**A Voice In The Mountains,** By Alan D. Turner 

THE POWER OF THE PURSE

This article is like previous ones that I have written on how that our State Governments must stand up against those politicians at the Federal Level who are ever seeking to enforce their will upon the States that they are supposed to be representing; they must not be allowed to continue to take away the States’ Constitutional Authority to independently governing themselves.

The reason for this particular article is due to some remarks that have come out of Washington, DC, from those who are currently residing at the White House; speaking of money either being offered to the States if they go along with the socialist/marxist agendas of the current political party in power and at the same time threatening to withhold money to those who will not.

This ability to monetary reward those who agree with you and punish those who don’t is a threat to our Nation staying true to the Judeo-Christian Values that this nation was founded upon. For we are told this simple truth in our Bible concerning how many see money, and that is:

“Money answereth all things” (excerpt Ecclesiastes 10: 19).

We are also warned in The Bible of the detriment of relying too much on money:

“But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness” (1 Timothy 6: 9-11).

“For thus saith The Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money” (Isaiah 52: 3).

It seems that the “almighty dollar” has always been and still is foolishly believed by far too many to be the answer to all of man’s woes. In the last verse quoted above, we are told how Israel believed they could buy themselves out of their troubles by buying protection from Egypt, but were told by God – that they would be delivered out of their troubles, but it will not be by their money, but simply by the mercy of God.

This will be the same for our United States; for if we will be delivered from the evil that those at our Federal Level of government are attempting to perpetrate upon us; it will be foremost by the pure mercy of our God. At the same time, this reliance on God’s mercy does not relieve us from our responsibility to do what is stated in the above verses: To flee evil and follow after godliness; nor the accountability for those who will not.

As stated previously, our States were never to be subject to our Federal Government, and that no one at the Federal or even State Level are to attempt to dictate their will over any of the citizens living within those States; including byway of bribery or extortion. And when those at the Federal Level hold their ability to print money “at will” regardless if they have no actual backing; whereas the States and all the other lower levels of government are required by law to stay within an allotted budget; this gives those at the Federal Level a great sway of not just persuasion, but even diabolical intimidation. This sway is known as “The Power of The Purse”.

As the cost of living is ever increasing each passing generation; it is resulting in the States becoming more and more reliant on federal funding to off-set their revenue shortfalls and catastrophic events. This reliance has increased the leverage of those at the Federal Level to take more and more control over all those at the lower levels of our Government; starting with the States and working its way down to all the others lower levels of governing.

Ever since the U.S. Constitution was originally written to protect the people from a tyrannical form of governing; there has been an ongoing attempt by those in our Federal/National Government to be that one and only authority. With all the added Amendments that go with the original document; there has been an ongoing attempt by those in our Federal/National Government to strip away the rights of the States and those who live within them to self-govern ourselves within our individual boarders.

One Federal/National Legislative Degree/Law after another has been used to usurp the authority of the individual States to govern themselves. This seizing control of every aspect of how we as a people are governed is true of both political parties.

With each passing year our Federal Government has indeed been seizing more and more power over the States, by way of the purse; once again either by bribery or extortion.

Once the States gave the Federal Government the ability to tax the citizens at whatever level they desired, and print money regardless of backing, to spend money without a necessity to balance their budget to assets to expenditures (as the States are required to do), and subsequently with the States becoming more and more dependent upon accepting Federal Dollars for expenditures that are above their restrictive budgets; the States have become way too reliant on our Federal Government. They have indeed become subservient to their overseers; for the old saying is true, “He who controls the money, rules the world!”

Our States have too willingly surrendered their individual sovereign right to govern themselves within their own individual boarders. All in hopes to receive federal aid from their benevolent overseers; who rule from the Capital. Our States have subjected themselves to be micromanaged by the thousands of federal bureaucratic employees within their bureaucratic federal offices that are throughout the States; who’s one and only job is to make sure that none of the States are able to function independently from Washington, DC.

This so too willingly to relinquish the authority to be able to govern ourselves for monetary assistance from Washington, DC must stop; if we are to remain a free people who are aided by our Government, without being ruled by it. This is true of not just at the federal level, but at our State level as well, and every other lower level of our government.

Those at the State Level must hold their ground to self-govern; regardless of whatever bribing or extorting may be coming from our Capital. They must also hold their Federal Representatives in the Federal House and Senate to fight for the States they represent right to self-govern, and at the same time receive whatever federal assistance that they need, without any political strings attached. And each State’s Voters must hold all our Politicians accountable if they fail to do so!

I thank you for reading this ongoing column, as I will continue to share THIS ONE MAN’S OPINION regarding subjects that matter to my God, to all of us, all our families, and to everyone else.

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