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POWER OF CYNICISM

American Heritage Dictionary definition: "An attitude of scornful or jaded negativity, especially a general distrust of the integrity or professed motives of others."

Another wave of hurricane destruction has passed through the southern part of our nation within recent weeks. I am reminded that there is a monster wave of "cynicism" that hammers this nation 24/7, day after day, month after month and year after year. It is now at least a category five and shows no sign of diminishing. It is so big that it wreaks havoc and destruction on every community within its path. Cynicism is a tired old horse that has been ridden so long and so hard that it is now ugly and disgusting (jaded.)

Our nation seems to be one of complete distrust of nearly everyone. The cynic feels that almost everyone is dishonest and worthless. To the cynic, life is hopeless, and the future is already fixed and locked in place. There is no way things can change for the better, for no one is honest or trustworthy nowadays.

Sarcasm is a national epidemic! Do we really have to be that kind of people? Even in many churches the people are fed a constant diet of cynicism and distrust. Why do we feel that God is unable to bring about positive change in our nation - in our lives? Has He lost control of His world? Do we serve a weak, ineffective, miserable and pathetic God?

Now, if you want to spread doom and gloom without a solution and you feel that this is the way to make life worthwhile, go ahead and ride that ugly old horse, but please include me out! I serve the God who is able! I believe that God is still on His throne and still hears and answers prayer. Won't you join me? I trust you! - Tom Butterfield

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