pay usury, taxes and fees. The dollar isn't shrinking. Rather it is the growing demand upon it that robs it of its purchasing power.

Government and the banks that control government are the top of the food chain. They are in a feeding frenzy. They have grown fat and arrogant.

To cure the problem, governments and banks must be recognized as CRIMINAL ... and they must be replaced with an honest system.

As long as the Beast is allowed to feed to its heart's content it will never stop growing, and we will never be free.

## TAXES: HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY PAY?

—by Don Stott

*“The power to tax is the power to destroy.”*

- Chief Justice John Marshall

Government had operated without income tax for 130 years. This tax began in 1913 as an amendment to the Constitution, ratified by far fewer than the legally required 36 states.

Was it legal? ... a bit of theft from the extremely rich? That was the idea, and like all government plans to steal, transfer, and subsidize, it was a monumental horror. Today, some corporations spend more on tax preparation than on any other single expense, including raw materials and labor. The IRS has become a tool for the social manipulators in D.C.

When I was a teen, beginning work in the early fifties, Uncle Sam took less than 3% in income taxes and only 1% out of the first \$3,000 in wages (that's \$30) for Social Security, totaling less than \$100 taxes a year for the average beginning worker.

According to an article in The New Republic of Dec. 2, 1991, in 1948, a married couple with median income and two children, paid only 2% in state, federal, and Social Security taxes.

In 1999, out of the first \$62,700 in wages, 15.3% was taken for Social Security, 2.9% more went to Medicare, and then about 30% more was taken for federal taxes if you were lucky. That is approaching 50%, on top of which there are hundreds of hidden taxes: taxes on every phone call you make, taxes on every gallon of gas you buy, luxury and excise taxes, and hundreds more at the federal level alone.

There are taxes on payroll, personal property, pensions, severance, Social Security, corporation stock transfer, tobacco, tonnage, transportation, utilities, accumulated earnings, ad-valorem, alcoholic beverages, amusements, apparel, business, capital gains, consumption, corporate income, dividends, employment, estate, excise, franchises, fuel, furnishings, gas, sales, gift, gross receipts, health care, holding company, income, inheritance, land, license, life insurance, luxuries, motor oil, motor vehicle, occupation, operators license, ... and the list of taxes go on and on. Sales taxes at the local level are usually four to eight times higher than when I was a youth, and property taxes, especially in the east, can be a couple of hundred dollars a month for a small ordinary home.

In 1916, the income tax code

contained around 11,000 words. The 1996 version had over 7 million words: ten times the number of words in the Holy Bible.

In 1928, the income tax was 1.5% on any income over \$4,000 (the equivalent of \$100,000 income today).

It has all happened so gradually that we haven't noticed it. The old frog-in-the-water story applies here. If you place a frog in a pot of cold water, and very gradually raise the heat to a boil, he won't notice the difference: a painless execution. If total taxes had gone from 3% to the current 75% all at once, people would have mutinied.

Yes, I said 75%! Think about it. Everything we buy, has all or some of the above-mentioned taxes glued onto its price. Ajax widgets are made in a factory somewhere, employing people whose wages are taxed. That factory pays fuel taxes, property taxes, and a hundred other taxes, which factor into the price of the widgets. Food and manufactured goods of all kinds have the makers' taxes included in their prices. A loaf of bread bought in a grocery store or bakery has property taxes for the farmer, bakery, garage for the delivery trucks, oil refinery, truck factory, tire factory, and the factories for every single part in the truck, tractor, and various pieces of machinery that go into making and delivering the bread. There are taxes on the property and workers for the milling of the flour, egg producer, maker of yeast, milk, wrappers, slicers, ovens, and even the printers who print the wrappers, and ink that goes into them. All these factories, shippers, farmers, stores, etc. have labor and property taxes to pay as well as telephone, fuel, and a host of other taxes, all of which add to the cost of that single loaf of bread. One economist 30 years ago, said that a \$1.00 loaf of bread had \$.95 in taxes. Then, on top of that, you pay your own taxes of Social Security, income, property, sales, telephone, etc. Is a 75% taxation estimate too low? I think so!

The National Taxpayer's Union says taxes have gone up 175,000% in the last 83 years.

Taxes are theft, defined as obtaining someone else's property through force. Almost everyone is willing to be hurt, stolen from, or taxed a little, in order to accomplish a great good: a good such

as catching thieves and punishing them, administering justice, or protecting our shores. But a point can finally be reached when we refuse, revolt, or at a minimum, cheat on our tax return. We may still harbor a love of what taxes should do, but deeply resent what they are doing: such as redistributing wealth, being used as a tool of the pig-headed politicians' ideas of social justice, or making war on poor countries. Upon realizing what tax money is being used for, most will do everything in their power to avoid the pestilence.

