

# Radio 1A-Preparing Young Warriors- War



## SECTION ONE-*THE FIELD OF COMBAT*

### Chapter One-COMBAT IN THIS CULTURE WAR

#### **Introduction**

When I was just a young boy of almost 7, I clearly remember sitting in my Grandmother's living room with a large wooden box like radio hearing our President on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 tell us that Pearl Harbor had been attacked and we were now at war with Japan. During the years that followed air raid drills, blackouts and rationing would remind us there was a war. But it was so far removed from the reality that we were often shielded from the heat of the battle. If I am correct, so it is today for many that even though the evidence for a Culture War is irrefutable, I have to wonder especially how many Christian homes are shielded from the war due to silent pulpits and biased media. In this first chapter I want to make the case clear that we are at war! I want to alert especially parents to prepare their young warriors to stand firm in their faith and "*fight the good fight*" we are called to. And having a penchant for research I shall in the process review many of the facts and factors involved in this fight.

Now we all know in a war there are various branches of the military that are engaged. The Army with special forces and rangers. The Navy with ships, planes, submarines and the Seals, Then there's the Coast Guard and the Marine's fighting machine. And finally, the Air force has fighter planes and bombers at their disposal. While there are no exact equivalents in this war, in the second part of this book I will identify various battlefields where this war is being fought. Sometimes it's by the intimidation of our children and youth when they stand for truth.

And then there's the intense indoctrination they are exposed to stifle the truth. For as we shall see behind this so-called secular war there is an intense spiritual war and we shall approach the subject from that point of view. So to begin, here is a spiritual perspective on what is being called a "Culture War" that's in America today. First we'll examine this topic from a spiritual point of view and the revolt against God and His commandments, then a social view.

I. A *SPRITUAL ANALYSIS OF THE CULTURE WAR* I want to begin by first examining just three example aspects of the culture war relative to our life as Christians in this order-the Family, the Faith, and the Fallout. First is

(1) *THE FAMILY* - Before there were civilizations or cultures, God had first created a family as the foundation for society. As so we say, as the family goes, so goes the culture. And by the word family, the biblical definition is one man with one woman and children born to that family. John Adams (a signer of our Constitution) once observed that "*the foundations of national morality must be laid in private families*." And at the time of our Founding Fathers another historian named Edward Gibbons wrote "*The History of the Decline and Fall of Roman Empire*" stating that *the root cause of Roman societal collapse was the loss of civic virtue and (here's the point) individual morality*" to which has its main source in the family. Then over 150 years ago a French historian named Alexis de Tocqueville came to America to examine its greatness, He said "*whether they realized it or not, families of the English speaking nations were patterned after the commands of the Bible (and) the strong family structure produced virtuous children*" who in turn helped produce a moral culture.

But today we must examine first of all the (a) *definition of marriage and family*. For almost all of history the definition was one man and one woman (though at certain times and certain places men had more than one wife, so in some case we call it a haram). The biblical commandments also adds it's to be only one man and one woman. No sex with the same sex! (That's Gay or Lesbianism) No sex before marriage! (We call it co-habitation and the bible calls it "*fornication*") And no sex with anyone outside of marriage! (The Bible calls it the sin of "*adultery*"). The first issue is same-sex marriage that used to be allowed in some states as "*civil unions*."

But in 2015 the Supreme Court struck down the "*Defense of Marriage Act*" saying this right should not be denied and legalized same sex marriage for lesbian women or gay men. Today the United States has the largest number of people in a same-sex marriage. And all around the world, more and more nations are endorsing this view and if you disagree with it, you may be persecuted, or in some cases even prosecuted for it.

