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Welcome you happy warrior to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. And you happy warrior Yeah. Because if you try and improve your life, and the lives of those around you who depend upon you. And if you do all that, with a smile on your face and a bounce in your step, then that makes you a happy warrior. And even if you haven't quite completely reached that peak of perfection in the world of happy warriors, if you aspire to that, if you aspire to diminish your dependence upon distracting entertainment, and time wasting and energy sapping amusement, and you focus on your family, on your friendships, on your faith, on your finances, and upon your fitness, then you are a happy warrior. So welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your rabbi, reveal how the world rrrrrrrrrreally works.

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I'm going to be talking about some things that are set in the United States of America. But I know that we have listeners everywhere, just recently heard from listeners in Ethiopia, in Zambia in the United Arab Emirates, in Israel, in Germany, in Sweden, in the United Kingdom. And thank you all you folks who I'm alluding to who just wrote to me this last week, I want to thank you all very much indeed. And anyone else who's interested in communicating on any topic, please do but be sure to tell me where you're listening from. So I can put more pins in my map. And you do that at our website, Rabbi Daniel lapin.com. And you will go to about us. And then under about us, you'll have contact us and I will get your letter, as many of you have discovered I even answer a fairly good number of them. If they are not too long, and not overly complex, and, and are

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designed to be responded to well, you will be surprised to actually get a personalized response from me. You'll get an automatic response from our office anyway saying we have it and Rabbi Lapin will see it and sure I do see them. But I actually even respond to some of them. So that's it Rabbi Daniel Lapin.com. But there is also I mean, you all know that website, right? If you're a regular happy warrior, then you know that website, but I'm going to tell you about another website we have specially for you. And it's it's been a little while in the making. And I'm really pretty excited about it. I really am. So I will tell you about it. It's a website specially for happy warriors exclusively for happy warriors, people who whine and grumble about life. Well, it's not for them.

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But anyway, back to the story. The story is that before I discovered breathtakingly beautiful British Columbia on the west coast of Canada, for our annual family boating trips, we took one interesting trip we were living in Los Angeles at the time. And we pointed out the bow of our sailboat northwards, and we proceeded up the California coast. And things are fairly tranquil as you make your way up the coast from Los Angeles and you pass Oxnard and Ventura. And eventually you come to Santa Barbara, which is a nice place to stop. And then you pass the notorious Point Conception, where the direction of the California coastline switches from like Southwest, excuse me Northwest, and it switches sort of to something that feels more like due north and no longer are you protected from the rollers and the wind that sweep down from the vast far reaches of the North Pacific. And now you're actually well you got them right on the nose and you've got to plow your way slowly up the coast fighting wind and wave. And

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you're you're doing a little bit of sailing, you're doing a fair bit of motoring as well to just try and get at no time of the year is this an easy journey up the California coast. But eventually, we made San Francisco.

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There are very few stops on the way we stopped in Monterey, that that's a comfortable stop on the coast of Oregon. They are a few harbors, but they are difficult and often dangerous to get into their small entry. harbors, river mouth harbors. They are balls, which means shallow places at the mouth of the harbor. And you get wave build up there because of the outgoing river current and the incoming tide. It's messy. So we didn't stop anywhere else like that. And we eventually get into San Francisco Bay. And the St. Francis Yacht Club was extraordinarily hospitable to us and

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provided us with a dock right there in you know, in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge, it was quite beautiful. And the kids were able to play on the lawns. And we went on many walks. And occasionally we did days day sales over to Sausalito and Angel Island and around Alcatraz and across the bay to Berkeley and Oakland and down the bay to San Jose. But the best part of it all was and we you know, we were fortunate enough to be able to spend about six weeks there. And the best part of it, though, was we went further north up what is known as the San Francisco Delta. And that is a system of, of rivers, the Sacramento River most notably but also a number of manmade canal systems that lead all the way up to some of the California cities, you go through Stockton, and you actually get all the way to Sacramento. And along the way, there are some really charming little places, and you sort of hang out and it's just, it's it's something that not a lot of people do. And so one of the most reliable guidebooks that served as the the the Bible we used to decide how to, to travel, that enchanting system of waterways was a book called drifting down the Delta, which I recommend if if you're going to be doing that actually, it makes a nice read anyway, drifting down the Delta written by a guy called Earl Stanley Gardner. And this was really interesting because we, neither Mrs. Lapin nor I are huge consumers of fiction.

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But there are certain fiction authors we we have written, we have read.

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And one of them was Earl Stanley Gardener, who, in the period of 40 years from 1933, to 1973, wrote at novels about a brilliant criminal lawyer called Perry Mason.

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And I haven't read a Perry Mason novel for years. But I certainly had read a number of I didn't read 80 but I've probably read a dozen of them and, and enjoyed them. I remember enjoying them very much indeed, at any rate, and CBS television

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produced a series called Perry Mason, and they starred an actor called Raymond Burr. And for about nine years, from 1957 to 1966. And as you will see, the dates are important in my story.

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So the Perry Mason show based on the Perry Mason novels written by Earl Stanley Gardner, who wrote out guidebook that we used for our trip through the the California Delta, and that is all I'm going to be telling you about the the the sailing part of, of the story. But from 1957 to 66, CBS converted a whole bunch of the novels into TV shows, and they ran once a week and there were a whole bunch of these shows. And they were very popular and they did very well for CBS television.

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And they, they depicted

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I don't know, they depicted good times in America, they were set in Los Angeles. And people were good people and and people, people were patriotic, and people were, they cared about one another. They all had a common vision of what was good and what was bad, and what needed to be punished and what needed to be understood and excused. And through this story of the lawyer, Perry Mason, looking after people very often wrongly accused people,

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and working with the Los Angeles Police Department, again, staffed by law enforcement professionals, that that you could talk to, and who knew what they were doing and where people are, who was smart people and compassionate people. It's all in all, it's it's a heartwarming series. And you can watch it. And online, you know, you'll see episodes of it out there. But make sure you see the series starring Raymond burb as Perry Mason.

