

# THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

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*The slippery slope argument doesn't view moral (ethical) changes in isolation, but as the beginning of a trend. In general form, this argument says that if we allow something relatively harmless today, we may start a trend that results in something currently unthinkable becoming accepted. Many treat this argument as a fallacy in our modern world; because very few want to be held accountable when changes lead to unintended failings. For many, fulfilling once perverted lusts, is more acceptable than repercussions or personal responsibility.*

**Both the Old and New Testaments reveal the slippery slope nature of human failings... each bad step leading to another. PRO 24:30** I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; **31** And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. **32** Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. **33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: Step by step, etc.**

**JAM 1:12** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. **13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **16** Do not err, my beloved brethren. *A slippery slope is described.*

**The failings of Sodom are clearly defined... Sodom and Gomorrah typify the best known scriptural example of slippery slope failure. EZE 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, **pride** (arrogant), **fulness of bread** (plenty of everything... age of entitlement), and **abundance of idleness** (not responsible) was in her and in her daughters, **neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy** (the poor and needy were not getting a fair share of the national increase). **50** And they were **haughty** (unteachable), and **committed abomination** (combined moral failures) before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

*The last 60 years has seen slippery slope changes to families, where laws that were once based on scriptural morality, aren't. The biblical family unit (married father, mother, children), were the glue that held our society together with minimal failings. Acceptance of defacto relationships, same sex relationships, feminism, abortion on demand, the age of entitlement, etc, has been a disaster. WHO estimates 40-50 million abortions are performed every year (double toll of all lives lost in WW11). Fetal body parts are routinely harvested.*

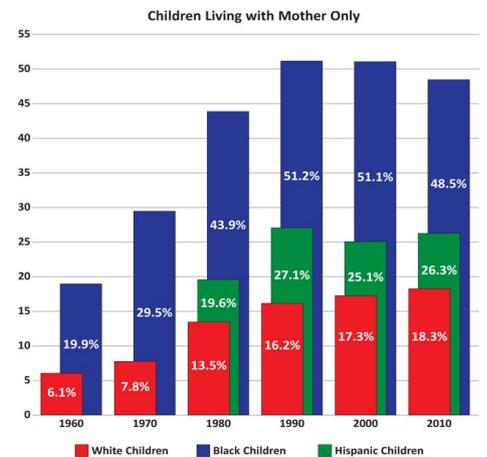
## **The Relationship Between Family Breakdown and Society's Major Problems (mostly pre 1999).**

- Divorce is the leading cause of childhood depression. (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development)
- 75% of adolescent patients at chemical abuse centers are from single-parent families. (Center for Disease Control, Atlanta)
- 63% of youth suicides are single-parent children. (Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA)
- 70% of teen-age pregnancies are single-parent children. (Committee for Economic Development)
- 75% of juveniles in youth correction facilities are from single-parent families. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1988)
- 20 years ago, 17% of US children grow up without a father; today, 36% do.
- 72% of African American children live in fatherless homes.

## **Everyone has a choice, Abraham was sent to Sodom to save the city...**

*he could not even find 10 people who had escaped the slippery slope.*

**2PET 2:4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; **5** And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; **6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; *There is much pressure on God's people while facing all sorts of temptations and failures.* **7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: **8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) **9** **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations,** and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: *We have an urgent need to warn the unsaved of their fate.*



**Exhortation helps stop the slippery slope. HEB 3:13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. *Daily support for each other is also required.*