**Devil's Plan**

Matthew 10:16 *"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.*

*Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves"*.

Ask yourself this: When did we lose the word “Gay” (from happy to homosexual)? When did we lose the right to pray, to preach, to say what is right and wrong? When did we have to begin defending marriage? When did we have to start turning off our televisions? IT WAS NOT ALWAYS THIS WAY! Once, marriage was not even a question. Once, TV was wholesome. Once, we could say it is wrong to have sexual relations before marriage. Once, young adults were proud of their abstinence.

 Ask yourself this: Can it get worse? Can you/I be arrested for quoting scripture on sin? Can we be sued for what we teach? Sadly, you probably realize that there is nothing that indicates that society is done with the “change” that is in progress.

Christians are clearly at war for our souls and of our nation. Satan has a clear pattern of attack that we can reveal in the war on morals in our nation, our schools, and even in our homes. If you saw the movie Patton, you saw Patton defeat Rommel and say “I read his book”. You see, Rommel had written a book on tank tactics, and Patton read it and predicted Rommel's movements. Let’s look at Satan's “book” and see how he operates.

 **Satan's Book is in Four Parts**

 First, He will make what is clearly evil seem less evil. It is still wrong, but is it really that wrong? (2 Corinthians 11:12-15, Romans 1:25-27)

 Second, He will make what sounds evil sound less evil with “code words” that soften the “sound of sin” (Isaiah 5:20)

 Third, He will change the minds and hearts of men by changing their identification of evil, and who is the real sinner. He will convince men that the real problem is the hypocrites and bigots; that means US! (Jeremiah 28:10 ; Acts 7:59)

 Finally, He will solidify this victory by getting us to live with sin. He will move on to greater and “more terrible” things, making us think we can live with the sins He has made society accept.

**Abortion**

 It can be clearly shown from Scripture that abortion (as practiced in our society) is murder (Genesis 9:5 with Psalm 139:13; Exodus 21:22)

1. Make what is clearly evil not seem so evil. We will hear about population control fears of the 1950s through 80s, about rape and incest (in truth, less than 5% of all abortions). We will hear men say “ I hate abortion too..... but it is necessary now rather than later”

 2. He will inject code-words. Pro-Abortion sounded too harsh; . Everyone is for “rights”, lets invent “reproductive rights”. An abortion becomes a procedure. An unborn child became a fetus. Pro-Choice is born, defending the right to choose

 3. Reverse who was wrong. Pro-Life organizations were portrayed as violent DECADES before anyone was ever killed. Media, fiction all portrayed pro-life people as dangerous. Pro-life people are stereotyped as fundamentalist fruitcakes with no education.

 4. Finally, make something worse so that what is bad is acceptable. With horrific procedures such as partial birth abortions or debates on cloning, some of us say “i wish we just had simple abortion to deal with”

**Pre-marital sex**

It can be plainly shown that fornication is a sin (1 Thessalnoans 4:3 1 Corinthians 6:18) Satan has changed our minds though.

1. Make it not so evil by calling it “making love” and by saying ”everyone does it”

2. Use code word like consenting adults, co-habitation

 3. Reverse who is morally wrong by insulting the “puritanical persons” who say it is wrong, or mocking those who value virginity

 4. Finally, introducing things that are “worse”, such as homosexuality, whereby we think promiscuity is okay

**Homosexuality**

It can be plainly shown that homosexuality is a sin (Romans 1:26-32, I Corinthians 6)

1. Make it not so evil by saying that you are born this way, or that you cannot help it Make it seem like a “civil rights” issue

2. Use code words like alternative lifestyle, gay, gender orientation, or Tolerance; diversity

 3. Reverse who is morally wrong, use words like homophobia, intolerance, or narrow minded bigots

 4. Finally, make something else worse, such as gay marriage, so that we are willing to acknowledge gay rights to defend marriage

**Pornography**

It can be plainly shown that pornography is a sin (Romans 13:13,

Matthew 5:27-29)

1. Make it not so evil by lies, say that there is no real difference between pornography and art, or that it really does not hurt anyone, or that everyone does it.

2. Use code words like adult bookstores, adult entertainment; call it free speech, freedom, rights.

 3. Reverse who is wrong by saying that those opposed to pornography are really about censorship or banning books

 4. Make something else worse, such as child pornography, so that we view pornography as acceptable alternative

 **Alcohol and drugs**

 It can be plainly shown that social or intoxicating use of alcohol (or drugs) is a sin (Hosea 4:11, I Peter 4:3)

1. Make it not so evil by telling us that everyone has a few drinks, and it does not hurt anyone.

 2. Use code words such as adult beverages

 3. Reverse who is wrong by blaming the “tea-totalers” who had their way with the 19th amendment, it only made more crime

 4. Make something worse that causes us to say that some alcohol use could be okay, with things like hard liquor vs soft; drugs vs alcohol.

 We begin to see this pattern emerge in all sorts of areas where negative changes are occurring. We can see it in the teaching of evolution, in the liberalization of the church, or other areas of our lives. We may not be able to stop society, but we do not have to go along with it either. We especially must avoid ourselves these steps, in particular the idea that we can live with sin. No one can live with sin, and we must stand up against it in whatever form it comes.