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So this covers this period 1957 to 66. As you know, I tend to view the point at which America began, its turn towards darkness, from about 62. Now, as you know, you cannot date an epoch to a specific hour

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on a specific day. So if you want to tell me now was 61, or you want to say that it was 63 or 64, it's fine, whatever. But early 1960s, that's when things began to change. That didn't change overnight.

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You know, I'm trying to pinpoint when the change began. And,

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and so if, if you have successfully wean yourself off amusement and entertainment, and I say that because time on entertainment, and amusement does absolutely nothing for you whatsoever. You want to relax, do some exercise, and you'll feel better at the end of it and more relaxed. So you know, just do to know where we stand on this. And the happy warrior recognizes that time wasted on entertainment and amusement is time you get nothing in exchange for and you never, ever get it back. So if you've successfully weaned yourself of entertainment,

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so much the better and don't let me tempt you. But if you still occasionally, every now and then once every seven or eight years, surrender to the guilty and time wasting pleasures of television. Try and watch some of these marvelous old Perry Mason episodes. You'll be pleased you did. They really do lure you into that Sunny, mid 20th century Los Angeles, where life was optimistic and wholesome and crime got punished and justice prevailed. And everybody loved America and everybody was basically good. But be careful. Be very careful. You see, the entertainment giant HBO has just launched a Perry Mason remake.

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It shouldn't be too hard to avoid confusion. HBO gives you a dark and gruesome production showing way too much. If you'll believe this have a murdered babies corpse in the early part of the show. It's It's horrible. It really is.

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Perry Mason's sometimes sidekick. He his good friend, Paul Drake, who's a great guy. Well, Paul Drake is now a black refugee from an openly racist and mafia like Los Angeles Police Department.

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A beautiful Della Street. And she was Perry's perfect secretary. And I've got to tell you, generations of readers of the novels, and everybody, almost everybody women as well as men,

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who watched the Perry Mason show and CBS all waited in vain. I mean, it had to happen any moment that Perry Mason was going to make a pass at beautiful Della Street, his secretary, and he was gonna marry her. I mean, she How could he not? And strangely enough, during the entire course of the series, nothing untoward like that ever happened.

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And Perry Mason never married Della Street. None of us ever understood why. But there it is. Now, Della Street is somebody quite different? She's now a hard driving feminist intent on her own legal career. And, oh, yeah, your partner she is now lesbian, living with another woman.

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Instead of the sturdy and upright champion of the underdog, that Perry Mason was in the novels and in those old NBC shows. Here he is a visibly damaged male, whose troubled background seems to be the result of some disgrace he endured during his service in World War One.

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You won't be shocked to hear that one of the main villains in the new HBO series of Perry Mason is the vile and repulsive Sister Alice. Oh, yes, she's a Christian church leader, clearly modeled slanderously, I should say, on Aimee Semple McPherson.

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Aimee Semple McPherson started a church back in the 20s. I think, in Los Angeles, the church still stands in Los Angeles. And it continues to do what it has been doing for many decades, which is contribute positively to civic life in Los Angeles. But you wouldn't know that from this show. This bleak production of HBO, this dark, gloomy, squalid production from HBO. When you contrast it with the original NBC series, you know, it serves us quite well, in contrast, to try and understand the difference between pre 1960 America and now. Nowadays, anyone attempting to demonstrate the ways in which life was better before 1960 is usually shot down by the shrill taunt, oh, I suppose you want to do away with civil rights and bring back slavery?

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Look, that's that's not the case. The fact is, that one can be mounted the bad things that have happened since 1960. Without being a racist, one can speak nostalgically and warmly about life in America in the 1950s. Without being a horrible person. It doesn't mean you're not aware of the fact that in many parts of the United States at those times, it was not much fun. Being a minority being an African American, we you can acknowledge that, and at the same time also acknowledge that, yes, in many ways, and for many people, including many minorities, life was better than than it is today. Life was better than in many ways, in what ways? Well, life was a lot less expensive, a lot less dangerous, and a lot less squalid for everybody.

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In those days, prior to the early 1960s, men and women could walk walk safely, in any part of virtually every major American city, at any time of the day or night, without fear of what faces people today. And back then, a middle class family could live an enviable lifestyle on the earnings of how many people one. That's right. Today, it is extremely difficult to function without mothers being forced out into the workplace. And that makes a huge difference to the existence and the welfare of a family and more squalid in the sense that today, what your children can find on the internet on their nice shiny new

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phones that you gave them, because after all the kids have phones, or things that would have made a hardened convict in any American penitentiary blush in 1950.

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But today, it's right there for all your children. The words to the music they hear, don't sound anything like the words that Bing Crosby used to groom.

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And so yes, life is not better for everybody in every way. In some ways, undoubtedly, of course, we understand that I wouldn't like to not have a computer and the Internet, and my productivity is far greater with these things than it used to be. So, yeah, I don't want to go backwards. But that doesn't mean that there's something wrong and evil and retrogressive about me for recognizing that we have taken terrible tumbles downhill in the years since 1960.

