

## *Smoky Mountain Reflections #174*

We live in a society that has lost its connection with reality and logic while proclaiming to be scientific and factual in all its assertions. This leads to nonsensical realities that we must live with and endure every day as we seek to speak the truth in love to our neighbors. For example:

Hormone therapy for aging men and woman - caution!

Hormone therapy for athletic performance - bad!

Hormone therapy for treating whatever ails you - bad!

Hormone therapy for gender reassignment – good ???? Wait!? What?!? Really???

Marriage --- Our society has divided itself into two parts

-Those who affirm the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment as God's word and seek, with God's help, to keep intimacy between one man and one woman in marriage, once known as the virtue called Chastity.

- And those who reject the 6th commandment and set self-pleasure above all else. (Evidence that they have a disquieting conscience is the fact that they want to force their views on the first group)

Sexuality ---LGBTQ is the new special rights group to which we all must surrender.

To speak against this special group by calling them sinners (like you and me)...unacceptable.

Your conscience and your faith can and will come under this group's scrutiny.

Our Government has mandated that in public schools the places designed to receive human waste or wash sweaty athletes must in essence be genderless.....???????????

There is no regard for the male and female way God created us.

Abortion ---There are those who want to regulate everything and everyone with the strong arm of government.

Licensing and regulations for fishing, driving, hunting, gun ownership, bicycles, cars, pets.....

but licensing and simple regulation of clinics that murder babies.....outrageous. really ?

Most abortion clinics function as cash only businesses....they do not accept personal checks.

Our nation's largest abortion provider has been defunded by most states, but still receives \$500 million of our tax dollars. How then are they able to donate as an organization to political campaigns?

It is amazing how the laws in our country are applied selectively.

There is a schizophrenic, bipolar nature to our nation and at its source is human sin....

The great deceiver has us deceived into calling evil good and good evil.

Now more than ever we must seek God's will in our lives.

As we go through another election season, your pastor suggests that you pray and take seriously, your responsibility as a citizen. We cannot save the world and have not been called to do so, Jesus did that, but we are called to obey the forth commandment and be good citizens.

Loving God and our neighbor as best we can with God's help is our role today.

Fear not, God is in charge, you have been redeemed. Trust in Him and press on.

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