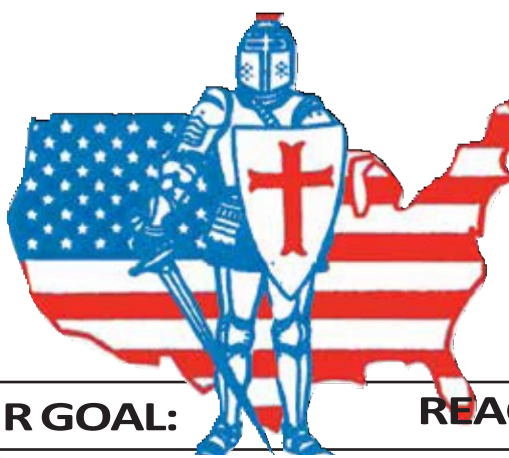




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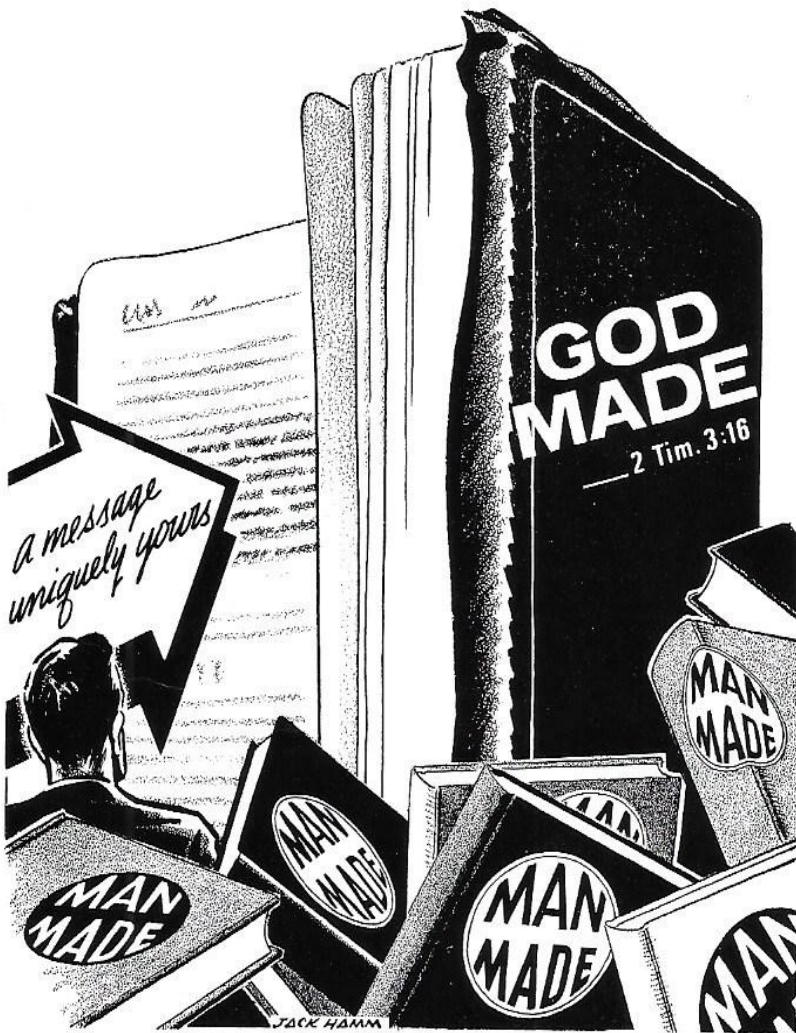
OUR GOAL:

REACHING FOR LOST SOULS FOR CHRIST WHILE THERE IS TIME

1 Peter 1:25

God's Word Will Last Forever

Many years ago, the famous atheist Voltaire claimed that within a hundred years, “not even one copy of the Bible would be found in men’s hands.” For many years the Geneva Bible Society has used the same printing press that Voltaire used for his books, one of which printed his aforementioned prophecy. Today the Bible is available throughout the entire world, with an estimated 400,000,000 copies in circulation. Homes in the civilized world without a copy are a rare exception. The book of God, in full or in part, has been translated into more than 1,000 languages and dialects, so that now every nation under heaven can know the Love of God in Christ. Thanks to the humble and holy men who wrote it, the entire Bible was inspired by faith. It was through their lives that we received the revelation of the Word of God. These men knew that what they were writing would become a spiritual guide for every generation to come. If we removed the word, “faith” from the Bible, it would have no value whatsoever. What makes this book different from every other book is the presence of faith. The complete personality of God has been manifested through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is God’s Word made flesh. This is why John said, “In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind” (John 1:4).