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Now, I said earlier at the beginning, I was going to tell you about another website, and I am this one specially for you, this website is called wehappywarriors.com. Please note the word we in front of it, right? It's we happy warriors.com because it's a sort of club. It's a sort of place where people who agree with this approach to life, who may not agree with every last and every final detail that I cover and talk and discuss on the shows, but who likes the idea of a happy warrior? And who thinks of themselves as part of this group of we happy warriors? Well, all you do is go along and explore our new website, wehappywarriors.com, wehappywarriors.com and tell me what you think about it. It's exciting. What is what is even more interesting is that, that is the website, where we focus on the practical ways that you and we enhance our lives by integrating the five F's that I always speak about. That's the website where we literally give you the roadmap for integrating family with faith, friendship with finance, fitness with family, and so on and so forth. How all the five deaths of family family, right and family includes community, right? Family, all those relationships you have, excuse me, family includes family, right? It's it's your, your matrimonial relationship. It's your relationship with children and siblings, basically, the people with whom you are deeply related through the bonds of family. Friendship, is people you are connected with, not through family, but through social and community structure. People you're friendly with people you've met through civic activities, or people you've met one way or the other. But all those other people with whom you have relationships, but there's no genetic link between you. That's friendships. Faith is? Well, that one's a surprising one. Because

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I think that many people are puzzled and perplexed when I initially start explaining that for the very best in family, finance, and yes, physical fitness, and friendships. Faith plays a role. So you definitely want to be aware of that. And, and so it is finance, we all have financial lives, obviously. And we all have fitness lives, we all have bodies, right? Because biology really matters. It's a reality. So we all are real in that sense. What I mean to say is that sometimes people think well, you know how it is we're all modern and sophisticated today. And nobody really cares. Male, female, genetic, non genetic.

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You know what, according to the New York Times, any group of people living in the same household are a family. That's it. And regardless of the fact that everybody knows, I mean, the the figures available from the government, from the police from family agencies, nobody disputes the fact that the most dangerous place for a child to be is in a household with a mother and a and her boyfriend. That's the most dangerous, safest place for a child to be in a home with its two genetically related parents. Everybody knows that. And body and biology really do matter. Everybody knows for instance, that when a couple give birth when a woman is in the hospital, she's giving birth. And then after recovery, however long that takes her husband arrives to pick her in the new baby up and take her home. And he's gotten the call today with a brand new car seat and they go into get discharged. And the the nurse says to the couple, right, you're all set, you got a car seat in the car, you're good to go. And you want a boy or a girl? And they say, Excuse me, what are you talking about? She says, Yeah, you can pick right, we got a full nursery, it happens right now. So pick one. In fact, you know, we got here really nice, robust looking little kid, I think is very healthy. Use a strong kid, I think you may want to look at him. And I saw you mad. We want our child. It's not what virtually every couple is going to do. Right? But you'd think about it that if if we really are so sophisticated, and biology doesn't matter. So yeah, pick a child, you want a child get a child. But know, deep down, yes, it really does matter to us, no matter how sophisticated we might pretend to be.

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And so how all of these things, how your body, how your money, how your friendships, how your family and how your faith all tied together to make you a holistic person to make you thoroughly integrated in every way. And and this certainly is one of the ways in which to really get your identity clear. You know who you are. All of that I cover beautifully. In the new website. What is it? Come on? I just told you. Yes, wehappywarriors.com. And I'd love for you to visit and see what you think. And do let me know because we've really since you know since this podcast is as become increasingly popular and is doing as well as it's doing and no small thanks to those of you who've been helping promoted so dramatically and effectively and even aggressively over the past year or two.

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I've I've realized that there are more and more of us who proudly wear the label happy warrior. And, and for many of us proudly aspire to be a happy warrior to see that as a goal on the horizon. To In fact, yes, have finances and have a family and have friendships and build faith and develop one's body to the best and healthiest it can be. And so we thought, Okay, what we need is a clubhouse. What we need is a place where those of us who sort of share this basic outlook doesn't mean we agree on every detail. Some of us are Jewish, some are Christian, some of us like boats, boating, and some of us like basket weaving that I'm just joking about that one. But I mean, who doesn't like boating, right? But whatever it is, on the on the five F's, we kind of basically all believe they're important. And I thought, Okay, you know what, we do need a clubhouse for us a place where those of us who share the and it's not for everybody, right? Because I'm happy, we got many listeners who totally reject the five f renewal concept. And that's fine. But for those who are into it, for those of people who feel inspired and committed to change their lives in in extraordinarily positive ways, then wehappywarriors.com is exactly

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the place where we all do it. And I say we because don't think for a moment that I do not derive substantial encouragement and inspiration from my interactions with you. So thanks all very much indeed.

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So I am going to be talking about the recent, I should say the current election in the United States of America, which at the time of my preparing the show, Friday the 13th is still going on. But come with may there will be a president inaugurated on January the 20th. But I'm speaking about America, even though recently, I've put in new pins in my map for listeners in look at this Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Sweden, looking around the Baltic. Thanks all you folks in those countries where the weather's getting cold.

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And Italy, Spain, Croatia, Malta, the small but important island of Malta so strategically significant in the history of the Mediterranean, Puerto Rico. Yeah, thanks. Several listeners have been in touch from Puerto Rico recently. The Philippines Kuwait. Yep. Can you imagine listening in Kuwait, Taiwan, South Korea, number of listeners in the last couple of weeks from South Korea, Hong Kong, Tanzania, in southern Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa and Ivory Coast. So those are just some of the recent pins in my map some of the recent people who have started listening to the rabbi Daniel Lapin show, and have taken the trouble to let me know, which I greatly appreciate. So, although there are so many of you listening from so many diverse places around the world, what possible interest to you is the election? And my answer is, it's not because what happens in America governs and shapes the rest of the world, because to some extent, that is true to a lesser extent, I think, than it used to be. But no, the real reason it matters is because the division in the United States of America over this current election, echoes the division, which will be found, if not now, then in the near future, where ever you live.

