How Is That Working Out For You, Americans?



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"If a man takes the life of any human being [unlawfully], he shall most certainly be put to death." -Leviticus 24:17

How is it that in America we have a 74% recidivism rate? This is when released criminals repeat their crimes.

It is true, that soft judges produce hardened criminals.

Why do Americans allow their representative government to allow for 3 crimes (3 strikes and you are out) to be committed before giving harsher sentences?

Why do Americans allow their representative government to rehabilitate criminals inside the walls of prison, but outside the walls of prison, they are allowed to instruct and direct them on how to commit crimes?

Can we say hypocrisy (Matthew 23:3)?

Are we so blind as to see that Hollywood, television, music and movie stars, as they are called, and video games that are sold to the young under the guise of free speech that instruct the young how they are to commit crimes, and when the crime is committed, they are then thrown into the prison system to be further molded and instructed in other crimes.

<u>Did you know that the American version of what is called</u>

correctional institutions makes 64 billion dollars a year?

Quite the money maker, isn't it? Can we say it's a system of indulgence (Micah 3:11; Matthew 15, 4-6; Luke 11:42)?

Why is a Bible given to criminals when they get into prison rather than giving them one before offending God (Proverbs 13:13)?

After all, prevention is better than cure.

Sounds like crime, rather than justice, is the goal (Isaiah 59:14).

Is this what the Lord warned us about when he told us in Mark 7:8-9:

"You disregard and neglect the commandment of God, and cling [faithfully] to the tradition of men. You are experts at setting aside and nullifying the commandment of God in order to keep your [man-made] tradition and regulations."

Though He was talking of ceremonial law here, it would be prudent on our part to acknowledge that this also applies to His Moral Laws, statutes and judgments.

In Deuteronomy 4:5-8, the Scriptures are clear

"Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?"

Maybe this explains why there are not only so many repeat offenders but also why so many criminals mock the Law and the Lord. Then again, how could it be otherwise when you make void God's commandments by putting man's in their place?

Look at this:

<u>Mall shooter receives 90 consecutive sentences in murdering 23 people.</u>

Another repeat criminal receives a 244-year sentence.

The Bible only promises 70 to 80 years in strength. How could this be possible?

Again, this is man's commandments that make the Lord's void. No justice, no peace!

Many criminals admit that if they were freed they would commit the crimes again.

How could it be otherwise when there are no consequences to deter them from committing the crime?

<u>He Was On Parole For Murder. It Took About Six Months For Him</u>
<u>To Execute Another Man.</u>

'Killer' teen driver, 18, told police 'I'll be out in 30 days, I'll bet you,' after 'deliberately mowing down retired cop, 64,' while friend, 16, filmed

This is how criminals are bred in a godless and lawless system (Romans 4:15).

Criminals in prisons get comfortable rooms, 3 meals a day, sports gymnasiums, weight rooms, reeducation centers, book and movie deals, etc. All of it is paid for by the taxpayer. No, you cannot make this up. What's worse is that many of them are then glorified.

Let's take a look at God's Law, and how it is that we are to

deal with criminals according to the Lord's statutes. Let's take murder, for example.

"He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death." -Exodus 21:12

In Numbers 35:31, Scripture tells us, "Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death."

In teaching others the fear of consequences, there was zero tolerance shown for such crimes: Execution in America was the judgment, meted out in public hangings, electric chair, firing squads, lethal injections, etc. According to scripture, it was a life for a life.

In America, we now have a system of injustice. Instead of condemning the wicked and justifying the righteous (Deuteronomy 25:1), it justifies the wicked and condemns the innocent (Proverbs 17:15).

Again, this corrupt system of injustice disregards God's Law (Mark 7:13), which brings about resolve in deterring the crime (Isaiah 51:4).

The current system actually promotes and encourages a 3-strike system, encouraging the criminals to swing away before they are dealt with lawfully. Even after the strikes are taken, they are still granted what they call "more mercy", which is an insult to mercy. This is a system that breeds repeat criminals that ends up making the innocent a prey. This is clearly an injustice!

Let me share with you the story of 20-year-old college junior Sierah Joughin.

Sierah was last seen riding her bike with her long-time boyfriend, Josh.

On the evening of July 19, 2016, after the two parted, Sierah

did not make it home. After 4 hours of searching, they called the police. Around midnight, a deputy discovered a motorcycle in a cornfield half a mile away from Sierah's home. The police concluded that she had been abducted.

Detectives started to look into the local violent offenders and sex offenders files (The list of violent sex offenders who have been released back out onto the streets).

They came across convicted felon James Worley. Officers went to Worley's home, where looking around at his property, investigators found a hay-filled crate full of a woman's clothes. They found some underpants with blood on them.

The police then believed that they were on the right path dealing with the right person and then arrested this repeat criminal. As they continued to search out his property, they found more disturbing items.

Three days after Sierah's disappearance, her remains were found by a local farmer walking on his property. Prosecutors believe that Worley knocked out Sierah by hitting her with a motorcycle helmet, brought her to his property where he then sexually assaulted her and murdered her. Sierah's DNA was found in Worley's truck and barn.

Worley was convicted of murder and abduction and sentenced to the death penalty.

Shockingly, this murderer was then granted a stay of execution after an appeal in 2018.

Did Sierah get an opportunity for an appeal against the crime that was committed against her on that fateful night?

Take note: This murderer was worried about the death penalty. Just imagine if God's judgments would have been set before him before committing the crime. Without a doubt, this would have deterred him from committing the crime in the first place.

The good news is, and I am being indignantly sarcastic, the state of Ohio enacted something called "Sierah's Law," which at the end of the day, is just as worthless and ineffective as these soft judges that produced these hardened criminals in the first place.

Friends, this system of injustice is a system of indulgence. This system shows mercy to the offender while overlooking justice for the victims. The Lord calls this an abomination, and rightfully so (Proverbs 17:15)!

<u>The Injustice System Breeding Repeat Criminals, In Turn</u>
Calling It Mercy - Victims Once Again Overlooked

The Lord promised that He would turn that nation that forgets Him into hell (Psalm 9:16-17). Americans, take a look around!

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