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Complacent, Pompous & Proudful

Amos 6:1-14

Introduction

Overeating is one of my greatest weaknesses. My habit of overeating started as a young boy when I was taught to, “Clean your plate!” by one of my primary baby sitters. She would put enough food on my plate to feed a grown man and threaten me if I didn’t eat it all. Once I did consume the meal, she would then give me dessert and make me feel guilty if I didn’t finish that as well.

Gluttony in our culture begins at a very young age. But food isn’t the only thing we consume at alarming rates. America is the greatest consumer the world has ever known. We consume more natural resources than any other nation. We consume

everything we get our hands on. We tend to rationalize our consumption by pointing out that our indulgence supports workers worldwide.

It is projected that our nation constitutes 5% of the global population but uses 24% of the world's consumables annually. God is not opposed to blessings and wealth unless the policies that lead to the blessings and wealth are also policies of destruction and oppression.

So what is the solution? Every nation must seek the betterment of every other nation. Every Christian must be a voice for justice, life, truth and balance. Where should we start? For me, it starts on my plate.

Sermon Notes

Anytime we become complacent, we tend to become _____.

Once God determines a nation will fall, _____, _____ and _____ cannot save you. God often uses _____ nations to destroy _____ nations.

God does not oppose the _____ of life. He opposes complacent, pompous and prideful living at the _____ of the _____.

You can be a _____ and never _____.

- God blesses _____ consumption.
- _____ is a Godly principle.
- God created _____, _____, _____.
- God is not opposed to _____.

God doesn't want His people to be indulgent _____ but significant _____.

Word of Thought

What do you consume too much of in your life?

Word of Study

When you read Amos 6, what warnings against indulgent living do you notice?

What warnings against complacency does God issue?

How does God intend to bring about the destruction of Israel?
How is it going to happen according to Amos 6?

Word of Discussion

1) Amos 6 is a sobering chapter of prophetic scripture for people in our nation (pun intended). One might believe that God is calling on His people to take a vow of poverty. However, God seems to be clearly opposed to poverty as much as He is opposed to indulgent living. We know that God is not opposed to people having wealth. His primary problem is with people who hoard wealth. In what ways does our culture both consume and hoard wealth inappropriately?

2) The people of Israel became overly complacent and indulgent. Why is complacency such a dangerous attitude?

3) Sunday, the comment was made that God blesses moderate consumption and is also a God of celebration. Jesus conducted himself on this earth in such a way that people accused Him of being a glutton and a drunk. How do we balance the enjoyment of life with the issues of social justice and world poverty?

4) How would your life be different if we shifted from a mindset of consumption to a mindset of contribution?

Word of Action

What have you become too complacent about? Think about one aspect of your spiritual life that is on “cruise control” and share that with your LIFE Group. Also share with them one way you intend to move from complacency towards engaged living over the next week of your life.

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