Next, is the (b) *defiance of marriage* meaning sex without marriage called "co-habitation," which today 60% of Americans say is OK. First we learn "*the vast majority (66 percent) of married couples have lived together before they walk down the aisle. In 2013, 5 million (7 percent) of children were living in cohabiting parent families. By age 12, 40 percent of children had spent some time living with parents who were cohabiting. So "half of all children born to women under thirty are "illegitimate" (who may or may not live a lifestyle of cohabitation), get married at all but at greater risk for divorce if they do marry, than married couples. It shouldn't surprise us then that 'Cohabiting couples have a separation rate five times that of married couples and a reconciliation rate that was one-third that of married couples.'*" And "*Cohabiting couples are more likely to experience infidelity.*" After all, if you despise God's Word and sin by treating sex as a right to exercise whenever you want to, be prepared for consequences. And sad to say, then many of the children born in these home suffer too. It's a very important question considering that "*about one in four American children today are born to cohabiting parents. And according to Child Trends, the number of cohabiting couples with children under 18 has nearly tripled since the late 1990s—increasing from 1.2 million in 1996 to 3.1 million in 2014, and today it will be much more.*

And what about single moms (ether by divorce or sex without marriage). We're told "*that the strongest predictor of whether a person will end up in prison is that he or she, was raised by a single parent.*" So children from single parent families "*account for 63% of all youth suicides, 70% of all teenage pregnancies, 71 percent of drugs and chemical abuse among adolescents, 80% of all prison inmates, and 90% of all homelessness and runaway children.*" 'All this underscores and illustrates the biblical role of the Father as foundational for the faith, fidelity and welfare of kids.

Then what about (c) *the divorce of marriage* which today can be legally labeled as a "no fault divorce," so often without the biblical provision for adultery. So what about adultery which the Bible forbids? (Matthew 19:9) Going back to the Roman Empire "*ancient Rome at first emphasized strong families, but historians have documented Rome's declining emphases on morality and how that decline affected Roman society.*" Yet affairs abound.

We read there of Seneca the Philosopher observing that the ladies "*now leave their homes in order to marry others, and marry only to be divorced And no woman keeps a husband unless it is to pique her lover*" (which means to excite or arouse especially by a provocation.) So what is the divorce rate (which doesn't account for biblically based divorces for adultery)? It's sometimes said to be 50%, but many scholars adjust that to say only "*more than forty percent of first marriages end in divorce.*" One report says "*Divorce breeds poverty, particularly for women and children. In the first 18 months following divorce, between 77 and 83 percent of mothers and their children live in poverty. With fewer economic resources, most children of divorce experience disruptions – changes in child care, living arrangements and schools – that create turmoil in their lives.*" Finally....

What about (d) *destruction of marriage* and the astronomical increase in the availability and aggressive threat of pornography on the sanctity of marriage or the indulgence of sex? The first and most alarming fact is that "*the average age of exposure to hardcore pornography in the US is now 8 years old.*" Were told pornography is a 57 billion dollar industry around the world and in the United States several years ago a Christian Ministry called Covenant Eyes estimated it was at least a 12 billion dollar industry. Here are some other reports to consider keeping in mind. The Bible talks about "*the lust of the eyes*" as well as "*the lust of the flesh*" and tells us "*as a man thinks in his heart, so is he*" (Proverbs 23:7) One report says "*28% of employees who use a work computer to visit pornographic sites, up to 37 million employees view pornography in the workplace*"

# Radio 1b-Preparing Young Warriors- War



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**Introduction** Today as we have begun a series of broadcasts entitled *Preparhg Young Warriors for the Cultuee War* we pick up or the reorts of incresing pornograohy that threatens he puriy of our childen. To begin one study says *"every second: 28,258 users are watching pornography on the internet, \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography on the internet. And 372 people are typing the word "adult" into a search engine every second and "Every day 37 pornographic videos are created in the United States, 2.5 billion emails containing porn are sent or received, 68 million search queries related to pornography- 25% of total searches and 116,000 queries related to child pornography are received."* Need I say more? *Yes!* Another set of statistics says 40 million Americans regularly visit porn sites.

