

PS's Ponderings



One of the most powerful statements that I have ever heard impacted me not only as a person, but also as an American and a Christian. It made me pause and search my own heart when I first heard it, and therein lies the power behind the words. *"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."* —Martin Luther King, Jr. As our nation boiled over in its search to discover racial equality and the value and dignity of all people, whatever their color or creed, MLK, Jr's message struck deeply at one of the core issues of the day — the silence of the moral majority.

Whether we have come a long way since then or not is probably directly related to your personal experience... and dare I say, color as well. We still live in a troubled nation. Recent events have reminded us that many are still oppressed, and while we can disagree with the methods used as a platform for expression; we would be hard pressed to deny the realities.

Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A day where we not only honor a man of God with deep character and conviction for his ideals and leadership, but where we must also take stock of our personal convictions about contributing to the discussion of a country where all people are indeed created — and treated — equal.

How it must grieve the heart of God when those whom he created in His own image in love are treated with disrespect and disservice. It is time for Christians to act like Christ. For the moral majority to stop being silent. Dr. King's message was delivered over 50 years ago, and still today it vibrates as a message of truth and necessity. The answers to the errant perceptions of our society are not easy to predict, and to suggest so would be to trivialize the issues we sometimes prefer to ignore. It is time for the Church to truly reflect the Kingdom of Christ. One not only filled with people from every tribe nation and tongue, but a Kingdom richer because it is.

While we still live in a troubled nation, it is still a nation of the greatest potential. A nation that offers the truest hope for the world... that in spite of our differences, personal convictions and backgrounds, we can be a beacon of hope by accepting our differences and championing that which we have in common. That as our Declaration of Independence declares, "All men are created equal" indeed.