

It's Too Bad So Many Invite Trouble

NORMAL people could hardly be accused of wanting to do things that would harm themselves, but some seem to come mighty close to it.

Use and abuse of marijuana, cocaine and other drugs are known to cause addiction, leading to loss of health and other good things of life. Yet, the multi-billion dollar traffic in drugs shows that many people think "getting high" is real fun.

Tars and other substances in tobacco have been identified with certain forms of cancer. Still, millions of people keep on smoking, while the government subsidizes tobacco growers.

Liquor and beer definitely are causes of alcoholism and related ailments. Nevertheless, drinking continues to be a major pastime, and government depends heavily on it for revenue.

Automobile accidents result in death, injuries and damages. Yet, many ignore safety rules, driving as if they were the only motorists on

the road.

Education helps to prepare people to earn better incomes and live better lives. Still, millions drop out of school yearly, unprepared either to earn a living or contribute to society.

Productivity contributes to progress and prosperity. Yet, it may not be favored by large numbers who greedily demand more and more pay for turning out less and less work.

Religion is our nation's strongest force for morality, honesty and integrity. Its neglect contributes to crime, broken homes, business losses and corruption in government.

Immorality leads to degradation and shame, but the size of the pornography business, attendance at dirty movies, and ratings of vulgar TV shows indicate that a lot of people like it.

Health care costs have skyrocketed, leading many to favor federal health care, or socialized medicine. They overlook the fact that health

care will cost even more if paid for with taxes.

The multitude of federal controls are a threat to freedom, but voters elect or re-elect congressmen who enact more laws for more bureaus, centralizing additional power in Washington.

Past price controls have led to black markets and higher prices, but some of those suffering because of the high cost of living are asking for price controls (but only on what they buy).

Politics is not necessarily a dirty word, because it is our political system that gives the people a voice in government. That voice may be lost by those who fail to vote.

Excessive debt results in high interest rates and loss of buying power. Great numbers of people emulate the federal government by using credit to buy more than they can pay for.

Just because something obviously has or will have bad effects is no guarantee that people will leave it alone!