The U.S Department of Justice reports that *"Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the United States has so much indecent (and obscene) material been so easily accessible by so many minors in so many American homes with so few restrictions."* Christian men and women are also addicted. According to Barna in 2014 *"64% of self-identified Christian men and 15% of self-identified Christian women view pornography at least once a month (compared to 65% of non-Christian men and 30% of non-Christian women)* It appears that to many Christians have *"conformed to this world"* (Romans 12:1-2), Then again with Christian Youth workers and Pastors according to another survey by Barna, in 2016 that *"1 in 5 youth pastors and 1 in 7 senior pastors use porn on a regular basis and are currently struggling"* That's more than 50,000 church leaders! The purpose here is to demonstrate many Christians have already lost to the culture.

Retracing our steps to the time of our Founding Fathers, it's clear that they believed that our national greatness depended upon our ethical, moral and Christian value system and that's why each home and every school studied the Bible. As John Adams said "*The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families*" who raised children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Daniel Webster, who authored his Dictionary, said "*If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering, but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity*"

So having examined some of the statistical data, let's now explore some of the statements made in these past few years about the moral failure of our nation, and the possible future consequences thereof. Put another way are we too far down the road to win this culture war? First are the descriptions. In 2013, Dr. Erwin Lutzer wrote a small 53 page booklet entitled "*Where do we go from here? (Hope and direction in our present crisis)*". He quotes from renowned author and prophet if you will, Francis Schaeffer, when he even said in the early seventies (that's about a half a century ago) that "*someday the America we once knew would be gone!*". To which Dr. Lutzer responded saying "*That day is here. We have crossed an invisible line and there are no signs we are capable of turning back.*" No instead, he said "*we are currently being swept along with powerful cultural currents that just might put us over the brink. The culture war we used to speak about appears to be over, and we have lost.*" Sober words to say the least. So even though there is disagreement as to how far we have gone, what other observations are worth repeating to make the point?

- (a) Dennis Prager a conservative Jew who often shows up at Christian events to speak talks about "*America's Accelerating Decay*" He says "*with few exceptions, every aspect of American life in decline.*"
- (b) Another article from a conservative Christian point of view, talks about "*America's Moral Meltdown*" It says "*Sadly, America is more and more is leading the world in immorality.*"

- (c) A third article entitled "*America's Moral Decline*" specifically talks about "*the collapse of marriage*" and after citing some alarming facts reminds us again "*if it's true that marriage is the bedrock of society, then our nation is built on sand.*"
- (d) Then another article cites "*100 Facts about the Moral Collapse That America is almost Too Crazy to Believe*" and says "*A moral collapse is eating away at the foundations of our society like a cancer. (and) If it continues to go unchecked, it will inevitably destroy America.*"
- (e) Finally a quote by a Second World War Hero named General Douglas MacArthur who said then, and it applies now, "*History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and*

(2) *THE FAITH* . In his farewell address, President George Washington said that "*Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.*" Of course he was referring to the Christian faith and was why we were formed to be "*One Nation under God.*" But it's clear today in politics, the press and many people in our culture, that there is a basic rebellion against God and His laws. So "*Does America Hate God?* And answers yes! As an example Democrats "*controlling the U.S. House of Representatives have removed 'so help me God' from the oath that witnesses take before testifying.*"

In my research I found articles that then talk of the ***De-Christianization*** of America which answers that question in the affirmative. Here again is a review, that "*Secular government is breaking its promise of liberty) and the American Church is breaking its promise of virtue*". Here's some more statistics to illustrate this fact. '*While Christianity has been collapsing across Europe for the past half century, now only 18% of Americans who claim to be Christians attend Church regularly.*" Now "*for the first time in history. Atheists are the largest group in the nation at 23.1% (one in four people) surpassing evangelicals and Catholics, as the largest portion of the population. Nonbelievers have increased a staggering 266% over the past thirty years. While mainline Protestant churches which have embraced the sexual revolution and abandoned Christian orthodoxy completely, have collapsed from 62.5% in 1982 to just 10.8% of Americans today*"

