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Scott's Thoughts



“You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights

in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”” (Malachi 2:17, ESV)

I saw a post on Facebook that made no sense to me. That is not terribly unusual after all there is a whole lot of life that I do not understand. I hold views that I know for a fact some people disagree with because many have told me so. I’m sure that there are many people in this world who are just like me.

I don’t know who was the first to say this, “The whole world is a critic” but it is really the root of a lot of what happens in this world and seems to be the situation we find ourselves in at this moment in history. As American Citizens, we feel free to voice our opinion and more often than not they are negative. We watch sports, either in person or on TV, and we feel free to criticize the officials. Washington, D.C. is like a giant magnet for criticism. It matters not if you are Republican, Democrat or Independent, it seems all sides can’t wait to trash the others.

At times I sit and wonder how anyone can possibly not understand that others can hold an opposing view. We should not be surprised this happens. All we have to do is look at our supreme court. We have nine justices who are,

or at least should be, the best constitutional scholars in our land. Reading most of their decisions proves one thing, nine of the best judges in our land can read the same FACTS and come to vastly different conclusions.

The biggest difference I can see between the Supreme Court and the rest of our society is what I call civility. The nine judges often disagree, but they state their opinion calmly in writing and then go on with their lives and work with each other without the rancor that seems to be present in our everyday lives. I realize that each of us can rub each other the wrong way but, much of the anger can be avoided with just a little bit of civility.

Part of the problem is everyone thinks their standard is best. Odd isn’t it how we accept standards in one area yet reject them in others. Just imagine what it would be like if every ruler you picked up was made to a different standard. It would certainly be difficult to follow a plan to construct something. Many years ago, everything that was made was a “one of a kind.” Parts were not interchangeable. Can you imagine what things would cost today if there were no standards in manufacturing?

There is one though who has the right to set STANDARDS. He is the creator. He is the one who brought everything into being. All lives would be better if everyone would follow His standards.

“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.” (Psalm 145:17, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott