

**Greetings!**

We see our dollar declining before our eyes but who's to blame? It actually started over 200 years ago. The story begins in the 1770s, when our nation was first created. At this time, and through much of its greatest years of expansion, gold and silver were used as universally valued and tradable currency.

Their value was well known and exchanged at prices based on their weight and fineness. But then bankers began using the term "dollars" to refer to gold and silver coins of a specific size and weight. For example, in 1794, a silver coin (weight and fineness specified) was first minted and called a "dollar.

But through the years the "Silver Dollar" contained less and less silver and more and more cheaper metals like nickel and copper. The bankers were executing one of the biggest rip-offs in history.

Andrew Jackson fought the bankers from developing a central bank. He created a U.S. Mint in New Orleans (a city he defended in the war of 1812) which minted "Silver Dollars" until Louisiana seceded from the Union in 1861.

During the Civil War both the Confederate States and the Union started using paper money. They told the people they were as good as gold because they were backed by gold. Unfortunately, this was bad, bad, bad for the banks! Why? Because it is much harder for them to profit if they had to actually "back" the dollars they created with gold or silver!

Nope. This simply would not do. They needed a change.

So in one of the most corrupt events in our nation's history, they convinced the people that these bank runs were threatening their financial welfare-and that a central bank (with the power to create and regulate money) was necessary.

Thus they persuaded Congress to introduce the Federal Reserve Act in 1913-which created the Federal Reserve-and granted it, along with the U.S. Treasury, sole power over the money supply.

Now the Federal Reserve is between a rock and a hard place. If they don't raise interest rates the dollar will continue to collapse and inflation will increase and if they raise interest rates the economy will tank.

The fundamentals of the U.S. economy is so bad Bush, Obama or Clark Kent couldn't save us. What are you going to do? I'm going to trust in my Heavenly Father.

Pastor Carl