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**CHRIST IS
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Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Hello Brother and Sisters

We are drawing near to the return of our Lord, dark clouds are over this old world, people are worried and concerned about what is about to happen, minds are on everything but the Lord.

There has never been a time like this before where fear and uncertainty of the future rules the day. Satan knows that Jesus Christ is coming back soon to put an end to this wicked world. Satan knows that the judgments and plagues of God are soon to fall

James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. What will this mean to thousands of souls that are not ready to meet the Lord? 2 Thess. 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Rev. 20:15 and Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Day and night we do our best to warn the wicked, judgment day is soon to come. You need to seek the Lord in this hour. This great Apostolic message is to precious to ignore. Our only hope is in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 14:23 And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Matthew 9:48 Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

If there was ever a time to have labourers reaching out to the lost it is today, many cities do not have a true Apostolic church in them. If we will adopt Jesus' vision we will see the opportunity, He saw a plentiful harvest in the crowds of physically and spiritually helpless people. Let's open our eyes to see the hungry people around us. The harvest is plentiful!

Though the harvest is plentiful, Jesus exposes a problem. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Plentiful harvests are no good when there is a lack of laborers. It is a waste of a good opportunity.

The problem of "few laborers" becomes an indictment upon us today since he has sent us out!

Our desire in the outreach of the Newspaper is to reach the lost and encourage the children of God to fight on. Many of you are labourers with us in reaching out, in fact it takes everyone of us working together to see the work of our Lord accomplished.

I challenge everyone of you that read this newspaper to reach out and touch someone with the good news from the word of God. after you have read America's Christian Newspaper pass it on to someone that needs to hear the good news of the gospel.

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Bro. Jr Tingle

In order to receive direction from God you must be able to receive correction from God !

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Questions & Answers

Clyde J. Haney,

Question:

What is the meaning of I Timothy 5:23, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities"? Another asked, Does Deuteronomy 14:26 give license to use wine or strong drink, as long as moderation is observed?

Answer:

"It is quite evident that the statement, 'thine often infirmities,' and thy 'stomach's sake' imply that Timothy had an infirmity that was associated with a stomach condition. This being true, it would be absurd to think Paul would advise putting fermented wine into his weak stomach. Anyone would agree who has experienced such a reaction. Those who haven't should take a trip down skidrow, and as he weaves his way through the winos, he will be convinced.

"There are eleven different words in Hebrew used for wine. Some refer to grape juice fresh from the cluster, and some to fermented wine. Scholars of the Scripture point out that there are two stages of the fruit of the vine referred to as wine fermented and unfermented. Some believe that a third reference is to wines refined to the extent that the alcoholic element is removed, and that the distinction was made between new and old wine for this reason. The church at Pentecost was accused of being drunk on NEW WINE (Acts 2:13). Jesus spoke of not putting new wine into old bottles (Matthew 9:17). New wine in its fermented stage would break the old bottles.

"Fresh grape juice was also designated as wine. 'Thus saith the LORD, as the new wine is

found in the cluster' (Isaiah 65:8). 'I have caused wine to all from the wine presses' (Jeremiah 48:33). The cluster and the wine press do not produce fermented wine. Fermented wine that creates drunkenness is the product of men's tampering with juice from the cluster, until it becomes fermented. The Bible warns us not to look on the wine when it moveth itself, for, at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder (Prov-erbs 23:31, 32).

"Imagine Paul's telling Timothy to take some of this for his weak stomach! 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise' (Proverbs 20:1). This doesn't sound advisable for Timothy.

