



# BIBLE NUGGETS

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**“Because 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. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, who fear before Him” (Eccl. 8:11-12). Those who are kind to the cruel will be cruel to the kind.**

### Portland “The City That Works?”

Riots have been a reoccurring problem in Portland since May 29, 2020, shortly after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. But Mayor Ted Wheeler was hesitant to take the necessary steps to quell the unrest and restore peace to Portland, Oregon. Last August, Wheeler rejected President Trump’s offer for federal assistance, saying in a statement that the city didn’t need his “politics of division and demagoguery.” Mayor Ted Wheeler thought he could appease **Black Lives Matter** by joining them and the protesters outside the federal courthouse. During the months of violence, Wheeler was asked to end the violence, looting, the destruction of hundreds of businesses, and the scores of homicides. Then, Wheeler blamed much of the violence on federal law enforcement. He banned police use of tear gas in September after four months of riots. While he cut \$16 million from the police budget last June, which included disbanding police units that investigate gun violence.

### A Day Late And Multi-Millions Of Dollars Short:

The Portland Police Bureau said at the time that banning tear gas “will make it very difficult to address this kind of violence without restoring to much higher levels of physical force.” It took six months of rioting, looting, murder, and destruction for Wheeler to final announce increased law enforcement actions against the violent mob. Mayor Wheeler called for people to “stand up” to the rioters destroying his city and final announced a state of emergency. However, by that time, multi-millions of dollars in damage to life, property and revenue loss had already occurred. And scores of seasoned veteran police officers had retired or resigned. “When you give up on the idea that the police are going to hold people accountable, it is not surprising that there will be more violence,” said Randy Petersen and senior researcher for the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

### Portland “The City That Works?”

In 1995 the Portland City Council selected “**The City That Works**” as a new slogan for city government. Let’s take a brief inventory to see how well the city has been working since its engagement with **Black Lives Matter** and progressive socialism:

1. **Portland, Oregon's homicide rate soared a staggering 1,900% in the first five months of 2021.**
2. **Portland, Oregon's Carjacking rate soared a staggering 550% in the first of the year. Happy Insurance Rates!**
3. **Portland, Oregon cut police funding and got a 2,000% surge in murders.**
4. **Portland, Oregon's DA declined to prosecute nearly 90% of criminals arrested. "There is more of an opportunity for crime because there is less deterrence," said Jerry Ratcliffe, who teaches criminal justice at Temple University in Philadelphia. A City That Works For Criminals!**

### **Portland's Demographics:**

- . **Whites – 86.7%**
- . **Latino – 13.3%**
- . **Asians: – 6.2%**
- . **American Indian & Alaska Native – 3.0%**
- . **Blacks or African-Americans – 2.9%**

### **The Good Lord Is The Only Equal Opportunity Employer**

**"For there is no difference between the Jew and Greek (blacks or whites); for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him" ... "For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Ro. 3:22; 10:13). "There is no respecter of persons with God" (Ro. 2:11).**

### **Black Lives Matter: (Stats)**

Since George Floyd's Death:

Blacks 86% - Hispanic 77% - Asians 75% - Whites 60%

**Never mind the fact that Black Lives Matter has its roots in Marxism.**

### **The Big Apple Has Become The Big Asinine:**

#### **No Bail Law:**

In the first 58 days of 2020, 482 people who had been arrested on charges where a cash bail was prohibited went on to commit 846 new crimes. Thirty-five percent of the new crimes were in seven major crime categories – murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny, and auto theft. This was triple the amount of those crimes committed in the same 58 days in 2019. Small wonder 5,300 of New York's finest quit the force in 2020. This is where democratic leadership ends up.

**The apparent prosperity of the wicked has long been both a stumbling block to believers, who fear speaking up, but it's encouraging to evil doers who have no fear of God, the law or punishment. Yet Solomon knew that if biblical justice was carried out swiftly law-abiding citizens would have faith in their government and walk the streets without fear. – 2,300**

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