The consequence of taxes being levied on everyone and everything is that the average one-wage-earning family is rare, and almost extinct. We have become a virtual feudal society with the federal government as our "lord." Mom has to work, as does Dad, just to survive. So many taxes are hidden and obscured that most families actually believe they are working "to make ends meet," or to raise their standard of living, when in fact they are working to pay the taxes. Taxes consume most of the primary income and the entire second income ... if all the hidden taxes are included. Many marriages go on the rocks because both parents have to work just to survive.

The consequences of the current tax system and the myriad of hidden taxes, are that poverty is widespread, people can't seem to "get ahead," home ownership is impossible for many, marriages fail due to stress, and of course delinquency is common among those kids who do not come home to a mother, but may be classed as "latchkey" kids, or who may have to go to a daycare center. No one in his or her wildest dreams in 1913 could have envisioned what has happened to the size of government and the abuse poured on us by the IRS.

*"The hardest thing to understand is the income tax."* —Albert Einstein

Everything we buy costs more and more dollars, pesos, yen, francs, or marks. When I was a kid, a hundred dollar bill was a thrill to see, and now they are so common as to not even rate a second glance. The 13 cent hamburgers at McDonalds, and quarter car washes, in 1962 have faded as snow in springtime. Hamburgers and car washes both cost exactly six times as

high also, so no wonder that in my small town, in the year 2,000, foreclosures were six times as high. Ain't government grand?

As you can see, "We the People" have become financial slaves to our Government. A long time ago some real men had the guts to do something about it. This started a chain of events that broke us from bondage to King George.

What are we going to do to break us from the bondage to our present day Government? The Government has become a Monster. The Government does not serve the People. Rather, we serve the Government and have become it's slaves.

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## ADDENDUM

—editor:

The above two articles show that "dollar-inflation" is not the reason for rising prices in our day.

Sheldon Emry made a similar case back in the 1980's. He took on the role of devil's advocate, so to speak, against an anti-paper-money group. Their claim was that the form of money was what was important. They said that paper money inflates, but gold money (or gold-backed money) doesn't. This was their answer to rising prices.

Sheldon claimed that changing the form of the money would not cure the problem, and that people could be cheated with gold the same as with paper.

Then one day, a well-known publisher —an advocate of gold money — sponsored a meeting and invited most of the big names in the "gold money" movement. When Sheldon heard about the upcoming meeting he wrote the sponsor and offered to give a presentation titled "Paper Money Is Not Losing Its Value." The sponsor agreed, and I'm sure he figured that Sheldon would be laughed off the stage.

Sheldon showed up at the meeting. When he got up to speak there were a few jeers from the crowd, but the sponsor rose and quieted them, and soon everyone was listening with interest. When Sheldon finished his presentation and returned to his seat, the next speaker walked up to him and said, "Well, you just destroyed my whole speech. I have nothing to say now."

Sheldon's speech basically took the people through the same process as the above two articles, showing how rising prices were the result, not of "inflation," but of rising usury, rising taxes, rising

fees, rising debt, etc., etc.. Theft by government and bankers take more and more out of each dollar until there is not much of the dollar left to buy anything (like, for instance, a home).

The problem is not that the dollar is losing value. Rather, greater and greater portions of that dollar are being stolen to pay for debts, usury, taxes, fees, etc., etc., leaving a depleted, shrinking portion of the dollar to apply to the actual purchase. The dollar not only has to purchase the house, it also has to pay for the added fees.

The government and the bankers are picking the bones of every dollar before it can be applied to a purchase. A house that cost \$50,000 dollars 30 years ago now costs \$200,000 ... of which \$150,000 is for usury, taxes, fees, etc.. Take away the usury, taxes and fees and the house would cost the same as it did years ago.

As you can see, today more of the dollar goes to paying usury, taxes, fees, etc., than to pay for the actual purchase.

Needless to say, Sheldon's speech put a different spin on the meeting. I don't think he converted many of them, but he did force them to think.

Why do abusive and unpopular institutions like the Federal Reserve and the IRS continue to exist in spite of the objection of the people? They continue because they are backed by an overgrown, overbearing, overpaid, abusive government. As long as the Beast has access to unlimited funds, it will continue to exercise unlimited power over its prey (the people).

Pray that our God will cause people to stop voluntarily supporting and nurturing this beast.