

GULAG IV

Fields of endeavor have become companies, in turn corporations, then conglomerates, now systems. Local decisions based on knowledge and personal relationships have shifted from the store manager to central control in Dallas, Chicago, or New York. The marquis says efficiency, but all sorts of insidious, long-range effects hide behind corporate entrances. Their marquis, like the marquis of communism, says everyone is equal, but by now we know that is not true. There is such a layering of insulation one will never get to the decision-maker, if there be one. Most office-holders (CEOs, COOs, et al) are now merely figureheads.

[As I write, I realize these fields of endeavor have not only become systems, they have acquired the properties and expressions of Powers and Principalities, rulers of darkness, centrally controlled and run by wicked people in high places.]

Centralized control in socially pervasive systems, economic or otherwise, erases what keeps a male *vital-making decisions*, no less than social contact is vital for the sanity of the human mind. By reason of a high percentage of time spent in one's vocation, this pervasive secular paralysis spills over into moral and spiritual paralysis. This spilling over is like leaven in a pile of dough-it penetrates the whole loaf.

In addition to the induced paralysis in males' occupations, the current trend to centralize control has, is and will spill over into men's souls, thence into their bodies with ancillary problems, such as the alcoholism currently seen in Russia, male sterility, effeminization and so forth. Central control removes a man's natural bent to make decisions; you remove that, and you destroy him and his male seed for generations to come. Men from the various countries formally behind the Iron Curtain demonstrate this fact in Romania, Albania, Mongolia and a host of others. Now we have it here, up front and personal.

Say what you will, males are reared one way or another, pure and simple. Very small children are *supposed* to be reared at home by *mothers* (not surrogates) to make correct decisions. Correct decisions are learned in the same manner they learn to walk-by making mistakes. Boys are reared and progressively *trained*, by *men*, to make *tough* decisions. Making tough decisions are learned in the same way-by making mistakes. But they have to have the opportunities to make them, not to be sheltered in Daycare centers, shielded by well-meaning people, or better said, by deceived do-gooders.

If choice-making opportunities, **afforded by vital fathers**, are absent or forbidden (by either adult), the man-child will continue to be a child with an adult body, waiting for someone to make decisions for him. Currently, **in the USA**, this immature and weak mindset has sequenced into adulthood, fatherhood and to positions of power and influence. For 60-70 years the perfect storm of prosperity, ballooning education, science and technology has lent itself to the bulk of their major decisions being made for them, all along the way. In all of their adult functions, the more critical the decision, the more acute the paralysis.

We have a friend who teaches 2nd grade at a large upscale Christian school. Recently she had an entire class of students who could not make even the simplest of decisions in order to do their work. Everyone wanted her to do special tasks for them, thinking they could do nothing without her help. My wife quipped one day that some women don't have much sense. The same is true on my side as it relates to men. You must ask why? Simple; training to make decisions triggers 'sense', common sense.

In Britain in the 30s George Baldwin, like so many of his peers then and now (along with Neville Chamberlain) was bright, well-educated, persuasive and personable, elected to a powerful position as PM. But he was incapable of making a correct, much less a tough decision. So rather than make a 'wrong' decision, he made no decision at all, a common practice today. Hitler (like Islam) could have easily been stopped in his tracks early on.

But Baldwin's (and Chamberlain's) cowardly abdications cost Britain, America and the Allied Forces millions of lives of young men in the flower of their youth. So what is more important? –or put another way, what at the end of the day really matters? Is it abdication that **ended in death** by the millions, or that **which yielded life** by Winston Churchill's hard decisions in the war that followed?

Rest not; history will repeat itself this time in war, which follows abdication.

Therein lies the problem; abdication is a spiritual stronghold, trained and steeped in the males of today. Being a stronghold, it can be cast down by Divine power and the appropriation of the Blood, no different than the curse of spiritual death is canceled and cast down in the process of being born again. But the odds are it will be cast down by violence, if cast down at all. Eradication takes care of a lot of weaklings...

