

America's Danger

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According to Edward Gibbon in his classic work, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, there were five major causes of this great dynasty's failure:

1. The breakdown of family and the increase of divorce
2. The spiraling rise of taxes and increases in extravagant spending
3. The mounting desire for pleasure
4. The continual production of weapons and arms to face ever increasing perceived threats of attacks
5. The decay of religion into many confusing forms, leaving the people without a uniform faith

Comparable U.S. Statistics in 2010:

1. Slightly over 50% of all marriages end in divorce, assuming man and women decide to get married at all
2. The last three federal budgets raised our taxes in some shape or form, and the national debt is approaching \$5 trillion and growing
3. We are a pleasure seeking society with a focus on entertainment and self satisfaction
4. Most major nations in the world have weapons of mass destruction
5. There are now more than 820 different religions in the USA

What can we do?

1. Pray for our own marriages & the marriages of everyone we know. Determine that ours will be "till death do us part."
2. Pray for our elected officials, our governmental advisors, members of Congress, our judges, & our court system
3. Talk to others about morality, ethics, & the Biblical examples of how people ought to live
4. Live righteous lives ourselves
5. Teach our children God's ways

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