I just received my first response to my blog post's and a great man told me that writing was like pouring water from a bucket you must be careful when your bucket is too full. Pour carefully because when you pour too fast the water goes where you did not intend it to go... The more you pour, the lighter the bucket will become. Iam sometimes not careful where and when I pour I just slop it all over the place. Iam not carrying a bucket, I carry a water tank(smile). By now most of you have heard about the land mark decission the U.S. Supreme Court made recently for California prison's. I know this is not a popular decission but think about it for a minute, in order for the court to make such an extreme decission how bad must the conditions be in here? Does a prisoner's life have value? can an Inmate be a productive member of society? Do we as a society have so little compassion that we just lock people up and throw them away with no chance of redemption? YES, there are people who need to be here for the rest of their natural life. Is California so narrow minded that the only answer they have is to "lock'em up"? The state of California houses more inmates than most countries!!! That in itself is quite a statement. If you rehabilitate instead of incarcerate or while incarcerating than in the long run it will improve society along with the economy. Are people aware that the budget for California's prisons is ten Billion dollar's? and there is absolutely no accountability and lot's of waste ... Other state's have managed to incorporate True Rehabilitation and it continues to work. The only reson I can see for not incorporating True Rehabilitation is that if they do not rehabilitate what better way to keep a multibillion dollar giant going!!!!! If they Trull Rehabilitate than the California Department Of Corrections and Rehabilitation will cease to be the money pit that has become. Jobs will be reduced and the Union CCPOA will cease to be the giant it is... Is it all a scare tactic? There has been releases of Inmates before in California with no dicernable spike in crime. Ronald Regan did it.... Iam not for just opening up the gates and letting thousands of Inmates run the streets. Look at the statistics and see who is the least likely to reoffend. Lifer's that are released are the least likely to reoffend. Im not a lifer but I know many of them. Statisticly speaking most lifer's who have served more than twenty year's will not reoffend, As long as you mandate some type of after care. O.K. so there are no easy answers and it will be interesting to see what becomes of California department of Corrections. If any of you know what the general publics preception is out there please write me and let me know or leave a post and it will be sent to me... I remind everyone that these are just my opinions and they are subject to change when I hear something to change my mind. Hope to hear from you soon. If you leave a post it will be sent to me and I will answer it. If you want you can write me at the address on my profile page. Lovethrustruggle.