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What's wrong?

Consider these four points:

The alarming increase of violence and defiance of authority. We are constantly faced with joy riding, car theft, hooliganism, armed robbery, brutal murders, cold blooded bombings and terrorism.

The sickening spate of sexual offences. Fed by pornographic literature and films; exploited by advertisers and pop culture, society has become sex mad, its attitudes corrupted, and its healthy inhibitions undermined. Marriage is no longer "holy", chastity no more a virtue, and homosexuality - the sin for which God has cursed nations - is common.

Insane expenditure on gambling and pleasure. At a time when the nation is fighting for its life, millions of pounds are sunk in betting and self-gratification. Drinking and smoking swallow up a large part of the wage packet. The major concern of many is how to get "kicks" out of life. As a result many prematurely aged men and women wander our streets - abject slaves to cravings they have foolishly incited, but can never wholly satisfy.

The religious indifference that prevails. The Bible is an unknown book and religion is largely despised. On the other hand, false religions, false cults, black magic and Devil-worship proliferate.

What can I do?

Consider this:

"What can I do about it?" you say. Well, quite a lot in fact. A nation is made up of individuals, so if you want things to become better, begin with yourself.

"I've tried" you confess, "... and failed."

But Jesus Christ can succeed where you have failed. He CAN change your life so here's what to do:

First: you must acknowledge your need of God. One man put it like this: *"God be merciful to me, a sinner."*¹

Then believe that He can meet your need. The Bible says, *"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*²

Thirdly, accept Jesus Christ as your own Saviour and Lord; *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."*³

Here is a prayer by which you can know the power of God in your own life. *"O God, I admit I have sinned, I am willing to turn from my sin. I take Jesus Christ to be my personal Saviour and Lord. Amen."*

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