



## Why Is Society Out of Control? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

**QUESTION: Why is society out of control, and what can be done to change it?**

**REPLY: There is little being done to hold everyone responsible for their own actions.**

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. (**Titus 1:15**)

Add to this the interminable delay in executing justice, and Solomon rightly said:

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**)

**Evil abounds when individual consciences feel no guilt for what they do, and punishment is not immediate!** God promised His people (Israelites) a land (Canaan) in which actions would be met with swift, certain, definite response.

**Capital punishment under Moses' Law was for everyone who committed:**

1. MURDER - **Exodus 21:12-14; Deuteronomy 19:11-13; Leviticus 24:17, 21; Numbers 35:15-34**
2. STRIKING OR CURSING PARENT(S) - **Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9**
3. KIDNAPPING - **Exodus 21:16**
4. PRE-BIRTH DEATH - **Exodus 21:22-25**
5. IRRESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNER - **Exodus 21:28-29**
6. SORCERY - **Exodus 22:18; Leviticus 20:27**
7. BESTIALITY - **Exodus 22:19; Leviticus 20:15-16**
8. IDOLATRY - **Exodus 22:20**
9. PROFANES THE SABBATH DAY - **Exodus 31:12-18; 35:2;**
10. ADULTERY - **Leviticus 20:10**
11. INCEST - **Leviticus 20:11-12, 14**
12. HOMOSEXUALITY - **Leviticus 20:13**
13. BLASPHEMES GOD'S NAME - **Leviticus 24:10-16**
14. OUTSIDER NEARING (PROFANING) HOLY PLACE - **Numbers 1:51; 3:10, 38**
15. FALSE PROPHETS - **Deuteronomy 13:1-5**
16. NATURE WORSHIPERS - **Deuteronomy 17:2-5**

**The Law of Moses (including the 10 Commandments!) has been completely removed by the cross of Jesus Christ:**

Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. (**Romans 7:1-4**)

The Law of Christ is made to bring discipline to the unruly (**1 Timothy 1:5-11**) and bring forgiveness to all those who turn from their sins and obey Christ (**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**).

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