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Look at it is a division between a Judeo Christian biblical blueprint for how societies ought to be structured, versus a timeless primeval rejection of those values, and the kind of lifestyle in society that results from the rejection of those values. Now, look,

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let us imagine that we're all on an airplane to France. So there we are, we're all flying to France on this airplane. But we're not all going to Paris, the airplane is landing at all the airport in Paris. But that's not our destination. Me I'm going south towards nice. Some people are going to Leon some people are going west towards the Normandy coast, some people are going towards the German board in Strasbourg, it doesn't matter, you're everyone's got their own destination, everyone has their eyes fixed on their own journey. Everyone has their own reasons for the journey. But right now we're all on the same plane to Paris. That is to say that

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not everybody who voted for President Trump is somebody who says, You know, I, with my entire heart and soul, believe in a Judeo Christian biblical blueprint for human society. Many people who voted for President Trump, or people who said, You know, I just don't like the attack on free speech that comes from the left. And not every single person who voted for Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, or saying, Hey, you know, I really am committed to rejecting every last remaining microscopic molecule of Judeo Christian values in American society. That's why I voted for Joe Biden. Yeah, there are a lot of people who did, but there are a lot of people who voted for them, and who do not believe that and I've never even given it a moment's thought. So people are on the same airplane, but they don't necessarily have the same destination, as if I can use that as a metaphor. So what are some of the things that distinguish these two sides, and they appear to be, you know, pretty much divided down the middle of America's population. That's why this is such a

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contested election, in spite of the fact obviously, that it does seem as if a number of states controlled by Democrats used the COVID emergency manufactured government manufactured emergency in order to justify violating certain election rules. And it was during the violation of there's rules such as an extension of the time for votes to count that all of a sudden a Trump lead was eroded and replaced by a Biden lead. And so not surprisingly, Republicans are most republicans are persuaded beyond a shadow of a doubt that skullduggery took place

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During those additional days, often November the third, and that's part of the reason why there is such intense feeling. It's interesting, is it not, though that when political disappointment, greets the left, the result is rioting and looting. And when political disappointment reaches conservatives, the The result is resignation and acceptance. It's it's one of the significant differences. And again, I think part of the reason is that the left loves power, and the right loves America. I think that's one of the differences Now, does everybody who voted for Biden Harris love power? Not necessarily, but on some level, most people who voted for Biden Harris, tend to think that expanded government ability is a good thing. Because the more power we give the government, the more good it can do. And most people who voted for Trump say, you know what, the best government is the smallest government, a government that gets out of the way and allows us to be who we are, and to do everything legal that we wish to do to improve our lives. Essentially, it's an argument between equality and freedom.

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The left looks at inequality and says, We need government to fix us up, I wait a sec, that means in erosion of freedom doesn't matter. It's worthwhile, because inequality is what they say is the biggest difference. And the biggest problem that and they do say this inequality is the biggest problem. And conservatives tend to say no, freedom is more important than equality. And, as you know, in all reality, it is important to to remember that no less than authority, then Milton Friedman, one of the the great economists of the 20th century, Milton Friedman actually said explicitly, that if you try and acquire equality and freedom, you're going to end up with neither. And if you try and get freedom, then there's a

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good chance you'll get a fair lot of freedom and equality. And sure enough, that is very much what has happened.

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In their own words, a society that puts equality before freedom will get neither a society that puts freedom before equality, will get a high degree of both. And the historians that I'm very fond of the husband and wife, team of Will and Ariel Durant, they wrote, nature smiles at the union of freedom and equality in our utopias for freedom and equality are sworn and everlasting enemies. And when one prevails, the other dies. So which is to be equality with its inevitable redistributive policies along with unnecessary and accompanying high taxation and restriction on individual rights? Or is it going to be freedom with the resulting and inevitable inequalities? Right, because different people put different priorities on life, even to people who look the same and have the same background and, and have the same education and have the same mental abilities could still end up in very different places? You know, some people yield to laziness, other people have the self discipline and the willpower to drive themselves, that automatically makes a difference in the outcome you are going to have in equality. There's no question about that. So why is the American election interesting and useful, even to you, in Estonia, even to you in Tanzania, even to you in Finland, and even to you on the island of Malta? Why does it matter? Well, it matters because in some way or another, it is already in your neighborhood, or it soon will come to your neighborhood, a clash, about how certain aspects of society should be arranged. What do I mean by that? Let me give you an example. Something that a lot of work has been done on by the wonderful Mary Eberstadt, and is the question of fathers in the home. Now, in the United States of America, the absence of fathers in the home is already a well documented phenomenon. We we know what happens

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For instance, we know that literally the overwhelming majority of criminals in costume incarcerated for violent crime are people who grew up without knowing their fathers. This is well known. And there is a cause and effect. The nice thing from the Minnesota Psychological Association, they are not conservatives, by the way. But here's something that they published during the middle of 2020. Quote, a high percentage of gang members come from father absent homes, possibly resulting from a need for a sense of belonging. Gaining that sense of belonging is an important element for all people, through gangs, young people find a sense of community and acceptance. In addition, the gang leader may fill the role of Father, often leading members to model their behaviors off to that individual. Having a father in the child's life greatly reduces the likelihood of a child joining a gang.

