

How to catch a wild pig

There was a professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the Prof noticed one young man (exchange student) who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, ' Do you know how to catch wild pigs?' The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line.

The young man said this was no joke.' You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs, who are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat, you slam the gate on them .and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how To forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America . The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned

income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, free medical, etc. while we continually lose our freedoms - just a little at a time.

One should always remember 'There is no such thing as a free Lunch!' Also, a politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

This reminds me of the fact that you can change just about anything if you go slow. People rebel if you changes things too quickly. I once gave an example in church of making small acceptable changes until the whole idea is reversed. I started with the important concept of "love". If you just change one letter you have a symbol of God's love – "dove". Change another letter and you have "Dave" – the king who loved God. We could add a "t" just to remind us of the cross – "date". By now we are used to changing a letter so let's get rid of the "d" that might stand for Devil and replace it with "h" for home. Of course the "h" may be for the Devil's home because we have changed love into hate!

We must be on guard for little changes that move from our foundation, whether we are talking about the constitution or the Bible.