And they are displaying more outright hatred for God than ever before. In his book *"I Never Thought I Would See the Day"* David Jeremiah points out that historically Atheists were more moderate in their opposition to the truth of our faith. But the new atheism (as he calls it) not only argues against it, but is angry in their attacks on it as they become militant. So now as an example one of them says they *"should bash religion with a crowbar or only with a baseball bat,"* and *"have no interest in being nice."* To which Dr. Jeremiah says *"How can people be so angry with God if they not even believe in His existence?"* Patrick Buchanan writes in his book *"The Death of the West,"* *"western Man has decided he can disobey God without consequence and become his own God."* In another report entitled *"America. Christianity, and the Culture War"* it says, *'America is in the throes of a life and death struggle over whether the God of the Bible will continue to be acknowledged as the one true God. & Christianity as the one true religion.'* Finally in a book and report by Barna entitled *"America at The Crossroads"* he reports only *"1 out of 8 adults consider themselves to be highly knowledgeable about the content of the Bible"*. It makes a critical difference! For those who have a biblical world view are nine times more likely to avoid pornography, twelve times less likely to commit adultery

So how many of our Christian children and youth have a biblical worldview? When I raised my kid's decades ago we had family devotions and always picked a promise from the promise box. Of course they went to church, Sunday school and youth groups. But looking over my shoulder I regret I did not the nights I was home (at times working seventy hours a week) I did not study the Bible one on one with each of them. Today they would need it so much more as many Sunday Schools are shutting down. So we even have analysts talking about many *"post-Christian"* individuals. *"Even though a majority of Americans consider people's morals and values to be errant, just 1 out of every 20 ranks this as the most pressing issue facing the nation today...In fact, given the moral continuum indicates, we are moving steadily toward moral anarchy"* when as Judges says *"everyone did what was right in their own eyes."*



# Radio 1c-Preparing Young Warriors- War



## SECTION ONE-*THE FIELD OF COMBAT*

### Chapter One-COMBAT IN THIS CULTURE WAR

**Introduction** Having embarked on this new radio series "Preparing Young Warriors for the Culture War" we talked about a spiritual analysis of the Combat we are engaged in. Today we will talk about a social analysis.

II. *A SOCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CULTURE WAR* which looks at some of the fallout of this war. Having looked at the issue from the spiritual side let's look at the social side and four main fields of engagement with enemies of the Bible and our Christian Faith (1) In the Courts. The highest court in our land is the Supreme Court made up of nine jurists who are called to apply and interpret the Constitution They are granted a power of judicial review, which is the ability to invalidate a statute for violating a provision of the Constitution. And Executive acts can be struck down by the Court for violating either the Constitution or federal law as well. So up until the sixties sexual revolution, they acted according to the founding fathers conception of their role. But over the years several major rulings have not only been anti-constitutional but anti-Christian. In 1947 the Supreme Court decided that the supposed separation of Church and State (super-imposed on some Jefferson comments) meant a wall was erected to keep religion out of Government. Thereafter, the goal was to keep a wall of separation between church and state" and redefined the first amendment clause about establishment of religion. Since then Christianity has been purged from our Public schools So 1962 the Supreme Court, ruled in another landmark case it was now unconstitutional for state officials to compose an official school prayer and encourage its recitation in public schools.

(2) *In the Congress*- Here I'll withhold much comment as I will deal with the Socialist ideology of the Democratic Party in a later chapter. But please note they are (a) anti-Christian in that want to discontinue swearing people into office with a vow "*so-help me God*" They are (b) anti-Country in that they want illegal aliens to flood the country where in some states they can get driver's permits with the right to vote (for guess who?). And, they are (c) anti-constitutional when they show disdain for the Bill of Rights which includes the 1st Amendment's protection of freedom of our religion. That brings us to a third major issue and how to properly protect the right to freedom of the press and freedom of speech as well.