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That's terrific, right? In other words, the gang replaces the family somehow or another without dad at home, you don't actually have a family you have a struggling mom very often heroic, but you don't have a family. And perhaps the the the tendency of guys to then seek out gangs and criminal activity that follows is a way to build

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a family have be part of something and acquire an identity. What about girls? Well, what I mean predatory males know, this already, this stuff is well known. I wish I didn't know as much about it as I do. To be honest, I mean, just I've spoken and, and wept inside me with with too many women. Because people know, this is again, not this is not just me, everybody knows people who are interested in these things. Know, that girls raised without parents seek out men in not necessarily always a healthy and wholesome way. And you know, people it's it's even found its way into television, right? She's got daddy issues, we get that. And so yes, there are real problems, to the diminishing number of children in the United States who grew up without fathers. Now, if this is not already happening in your neighborhood, it's going to happen very soon. And I'm gonna explain to you just why that is. Who are all the people rioting. You can't say that all the people rioting were black, and that this was a racial thing. That's simply not true. So what is it? Well, it certainly wasn't just racial, because everyone who ever watched any television during the rioting, and in Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh, in, in Seattle, in Portland, saw many times a saw a white person assaulting a black policeman. So we can see it was not racial. So what was it? Well, How's this for a theory? That the question is not what caused the riots? Or was it racism? Was it inequality? Let's not focus on that. Let's focus on who was this vast army of people ready to do the rioting. And he has a theory for you were all fatherless people. And one of the reasons One could argue this is that Portland, which became for the country, almost the the the the ground zero point for national riding in America.

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Portland has always for 30 years, Portland has been a destination city for runaway kids. The link between absent authority, right absent authority means a fatherless household and dysfunctional kids. This is something that's been spoken about important for years and years and years. street kids in Portland have been going on for decades. In many ways, they are thought of by the authorities as feral children. Right? This has been going on since the 1980s.

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And how about that these other people are doing the writing, no fathers. And so the point is that I barely have to spend another 10 minutes giving you statistic after statistic about what calamity follows a fatherless family a fatherless household, how bad it is for society, and how dangerous it is in America.

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America, that now one out of four children is growing up without a father. In black communities, it's much higher. In white communities, it's a little lower. Nationwide, the the the actual figure, one in four children growing up without a father. That means 25% of the population and the voting age population in a few years are going to have grown up without an authority figure in their lives. Is it any surprise that some of them choose gangs, and criminal activity? Others may choose government as daddy?

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Could that be? What's going on?

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I think yes, absolutely. That could be what's going on.

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Now, this is so bad. You know, it's the growth of the number of children growing up without fathers and are so bad, that there isn't anybody who defends it, there's nobody who says it's a good thing. And even those on the left, believe correctly, that it's a problem. But their solution is more of the same government and social interference that caused the problem in the first place. Let's have a government program to encourage men who impregnate women to stay around. But let's also undermine the principles of marriage and family anyway. So here's the problem. The problem is that even those on the left, hate the results, but are not willing to modify the behavior that produces those results. You could say that for those people, the medicine is worse than the plague.

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They would rather not have the things that could repair the epidemic of fatherlessness, which is a far greater threat to America than the epidemic of COVID-19. I can assure you a far greater threat, but they would rather retain the plague of fatherlessness than do the things necessary. So what are the things necessary?

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Well, before I tell you that, let me remind you that I would love for you to visit the new website that we've created as a place for we happy warriors to hang out us. People who take the credo of the happy warrior seriously. Even if we're not fulfilling it completely, were encouraged by it. You could say we are aspiring happy warriors. And that makes us happy warriors. So the website is wehappywarriors.com. And what it does is it is the place where we intend for you to be able to put your hands on the roadmap, the actual real life practical strategies that you will want to employ to bring about positive change in your life. We all want positive change in our lives. But how do we do it? How do we get there. And it's not a simple strategy. It's one that requires willpower and self discipline. So we help you acquire, we help you increase your willpower and self discipline because without that, it's going to be very difficult to motivate yourself to take the correct steps, all of that happens at wehappywarriors.com What you do is go there and sign up become a free member. And you will immediately get a copy of our newest book called The Holistic You. That's right, basically integrating all the important aspects of your life into one roadmap to success. So all of that at wehappywarriors.com you go ahead and join right up there.

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So how do you do the things to encourage fathers to be part of the family instead of what's happening in the United States today, where there are entire societies. And and huge swaths of the country. This is true, by the way, also known in the United Kingdom. I'm familiar with the statistics. They're a huge numbers of children growing up never having known their father. So you know, now we do know that those children are at greater risk for bad things. Right? It's a sad reality. So everybody wants to have dad stick around. Everybody wants that to happen. Well, how do you make it happen? Well, I'll tell you and at this time

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Same time, I acknowledge that we have created such a society that the prescriptions are very often impossible. And so for many of you listening, you're going to say, look, that sounds very nice, but it's not practical. It's too I can't do that.

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And I totally understand, obviously, but at least if we know what the underlying permanent principles are, then at least we can take some necessary steps, at least we can navigate even if we cannot reach the destination. And so I'm going to tell you what these things are, even though that for many individuals, and for maybe the country as a whole, the train has left the station already. So, for instance, keeping fathers around. So here's one important thing to understand. For men feeling impotent, is absolutely one of the worst things imaginable. This is why it is that companies sell medication that is designed to address male impotence. And even when it's not covered by medical insurance, men will still pay whatever it costs. And it may not always be evident to women, just how painful it is for men who feel impotent. Now, next to feeling impotent. The very next door neighbor to feeling impotent, is feeling unnecessary.

