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“THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING!”

So said Sir Edmund Burke. Truth if there ever was any.

Evil is everywhere, EVERYWHERE! Psychologists, psychiatrists, academicians, medical doctors and others like them would try to explain away the phenomenon, preferring to describe such things as disorders, something off balance in the human being. Since for them there is no such thing as right, or good, much less universal moral truths, there is no such thing as good and evil, right and wrong. In fact, relativism rules. What’s right for you, whatever that is, is okay with them. Moral law is out the window.

But you and I know that evil exists. There are men and women everywhere bent on evil. They show such propensities by word and deed. The evidence of such is everywhere. Evil is so ubiquitous we become almost immune to it.

When the good man abdicates, the evil man takes over. You and I, hopefully good men and women, work in this world, raise families, attend our churches, engage in social functions, contribute money and time charitably, entertain and enjoy ourselves, worship and serve God, and all of that takes seven days each week. When all is said and done, there is little time left for anything else. Any causes, extreme issues, whether political, social, cultural, educational, no matter how germane, how critical, get precious little of our time. Not that we don’t want to invest in such crusades. We just, we think, run out of time.

And so good men and good women abandon the marketplace of ideas. They contribute little politically, socially and culturally. They leave that to others, and the others, who take over are different, often antagonistic and self-serving. We the supposedly good sit back on the sidelines and watch, complaining and criticizing, but more often than not doing nothing. We are good men and women with words but not deeds.

How easy it is to see that evil takes over. Abortion before Roe v. Wade was murder. Now it is a right etched in stone. Homosexuality and the practice thereof was once criminal. Now, it is a right etched in stone. Child pornography was once criminal. Now it is watered down legally or ignored. And the list goes on, and on. Those who may regard such things as evil have abandoned the marketplace. Those who champion such things which are deemed evil rule the day. If we do nothing but complain, we really have no right even to complain. If we firmly believe that things are evil, we should stand in the crucible, defy the evildoers and champion the right. Otherwise, as things are now, ANYTHING GOES!

There are dozens, hundreds upon hundreds of legitimate issues and causes. There are demands put upon the right thinking person, the average citizen every day. Demands for money, for time, for work. So much so that one can feel guilty thinking about the problems, the evil in this world.

There is so much to do, so many things to make right, the moral environment becomes so very confusing to the point where even the best of citizens can wind up doing nothing. Evil men and women, whoever they are, go on preempting the political arena and the marketplace, and even if they are in the minority, they prevail, because good men and women have abandoned.

God has made every human being unique, a special creation, different but not better than anyone else. It is all such differences which are critical! You see things differently, have different priorities, possess different strengths and skills. Come from a different background, understand priorities in a certain and special way. More than anything else, society needs the different strengths, talents, insights and capabilities of right thinking men and women who will make things happen. Not talk, for that is cheap and far too abundant. But doing, and doing aggressively acts of goodwill and righteousness. BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM. Work, work for the good and against evil! Do something, anything for what is right.

Perhaps each of us should have a cause, perhaps just one. Perhaps it should be a cause in which we are vitally interested, where we can bring skills and strengths to the task, and the time to make things happen. When we do that, we can make a difference. Doing what is right makes a difference. We can talk, dialogue, even argue as long as we do. We can encourage others to do something, anything as long as we do. We can give our money and otherwise support those individuals and organizations doing the good. But there is nothing, nothing which can replace our doing the good. One thing, more if there is time. But one thing for the good, the right, for God is what this world desperately needs.

If you are a good man or woman concerned as Burke was at the triumph of evil in any form, and you are a good man or woman now doing nothing,

DO SOMETHING!