THE DUE ORDER OF DECISION-MAKING

As I have experienced, tough decisions more often than not involve making a distinction between two things that appear to be good, or two things which are distasteful to one's bent. An example is between deciding between your mother and your wife, or between your wife and your children, or between your wife and what God said. These present dilemmas which more often than not result in no decision at all, or in the least, the wrong decision.

Like The Due Order of God's Interests (Glory of God, Purity of the Bride, Salvation of Man), there is a scriptural hierarchy inherent to decisions. Relative to the examples above, there is a very simple diagram which I was taught many years ago at a marriage retreat. There were four concentric circles progressively encased within each other, all designated by the letter "P". The innermost "P" stood for person, or the personal relation with the **LORD**. This was the most important, as substantiated by numerous passages of scripture.

The “P” of the next circle outward stood for Partner, representing one’s spouse. Thus one’s spouse was next in importance to the LORD, the innermost circle. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians in chapter 5, verses 21-33, he says marriage refers to Christ and the *ekklesia*. Said another way, as one’s marriage goes, so goes one’s relation to Christ. It matters not how learned you are in Scripture, if you are in disunity with your wife, that knowledge is in vain.

The third circle outward with a letter “P” represents Parent. This is the third most important area of your life, your children, and doing by them as scripture dictates. Teaching, training, disciplining, encouraging, chastening are but a few.

The fourth and outer circle with a “P” stands for Priesthood, which includes everything other than the three already mentioned. The inner three are to consume the vast majority of your energy and attention. Your “Priesthood” includes your work, your play, your religious activities of all kinds, and so forth.

This order of concentric circles establishes the Due Order of Decisions whereby the core precedent begins with one’s personal relationship with God. Then one’s spouse takes precedence over the children and all our other kin. Parenting in sequence takes precedence over *everything else we do* outside these three, called our “Priesthood”. Then and only then will true fruit be born in ministry. The first mission field of any man is his wife and children.

Thus this hierarchy of circles presents the basis for proper decisions. It will also show you where problems arise and are sourced. If there are relational problems with your spouse, then the root cause is your personal relation with the **LORD**, or one circle inward.

If there is a decision to be made between your children and your spouse, then you make the decision that favors your spouse, who takes precedence over even your children, (or **any** of your kin, brother, sister or even mother). You are to defend her against **all** who would tear her down. “Cleave to her and her alone”, I believe is the operative passage.

By the same token above, if there are relational problems with your children, then the root cause is an improper relationship with your spouse, or one circle inward.

If there be problems with your work or anything else, the root cause is an improper relation with your children (or even deeper).

In one’s Priesthood, or everything outside of our family, there is one cardinal rule: **make your decisions based on principle, not consequences**. Those principles are outlined in Scripture, numerous times.

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In the 70s Alexander Solzhenitsyn penned *The Gulag Archipelago*, which depicted the horrors of Stalin's reign in Russia. By the time Stalin came along, men no longer were vital (nor very virile), and incapable of making tough decisions or being men. One of his observations was that those who were absconded in the middle of the night by Stalin's thugs never said a word. They were as sheep, to use his words.

So thus the title *Gulag IV* is used. For 30 years I have written on the dissolution of the vitality of American men some three times in various ways. Now we are nearing Ground Zero as it relates to avoiding the American equivalent of Gulag IV. I have very little hope the trend will be reversed, or even altered in any positive way. It *can be*, but I doubt it.

Why? -for the simple reason God's people, specifically His men, lack the training mentioned above; the majority of the 'most spiritual' have not trained their seed to be men of God. I see comfort, I see indulgence, I see both male and female domination and control of their seed, I see patterns clearly indicative of weak or brutish men. Political correctness has done its dirty work, as well as insipid preachers and religious bigots at all levels. Throw in high-frequency doo-dads and you have overload.

But !! –the Almighty **will** have a scarlet thread of men coming out of this witch's brew of Sodomites, Effeminate Men, Bullies, Brutes and Neuters. God **will** have a corps of stalwart men, who, with His character, **will** enact the principles of His Son.

Maybe a few will see that. I hope so.

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