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Feeling indispensable is a key to potency. When a man feels needed, then he feels potent, and part of the epidemic of male impotence that is spreading throughout the Western world is again that men have been made unnecessary, dispensable in many ways. What am I talking about? Well start right at the beginning. First of all, male and female are indistinguishable, aren't they? They're exactly the same. No difference between men and women. And anybody who insists as a difference is is is a bigot is a sexist. What about the science of drawers does the left not constantly venerate, we must follow the science. Well, scientifically, every single cell in your body shrieks out the information that you are either male or female, but we dismiss that, well, that meal that means that ambitious masculine father, willing to protect, defend and support his wife and children is already a buffoon, and a caricature from the cartoons. So that is incredibly damaging. And secondly, it is also very damaging, that we are doing everything we can to encourage women to leave the home and go into the workplace. As if somehow and and again, the the insanity of this doesn't penetrate. But why on earth? How do they even explain it for women asks a professor of gender studies, you pushing me and encouraging me to not see myself as one day being a wife and mother, but I'm a see myself as a successful woman on my own. So please explain to me, why would you praise me if I saved up and bought a house and turned it into a bed and breakfast, and I provided a home for strangers traveling through the neighborhood. And I cooked for them so they could have breakfast every morning. And doing that for strangers, is a praiseworthy and virtuous and makes me a heroine. But if I want to do the same for a man who dotes on me and loves me and cherishes me, and for my children, who look at me lovingly every morning and say thank you, mommy. Fat turns me into a lesser human being. Look, we are all impacted by the culture. If what I've just said isn't true, nobody would spend any money on advertising. The fact that companies spend untold billions of dollars on advertising proves one thing, and that is that people are influenced by the messages that are beamed at them. And a message that has been being beamed the culture for the last half century has been that women who wants to be housewives, surely one of the

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sexiest words in the English language. Women who want to be housewives are demeaned, so much. So that

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When, in once upon a time, when official papers would asked you to write down your occupation, women proudly wrote housewife, but it proudly and I mean that they did. And today, even the best of women feel embarrassed to use the word housewife. That's how successful the culture has been. Well, obviously, a housewife is somebody who has a husband, who loves, cherishes and supports her. So she can build the home in which he thrives, and when which he is nurtured, and in which their children can grow. That's because he's needed just as much as she is needed. She needs him and he needs her. We're not both doing the same thing. Right? When I worked at a company, and me and the person next to me did exactly the same work, then part of the thinking is, we are both redundant. The idea is that the company can operate conveniently and comfortably, even if one of us leaves. And so it is if men and women are identical. And husbands can marry husbands and wives can marry wives, it all doesn't make any difference. It's all one big conflated mishmash. And obviously, men feel a little less needed. Clearly. And this is obviously also a huge issue. So you see the problem, right? There's nobody who doesn't recognize the social destructiveness that comes from children growing up without a father in the house, everybody recognizes that. But when we examine the honest and true solutions, the majority of people burst out laughing at best, and become hostile and angry, at worst. Because you're turning back the clock, you're anti women, etc, etc. But there is, I'm afraid, a biblical blueprint that works. And there are many, many other experiments and attempts that have failed. And almost every single attempt that stems from the left every revolutionary reaction to a Judeo Christian biblical blueprint, whether it was the Soviets in 1917, or the, or the French Revolution, at the end of the, at the end of the 18th century, or whether it was going all the way back beyond this. One common feature that these moons have always had, including today's Democratic Party in the United States of America, has always been hostility to the traditional family, that has just been absolutely a reality. And so what has happened in the United States, and I think it's something that that really should be clearly understood by each and every one of us. And is the changes since that period, when the Perry Mason shows were being aired by CBS, the period from 57 to 65. And it's, you know, six or seven decades, but let's face it, in those days, ordinary Americans of any background color, race or anything else, ordinary Americans could more easily raise their children in accordance with their values. And it was certainly much more likely that those children were being raised by a father married to a mother

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in 1960. Listen to this in 1960. The only there was only one state in America that allowed no fault divorce laws. What no fault divorce means is that there is nobody has to give a reason. Any partner one or the other, can simply come before the court and say, hey, I want to get divorced. And away we go. That's it. And this was always understood to not be in the interest of the children, not into the family. And so every state in America had a divorce process, but it took a little bit of effort and time. And the reason for that was because we knew that in a huge number of cases. During this process, the husband and wife reconciled. This happened a lot of times, but Nevada was the one state which

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allowed no fault divorce back then so much so that people went to Reno because Reno arranged that the residency requirements were only

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Six weeks. So you could be a woman in New York wanting to divorce travel to Reno hang out there for a month and a half. And you're divorced in the story. This was the only place and all other states in America didn't have this. Now, at this time in 1960, when no fault divorce only existed in Nevada, you know where else it existed Russia, Russia introduced no fault divorce in 1917 as part of the Bolshevik revolution against, well, what I would call traditional family. So it's very interesting 1960 only Nevada have a no fault divorce by 1983, only 23 years, which you know, is a blink of an eye in the life of a nation. By 1983. Every single one of the 50 American states offered no fault divorce, you know, for a while there's an exception of South Dakota and funnily enough, New York, but that quickly went and and then it was everybody. But how quickly it went.

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You can very easily track the corresponding index indices of social now function, you know, things like crime, poverty, neighborhood deterioration that paralleled this progress

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of no fault divorce. I'll give you another example.

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By the way, you know, I know the usual leftist response to what I'm saying, Oh, you wanted women to stay in abusive marriages? Okay, fine. All right. Do I really need to explain myself?

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I'm gonna go on to the pill oral contraception? Do I think it was a terrible? Of course not, I understand.

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But something happened. In other words, let us be mature, adult intelligent people. And let's acknowledge that something can come along, which has many good consequences, and which has one or two really bad consequences. You know, only children want to see things simplistically in terms of black and white. And so let us acknowledge that by an in 1960, oral contraception was not available, and wouldn't have been legal in any state in the United States. 20 short years later, blink of an eye by 1980. There was no state in America in which was not both available and legal.

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Okay, now, I'm not suggesting obviously that this medical advance was necessarily a bad thing, like I said, right? Right. A good thing for many reasons. But let's acknowledge that it brought with it bad social effects, such as helping men turn away from responsibility and chivalry towards Kaddish behavior, and and thoughtless irresponsibility. Right.

