



When I was a child, I thought there were both good and bad people...but now I am not so sure. Now I think that there may only be varying levels of bad people until you reach the bottom of the barrel. I write this commentary because we need to understand the truth about the people that are living with you, next door, at church, in schools, at jobs, in gyms, in stores, in cars....or wherever you go or don't go. We don't truly know our *neighbors*.



'Humankind' has *intentionally* lost the "kind" in our name. In reviewing research material for this topic I became thoroughly depressed by the deep depravity that mankind perpetrates on other innocent members of mankind. The world has reached a **crisis of humanity**. Even those who claim to be *Believers in God* have **abandoned** the love and mercy of their '*professed*' faith to their *neighbors*. We have reached this point:

*As the Scriptures say, "There is **no one** doing what is right, **not even one**. There is no one who understands. There is **no one** who is trying to be with God. They have all turned away from him, and now they are of no use to anyone. There is **no one** who does good, **not even one**."*

Romans 3:10-12 ERV

The Guilty Headlines



The 2016 Global Slavery Index published by the Walk Free Foundation estimates that **45.8 million neighbors** are in some form of **slavery** in 167 countries. This is not some softened, by-modern-standards definition of slavery. These **neighbors** are living as **forced laborers, forced prostitutes, child soldiers, child brides in forced marriages** and, in all ways that matter, as pieces of **property**. In 1981, Mauritania became the last country in the world to abolish slavery yet slavery is alive and growing today while the WORLD watches.

Human Trafficking by the Numbers

Human trafficking is a crime and a form of modern-day slavery.
It involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to exploit human beings (children and adults) for some type of labor or commercial sex purpose.

 <p>Fastest growing business of organized crime</p>	 <p>Human trafficking reportedly generates a profit of \$150 billion every year</p>	 <p>Human trafficking cases breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">80% sexual exploitation20% labor exploitation
<p>Third largest criminal enterprise in the world</p> 	<p>Human trafficking affects over 45 million people globally (with 2 million being children) in over 167 countries</p>	
<p>55% of trafficking victims are women and children</p> <p>The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14</p>	 <p>Millions of men, women and children are trafficked into forced labor situations and into the sex trade worldwide</p>	

Learn how Financial Institutions serve as the frontline defense in the detection of Human Trafficking by visiting OnCourselearning.com/HumanTrafficking

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Sources: Human Trafficking Detection for Financial Institutions by Tímea Nagy, International Labour Organization, The Freedom Project and U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Based on national reports, it's estimated that no less than **150 million neighbors**, or about 2 percent of the world's population, are **homeless**. However, about **1.6 billion**, more than 20 percent of the world's population, may **lack adequate housing**. According to World Health Organization (WHO) data from 2015, **2.3 billion neighbors** are living **without a toilet** worldwide while 10 percent of the **neighbors** meet their toilet needs out in the open.



Every second a neighbor dies of hunger. Right now, more than 1 billion **neighbors** suffer from hunger. This means that 1 in every 6 **neighbors** on Earth don't get enough food to live a healthy life. This year **36 million** of these **neighbors** will die of hunger!



The Guilty People



*There will be so much more evil in the world that the **love** of most believers will grow **cold**.* Matthew 24:12 (ERV)

The Guilty Headlines are results of **Guilty People** which includes almost all of us. The overwhelming majority of the **Guilty People** fall into one of these **Cold Love** categories:

The Ring Leaders - those who **devise and initiate** the headlines above

The Partakers - those who **support** the Ring Leaders with participation, legislation, and resources

The Watchers - those who stand by and **do nothing** as the Ring Leaders and Partakers inflict their devices on innocent **neighbors**

We **can't ignore** the **headlines** about our **NEIGHBORS** and **nor** can we **ignore our Guilt**. Even if the statistics are slightly off, we still are overwhelming **Guilty**. We who have freedom, food, and more than we need have to look at ourselves in the mirror as spoken by James:

*Do what God's teaching says; **don't just listen and do nothing**. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves. Hearing God's teaching and doing nothing is like looking at your face in the mirror and doing nothing about what you saw. You go away and immediately forget how bad you looked.* James 1:22-24



Join The Remnant



There is one last small group that actually realizes that **love requires action**, and they demonstrate their faith by caring for their **Neighbors**. We have **Neighbors near and far** that need our help **NOW**. Please pray and pick a cause where **Your Neighbors** require **Your Help**. **The Remnant of helpers** is small and **Your Neighbors** needs are **Urgent**.

I once pondered on the distance from me to heaven...and with much thought I realized it was only about 2-3 feet...for heaven is the distance between me and my closest **neighbor**...for how I treat my **neighbor on Earth** is how I treat my **God in Heaven**.

“Then the godly people will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you with no place to stay and welcome you into our home? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’ ‘Then the king will answer, ‘The truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.’ Matthew 25:37-40

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