

What can be done to turn around the moral decay of our culture?

To most people, the signs of a general moral decay within our culture is obvious. Whether it is the number of children being born outside of marriage and living in poverty or the violence that is frequently seen, most people do believe that the culture is in a general decline.

1. What is the source of the moral decay?

1 John **2:16-17**

Romans **5:12**

1 Peter **4:1-5**

Genesis 3:5

Moral decay began when the first man Adam sinned against God. From that time on, mankind has been seeking to define and to describe for itself what should be defined as good and evil.

Unfortunately, mankind tends to define as “good” that which is pleasing to himself and the impact it may have on others is of little or no consequence.

2. What do people need in order for change to take place?

Philippians **2:3-5**

Romans 12:1-3

1 Timothy **6:7-10**

Proverbs **3:5-6**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

What is needed is for a transformation in the life of the people. As people come to know who they are in God and the great need they have of Jesus Christ then people will begin to understand that their focus should not be on their own pleasure but on performing the work that God has for them. As their actions become less self focused and more God focused then other people focused the moral decay will begin to turn around. Part of what is needed is for people to be content with what they do have and not seek after what others have.

3. What role should the church be playing in the solution?

1 Timothy **3:14-16**

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

The church needs to first and foremost remember its primary role in the culture. The church has been called to be the “pillar and ground of the truth”. This means that the church as a whole needs to remain steadfast in doing what God has called it to do: Be an example of God's truth, proclaim God's truth, and not waver from what God has said.

4. What role should Christians be playing in the solution?

2 Timothy **1:13-14**

Hebrews **10:25**

2 Timothy **2:2**

Romans 7:7-10

Every Christian needs to hold fast in trusting what God has delivered to us. While we may not perfectly understand every detail of what we find in God's word, we need to understand that it is in fact the very words of God and thus is always true. We need to look to the scriptures in order to understand what sin is and what needs to be done in response. Part of this means that we need to be willing to submit ourselves to obedience to God's commands which includes telling others about the person and work of Jesus Christ.