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We can acknowledge that surely must be able to

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acting responsibility towards a young woman of one's acquaintance suddenly became, Hey, honey, you on the pill? Right? That's, that's what people used to say. But before that time, it didn't work that way. Now, did the pill cause it? You know, no. social scientists can say that with certainty. But it didn't help. I'll give you one final example, in 1960. Abortion was not legal in any state in the United States, not not a single one. Right? Well, he just wants to bring back back alley abortions right. Now, I am not in any way nostalgic for the Boogey Man of back alley abortions. No, I'm not. But at the same time, let's acknowledge that by 1980, abortion was legal and freely available in every state. So this huge change began taking place around about 1960, which had transformed the United States of America by 1980.

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Look, it would be childish, for us to ignore the secondary, and maybe even unintended consequences of normalizing at least 500 abortions every single day in the United States of America. Think about that. Right? And is it? Is it possible that that has resulted in people becoming more callous? lacking compassion? Is it possible? Is it possible that subconsciously, as part of the process of killing a baby, a mother has to justify it by becoming a hardened, more callous personality? I don't know. But I wouldn't be shocked if that's what happens.

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In 1960, I'll give you throw in one more. Every single school in every state in the country set a pray every day. By 1980, the United States Supreme Court ensured that not a single gig in the country. That's a government indoctrination camp. For those of you just joining the rabbi Daniel Lapin show, and not a single gig in the country could tolerate a prayer. Come on, this is really important to understand that yes, one can find reasons for why no fault divorce came about. And we can find good reasons for oral contraception. And we can find presumably some reasons that in a few cases, expanding abortion, whatever. Bottom line is, why are we so incapable of also acknowledging the dangerously and deeply destructive consequences that have come about on the culture for those things. And so

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in one way, these four things, and many others, these four things, surely have been complicit in why life in America has become more dangerous and more expensive and more squalid since 1960.

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And there's a long drawn out election that that we're still enduring. And that appears to be largely about this very point, which is has the Cultural Revolution imposed on America since 1960, being a success or not?

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and saying, No, it's not a success doesn't make you a bad person. It's perfectly logical, and perfectly acceptable, and perfectly natural and perfectly normal to say, yes, you right? life in America has deteriorated in many important ways since 1960. And wherever you live, whether you are in Kuwait, or Tanzania, or South Korea, or Hong Kong, this is coming to a neighborhood near you, too. Because this is the Titanic and eternal struggle of humanity, which is do we follow God's biblical blueprint? Or do we call our own brave new world with all the terrible problems that it brings? And for many people, you know that the answer is I don't care about the problems, because the solutions are worse. This is if, let's imagine, a marvelous scientist came up with a solution came to the President and the Congress United States of America and says, I have a solution.

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I can solve one of the country's big problems. You know, the all the children there, a lot of children turn to crime, children turn to promiscuous sex, children are not doing well at school, you know, all of these problems, right? I can solve them. All we have to do is paint a blue patch of the special paint this blue, blue paint I've invented on the left ear of every child. Do you doubt for a moment that every state, federal government, state governments, local governments, school districts, everybody would say, with or without parental consent, every child in America is getting a blue spot on the air? Why public health, right? Because you can do anything in the name of public health. And sure enough, you'd have to agree, right? Even if you really are nervous and apprehensive about extreme government powers, if all your child has to do is have a blue spot on the air, and all of a sudden, you don't have to worry about them getting into trouble bad things happening. Hey, go for it. Okay, well, you know, what I say is that such a guy isn't showing up. But the good news is there is a solution. The bad news is you're gonna like the solution, less than you liked the problem. And I would say the man now turns to the President and the government and he says, here's the solution. All you got to do is close every gig shut down every government indoctrination camp, and replace them with parochial Bible schools, replace every public school in America with a Christian school or a religious school of another nature. Why? Because we know that children at religious schools have a close to zero rate of those destructive pathologies that afflicts such a high proportion of children in public schools. So the answer is yes, we can dramatically cut back crime and promiscuity and academic dropout we can, but it's not going to take a blue spot of income that year. It's going to take a religious

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Education, a religious revival. And 50% of Americans would say Thanks, but no thanks. We'll rather deal with the fallout of secularism. And so, this when you contrast the 20 election in America, with the 2016 election in America, there's some really interesting things.

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All, you know, let's, let's go back in, let's go back to 1980. And let me tell you in 1980, okay, you know, in the United States of America, there are 50 states, and each state is divided into many counties, how many counties are there in the whole United States, about 3000, a little over 3000 counties. And if you want to get a clear idea of what goes on in America, don't look at a red map blue map of states, because in those maps, New York is blue, and California is blue, and Washington is blue, Colorado is

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blue. But look at a county red blue map. And you'll see vast tracts of California are red conservative, vast tracts of Washington are red, the majority of Colorado is red, the majority of New York State is red. So how can those states go blue? Because the heaviest population centers are the cities and cities trend towards the left? That is a show I've done in the past and our might repeat, which is to explain is it that cities and urban areas just attract left leaning liberals or the left leaning liberals migrate to the cities? It's a huge question and well worth exploring. It's something regular listeners will remember me doing newer listeners will wait because I will do it again. So at any rate, in 1980, how many of the 3000 plus counties were landslide places where there was so much division? That the that one side or the other one by more than 20? points? Okay, how many counties like that less than 400? out of 3000? In other words, that, you know, there, there was there was it wasn't potted wasn't that clear 2020, over 1700, we went from less than 400, to over 1700 counties that were landslide counties were, overwhelmingly the population went one way or the other. And of those counties, many, many, many more of those went red Trump rather than blue Biden. But of course, the number of people in those counties is lower than the number of people in the coastal counties.

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These How about interesting ownership of guns and the United States of America, the Second Amendment of the Constitution allows individuals to own weapons for self defense, but it has divided the country. And so in 19, back in 1980, it used to be that equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans reported keeping a weapon in their home, same number. In 2020. It changed dramatically.