(3) *In Communications Media*. With an amazing speed of which technology has advanced has come the rise of what is called "*fake news*." According to Barna, public confidence has been dwindling as much news is now actually "*a misinterpretation or exaggeration of actual news on social media*." And so much so, that one third of Americans no longer trust anybody when tuning in. In this climate, truth is very relative to what people feel, rather than as detective Friday used to say years ago "*Just the facts Ma'am, just the facts*." According to reliable sources western media, not just American, has increasingly been hostile to Judeo-Christian values and often slants the truth or stifles it. So in Canada they have laws against hate crimes but there is no definition of what constitutes "hate", making it a catch-all for whatever the Canadian government says it is. And if they hate Christian commentary they can simply call it a "*hate crime*." And have! So let's start this section to show how pervasive it is today in the U.S. for social media to censor Christian postings.

For example, an ad for a ministry became too hot for U Tube when they said no because the word Christian was used. Michael Brown, who host's the nationally syndicated, daily talk show program, Line of Fire, says that his videos have been getting a lot less income because it seems YouTube has been demonizing many of his videos. Conservative Dennis Prager for several years has been fighting a similar battle to keep his videos on YouTube after the company began restricting them, They were placed under a censored category so that with any type of filtering people would not be able to view them. YouTube denied the accusation with a technical excuse that doesn't ring true for me.

In fact the censorship of Christian values is happening all across America. Not only on U Tube but also on Google and Facebook the two most powerful internet industries. Google has actually been caught doing it with conservative groups on their social media platforms. So as one observer says "*Who (now) regulates the regulators? We know from past experience how very left-wing both Google and Facebook are*". They tend to regard pro-faith and pro-family folks as enemies and erase them to push secular, leftist, radical agendas.

At this point, I would like to analyze and assess the current buzz word in this culture war and that is *hate speech*. Facebook has defined it as "*anything that directly attacks people on what are known as their protected characteristics 'such as race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, etc.'*" And while it includes "*religious affiliation*" in principle, in practice it is discriminated against as I have illustrated. So it turns out there is a double standard and the definition of hate speech is in the eyes of the beholder. So when homosexuality is criticized by a Christian, that's hate speech. But when critics speak out, muffle, condemn Christians who take that stand, and refute us, they hate us and call us out for our "*hate speech*." When we take a stand for pro-life they allow Planned Parenthood to promote abortion. Apple then removed a pro-life prayer group. So there's a double standard. Hate speech is in the eye of the beholder.

(4) *In the Conflict with Christians*- This all boils down to persecution. First we need to examine Persecution in the wider context of the world-wide persecution. I was privileged to attend Franklyn Graham's (first of its kind) World Summit on Persecution, and was able to talk with participants who had suffered persecution both around the world, and here in America. And it was very clear that we were supposed to be living here in the land of the free, but the time has come to also be the home of the brave. It has been my experience that many pulpits in America are silent on this issue. To illustrate this, several years ago I put a team together to host a Sunday afternoon conference with Voice of the Martyrs. The response stunned me.

We invited 250 local Pastors, including those in the Black community where I had often preached. Only six Pastors showed up! Our team asked Pastors to pray for the Persecuted Church once a month on a Sunday service. But today I know of no one who does. It appears Pastors aren't interested in keeping their plight in view. I pray every night for a Chinese Pastor now in prison separated from his wife, The Bible predicts in the last days that the saints will be "*hated for His name sake*" As we review the U.S. scene we see persecution is on the rise and attacking our freedom of Religion.

(1)*Persecution in the Military.* A few years ago a Navy Chaplain was fired. Why? Because he prayed in Jesus name. At the Navy Chaplains School in Newport Rhode Island, Evangelical Protestant prayers are censored and Instructors act as spies to call out Chaplains who do and then step in and council them to muzzle their message. So now Chaplains have had to file lawsuits to exercise their freedom of religion (which by the way Muslims get a free pass) and others wonder how to function under the threat of the State. And they dare not take a stand on homosexuality, as one Counselor did, even in private and was relieved of duty.

There are alarming narratives of those who lived out their faith in private yet were punished for it. Brigadier General Tichart, a highly decorated officer who commanded a premier Air Force Unit was nicknamed "*Dragon*" for his extraordinary was service. On his own time and his computer he encouraged Christians to pray for our nation and anonymously published Bible passages till he was reprimanded for it. And there are enemy field units whose mission is to eradicate the free exercise of our faith in the military such as "*The Military Religious Freedom Foundation.*" Don't let the camouflage fool you! Read what their Director Mickey Weinstein says to his troops. "*Today we face incredibly well funded gangs (our ground troops) of fundamentalist monsters who terrorize their fellow Americans by forcing their weaponized and twisted version of Christianity upon their helpless subordinates in our nation's armed services.*" So will this cause otherwise Patriotic American Christians to rethink their desire to enlist in our Armed Services? And are our children ready to go to war on two fronts?

# Radio 1d-Preparing Young Warriors- War



## SECTION ONE-THE FIELD OF COMBAT

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**Introduction.** Today we conclude chapter one of my book *Preparing Young Warriors for the Culture War* talking about the field of combat being fought on many fronts. So for another example of some given last week.

(2) *Persecution of Ministries.* We're also seeing increased persecution of Christian programs. I was stunned to see that there was a Bill H.R. 5 that was processed a while ago that "would place nearly all Christian Ministries, faith based companies and religious organizations in the crosshairs of discrimination," here in America. More recently there's the "Equality Act" which is anything but equal rights, but protects immoral sex practices and preferences. Then the IRS targeted the Billy Graham Association to which Franklyn Graham said "this is morally wrong and unethical and some would call un-American." The enemy field unit in this case is "Americans for the Separation of Church and State, who won a lawsuit when a Federal judge ruled against a Christian Prison ministry that was told to cease any (non-compulsory) Bible programs for Prisoners and were even fined 1.3 million dollars?"

And it's not only programs that are attacked its people who engage in their own ministries. Here's some examples: (a) When a couple in Pennsylvania held Bible studies in their farm home, they were 'shot' at and slapped with a court "Cease and desist order" & fined \$500. And they were required to get permission from the zoning board to continue their ministry in their own home? (b) A Christian couple in Minnesota on their own time gave private marriage counsel to couples.

But a Human Rights Act now mandates they cannot promote any Christian convictions about marriage (ie. one man and one women) and have been threatened with possible fines and maybe 90 days in prison if they fail to comply. What happened to freedom of religion and the right to privacy?

What about *Pastor's* whose lives are dedicated to ministry? Here again is where government is key to maintaining our freedom of religion. On the one hand (a) leftist democratic California forbids Christian Counselors from counseling members of LGBT community to turn back to normal and natural identities. It has a proposed *Resolution 99* that would forbid Pastors (and Christian Counselors) from speaking against LGBT immoral behaviors. On the other hand in Ohio there was a law called "*The Pastor Protection Act*" that protects those who won't perform same-sex marriages. And "*while this right is already enshrined in our U.S. Constitution) it will give ministers more security as lawsuits are increasingly common.*"

Many years ago President Herbert Hoover warned '*Our Greatest Danger is not from invasion of foreign armies. (But) our greatest dangers are that we may commit (national) suicide from within by complaisance with evil*'. So do we now understand that Christians are in a war with our culture? Pat Buchanan writes in his book "*The Death of the West that western Man has decided he can disobey God without consequence and become his own God.*" In a report entitled "*America, Christianity, and the Culture War*" it says '*America is in the throes of a life and death struggle over whether the God of the Bible will continue to be acknowledged as the one true God. & Christianity as the one true religion.*' In his book "*I Never Thought I Would See the Day,*" David Jeremiah points out historically Atheists were more moderate in their opposition to the truth of our faith. But the "*new atheism*" (as he calls it) not only argues against it, but is angry in their attacks as they become more and more militant. As an example one of them says they "*should bash religion with a crowbar or only with a baseball bat,*" and "*have no interest in being nice.*" So now we have "*a new atheism*" to which he says "*How can people be so angry with God if they not even believe in His existence?* Here's some examples.

Todd Starnes, published a book a few years ago that's still relevant for today entitled "*Godless America*" –*Real Stories from the Front Lines of the attack on Christian Values.*" He shares war stories as the culture keeps displaying more and more outright hatred for God than ever before. And amidst a clear prevention of the problem with many illustrations, he reminds us of the words of Ronald Reagan when he was President saying "*If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.*" So make the subject come alive, if it already hasn't, here's a list of his illustrations to make the point.

(a) A Pastor was fired as an Honorary Chaplain to a state legislature after he invoked the name of Jesus in his prayer. (b) A senior citizens center told the senior clientele they could no longer pray over their meals (c) A federal judge ordered a Texas school district to stop any more public prayer at a school ceremony and forbid students to even use any words like prayer and amen (d) Bibles and religious literature were banned at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C.

(e) A New York school teacher was ordered to remove Bible verses she had posted in her room and was even told to take down a quote from former President Ronald Reagan that said "*if we ever forget that we are one nation under God, Then we will be a nation gone under.*" (f) A women in a retirement home was told she could not pray or read her Bible or discuss religion in their public spaces. (g) In college four students connected to Inter Varsity were forbidden to hold an informal Bible Study in the common dorm area. (h) Volunteer Chaplains in a Police Department were told they could not invoke the name of Jesus in their public prayers. And just one more. (i) Would you believe a man was sentenced to sixty days in jail for hosting a private Bible study in his own home, not to mention a twelve thousand dollar fine? Truly we are seeing a War on Christianity, which of course is also a war on our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The next subject in Chapter Two will talk about war on the College and University campuses. Then in Chapter Three we will talk about Children in the Crosshairs. And then in Chapter Four we will log in on the Casualties of the Culture War and the surrender of many youth and college kids to the culture, and are now deserting the field of battle and their Supreme Commander.

**Conclusion** So to summarize this first chapter what have we learned. Well first of all if you haven't heard our country, and our culture is engaged in an ideological war (called a Culture War by some or a Civil War by others) and on the one side of the great divide are conservative and/or Christian forces while on the other side as we shall see are socialist and/or atheistic forces. In this first chapter I have illustrated from the field of battle combat zones we need to spot. And also underscored the thesis of David Horowitz's book *Dark Agenda* that behind all the media clips and commentary there is in fact a DARK AGENDA of a War to Destroy Christian America. He notes that there is a "*smug disdain for Christians*" and as seen in a cynical and coarse Bill Maher's film, and a surge in a "New Atheism" which is contemptuous of all religion but especially here in America, Christians. And to illustrate this he quotes the infamous atheist Richard Dawkins who is on record saying "The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction" with list of characteristics such as "petty, unjust, bloodthirsty homophobic, genocidal, megalomaniacal and malevolent bully." So this war is fierce and somewhat fearsome, And as I shall show in later chapters our colleges and universities as well as our public schools are theater of war and I will make that latter point very clear when I talk about Children in The Crosshairs. So I hope you will continue to listen as I also bring notable guests to the microphone to share their counsel and how to prepare our Young Warriors for the Culture War and "*fight the good fight of faith.*"

I've spent months of research and reflection on the reality of this war and the weapons we need to try and win this war, or at least spare our children and youth of becoming casualties in this war. Predictions are not positive. For we've been warned by Generals in the field this younger generation, called Generation Z, will only intensify the trajectory away from God, as each succeeding generation over the past 75 years of so has abandoned their post and we've lost many of them in this war.



