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## Family and neighbors, step forward and show the way

Chief Justice Warren Burger led the Supreme Court from 1969-1986. He offered his Annual Report on the state of the Judiciary in the American Bar Association Journal (March 1982, page 7).

In it he said: "One reason our courts have become overburdened is that Americans are increasingly turning to the courts for relief from a range of personal distresses and anxieties. Remedies for personal wrongs that once were considered the responsibility of institutions other than the court are now boldly asserted as legal entitlements. The courts have been



Community, has lost the fervent voice of morality and goodness. With that moral decay, we have seen a rise in the attitude of the most abase emotions and actions of mankind.

Greek Theologian Irenaeus in "Against Heresies" said Nicolas and the Nicolaitans taught that it was okay to "live life without restraint." (See Revelation 2:6, 15). That mindset has always been the death of kings and kingdoms. I pray GOD wake us up again. Let the elders weep between the porch and the altar, "save my family and heal the land."

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We need to stand in the marketplace in conviction for righteousness and seek the God of heaven that he may send revival. In the revival under King Hezekiah the very first thing the king did was to "sanctify the house of The Lord God ... and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place." (II Chronicles 29:5) And the priest went into the inner part of the house

of The Lord and cleansed it. (II Chronicles 29:16) Then, he told the people to consecrate themselves unto The Lord. (II Chronicles 29:31) He also tore down the high places and the bronze serpent that Moses had built. (II Kings 18:3-7) We need a cleansing like this. INSIDE-OUT! In II Chronicles 29:36 God shows up and does great things.

The question is: Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day to The Lord" (I Chronicles 29:5)

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