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Absolutely, dramatically by 20 2050, over 50% 52% of Republicans own weapons, and only 24% of Democrats. So the country is becoming more and more polarized on these issues and on these values, and in a very, very important kind of a way. And these are, again, not issues that are unique to the United States of America. I'm talking about the American elections, because I've lived through it and it's going on. But wherever you are, wherever you are, a similar struggle is going on, between those who would rather have the ills of society, but without any of the rules, regulations and restrictions of religion. And those who say, You know what? The Good lord actually knew what he was doing. He got it. And these rules are for the long term benefit of all of us in society. That's the division and some people are more committed to the hard position and others are our fellow travelers. They are moving along with it. But it is something you are going to be seeing more and more wherever you live. So what are you supposed to be doing? Meanwhile, all this is going on?

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There's turmoil. You open your papers as a whole thing is, what are you supposed to do? My dear friends? This is me, your Rabbi speaking. And I would not ever willingly mislead you? The answer is very simple. The answer is take care of your five F's, renew yourself with a five f renewal. In other words, my friends, take a good long, hard look at yourself, or your finances where they should be.

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Really, are they?

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Some people can say yes, I'm not saying are you content, because many of us have the capacity to become content with less than we should be. And if you're, if you're not doing right, by your family, if you're not doing right, by the your ability to support and help others, then you shouldn't be content. Unfortunately, we human beings possess the capacity to become accustomed to almost anything. And so it's possible that you have accustomed yourself to your current financial, I'm not going to say condition. I'm going to say straits circumstances, when you shouldn't. You shouldn't.

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And perhaps, your ability to exceed and excel and succeed and progress financially is impeded by this part of you, that's just it. You know what this I'm content. I'm a good person. I don't I'm not greedy. I don't always want more. I'm okay with what I got. But what you have is not what you should have in terms of sufficiency. I'm not not saying you have to be able to,

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to to do conspicuous consumption. But do you really have what you should have, not in terms of what anyone else decides what you should have, not in terms of any personal greed or venality, but just simply in terms of the the the good things you could and should be doing? I suspect, that many happy warriors are not where they should be and where they truly want to be financially. And there is nothing wrong with acknowledging that. If I say to you, do you want more money? There's a part of you that doesn't want to say yes, because you feel, you know, what sort of person does that make me very shallow, materialistic sort of person? No, it's not true. Finance is a critical part of who we are. And part of how God created us. Right in the first few chapters of Genesis. Money plays its role. Gold appears very early on, and it is defined as good. That's right. And there it is. And the name of the first is p Shawn. That is which encompasses the whole land of Javi law, where there is gold and the gold of that land is good.

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That's on page seven of the rabbi Daniel Lapin recommended Bible. And if you have not yet got this, and we've had restocked a couple of times, but I don't know when that's going to happen next because there's a problem with the supply. And so we only have about 50 Rabbi Daniel Lapin recommended Bibles left at our main website at RabbiDanielLapin.com. And this is something, it's a beautiful Bible to use to read to study from, you'll love it. It's just, you know, there's certain things that just feel good in your hands, you just enjoy using them you enjoy holding them. It's usually something that's not shoddy and it's solid. The paper is good, the print is good. And what's more, when you look at the Hebrew side of this Hebrew English Bible, you can actually see precisely the graphic layout that you would find in a Torah scroll, which is very inspiring. You can also see the Hebrew words when I speak about them. And you can also see the names as they appear. In other words, the actual original Hebrew sound of names is mentioned. And it's really important because sometimes when I'm teaching I make associations, very important links between the way a person's name sounds in the Bible, and what that word means. Well, if if shall we say.

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Eve is called Eve, instead of what she is called, actually in the Bible, which is Havva, then that makes a big difference. And in this Bible, you can actually see The names as they appear in Hebrew. So Moses isn't m-o-s-e-s he is. You'll see in this Bible, it's mo SHEH more share, because it's helpful to be able to know the originals. At any rate, it's a family heirloom Bible, and it's one that I strongly recommend you use. When I teach I give out to page numbers with it. So, head over to Rabbi Daniel lapin.com. And right there, you will be able to get your own Rabbi Daniel Lapin recommended Bible, as I say, honest to goodness, there are only about 50 left and then they will be out of stock. For I don't know how long, certainly a couple of months, maybe more. So because we're having to reprint and that is just going to take a certain amount of time. At any rate, for How's about your family? Is that where it ought to be.

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And there are so many implications and so many parts of this discussion. But it is an essential part of the holistic view, it's an essential part of who you are your identity, and your effectiveness. That's what I want to try and explain that your effectiveness in the family area actually impacts your effectiveness in the finance area and in the friendship area. And yes, even in the body area in the area of fitness. And and so it is with each one of these, they all impact on one another. And that blueprint, you will find at our main other website, we happy warriors.com the website and that is designed specifically for people who find value even if you don't always agree. But for people who find value in the rabbi Daniel Lapin show, if you consider yourself a happy warrior, or if you aspire to be a happy warrior, but you just need the roadmap, you need the instruction guide. You need somebody at your side to work hand in hand with you. Then just head over to we happy warriors.com Okay, and join me there Susan and I are there in person live on a regular basis, you will see more of that also, when you go over to we happy warriors.com and you get there you can very easily obtain for yourself a free copy of our newest book, The Holistic You. Yeah, The Holistic You because your health and your finances and your family and your social connections and yes, your faith all connect up with one another. So you'll get a free copy of that our newest book, just as soon as you head over to we happy warriors. So love for you to do that love for you to stay in touch with us as always, and love for you to help let other people know about the rabbi Daniel Lapin show. And so, my dear friends, we come not to the end of the topic by any means, but we come to as far as we can go today. And that means that I have to wish you a wonderful week of good times with your family, with your friends, with your finances, with your faith and with your fitness. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless.