

Webster defines “Common Sense” as: *Possessing the ability to think, make decisions and behave in a reasonable way.* Our modern world is considered to be more sophisticated and more highly educated than any previous generations. However common sense seems to be missing in many contemporary activities. WHY???

Could it be that we’re depending way too much on education, intellect and society’s influences along with available resources? Have we discounted employing the Spiritual wisdom and counsel initiated by having faith in our Lord’s ability to lead us in pursuit of that specific guidance and purpose we are each born to accomplish?

It’s been said, many times, a high “IQ” will never guarantee success. Many extremely high achievers were very average in their academic achievements. So what makes the difference? I believe it’s being focused on a purpose that moves a person to think beyond maintenance and survival in life. High achievers are visualizers. They think about a purpose that moves them beyond any needs they might have. Several of my website articles describe these.

Visualizers live by “Common Sense.” Fear of failure is not in their thought pattern. Failure is not final with them; it’s just included in the process. Henry Ford failed twice before he saw any real success. He lived with vision, not fear of failure.

Question: is our modern concept of education placing too much effort on just teaching facts and not enough on how to experience opposition? Example: is promoting being “*Politically Correct*” causing many of our youth to stop thinking and reasoning? Is common sense being placed in a closet now?

If our youth is not taught how to live and get along with opposing thoughts, they’ll never make it in the world they’ll be inheriting. They need to learn that agape “LOVE” is a verb; it’s not just an emotional feeling. Will they be able to negotiate and/or get along with people they don’t always agree with? That’s a great question we should be asking our educational leaders.

Is common sense being ignored when credit cards are maxed out with no thought as to how they will ever be paid off? It doesn’t take a Master Degree to answer that question.

I believe the worst detriment to possessing common sense is being too wrapped up in fear driven selfish thinking. Humanity’s challenge was initiated a long time ago by a wrong choice described in the third chapter in Genesis as eating from “*The tree of knowledge of good and evil*” rather than from “*The tree of life.*” Obviously the Genesis message was referring to more than just eating fruit. That’s when Satan enticed humanity to abandon our Lord’s Spiritual wisdom and just begin living by what they thought was their own intellect and resources.

Satan knew this would lead to humanity abandoning agape love and common sense. We would then be driven by fear, causing us to live selfishly and self-destruct.

Read two articles: “*The Imposter Within Us*” & “*Achievers*” both in: www.skipelmore.com