"Wine in the Scripture does sometimes refer to the juice fresh from the cluster when first pressed from grapes, and since we know it is a very nourishing drink, it would be much more reasonable to believe Paul had reference to this as being helpful to Timothy's condition.

"There is another interest involved that is far more important than any argument over what Timothy drank, and that is the testimony of the believer's life.

Any Christian who partakes of intoxicating drink of any kind will have lost his testimony when such is revealed. Sometime ago a Pentecostal preacher was criticized to me because he was supposedly drinking a little wine for his stomach's sake. Paul clears that argument by stating that if meat caused his brother to be offended, he would eat no meat as long as the world stood.

"Eating meat in our day would perhaps offend a few, but most people would be offended by a Christian's using fermented wine or strong drink. May God help us to live with a conscience void of offense."

The foregoing also applies to Deuteronomy 14:26, for indulging in strong drink, according to the Scriptures, is deceiving and dangerous.

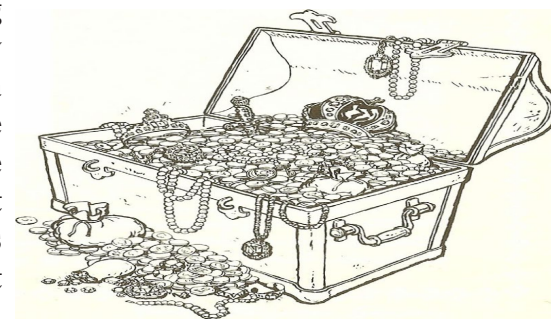
Desperation.....

... it makes a frail man carry his beloved piano from a burning house, alone. It makes a mother fight off an attacker to rescue a child from danger. It will make a man lift a big automobile off his son, alone.

When we get desperate about the work of God, we'll do things we've never done before. We'll give of our lives, our breath, our time, our means. We need to be desperate, now. There's a world of over 7½ billion souls waiting to be taught. We can do the "impossible" if we care enough.

The need is desperate for each church to support this fulfilling of Christ's command teaching the truth.

Do everything you can to reach someone with the truth. You'll find you can do more than you think.



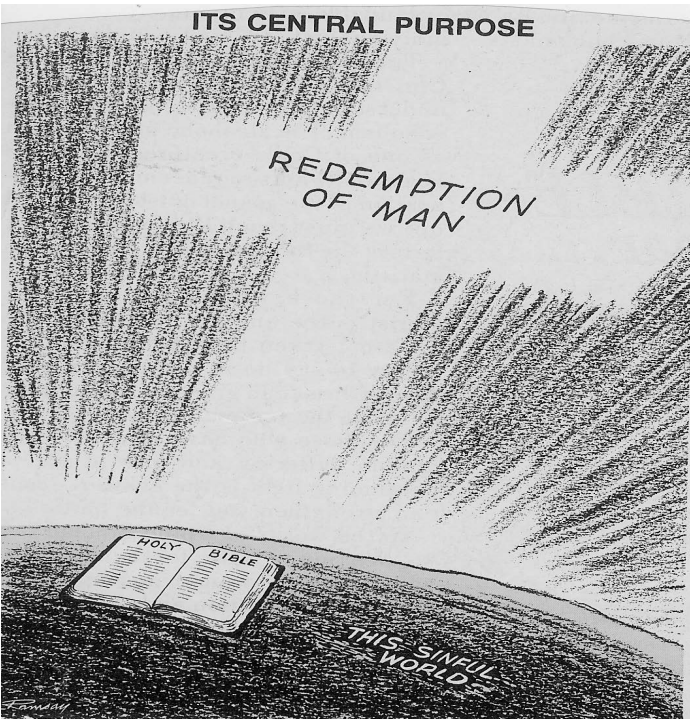
The Greatness of Jesus

WHILE many prophets and seductive cults disparage the greatness of Jesus and deny His Deity, His Almighty power and His saving grace, the Word of God remains to defy them with its wit-ness and its spiritual power to reveal to the sincere seeker how great Jesus really is. Every really born-again Christian who has experienced the power of a personal Pentecost has got that which can never know defeat, no matter how fierce the onslaught of these false doctrines.

In Matthew's gospel, chapter 12, the greatness of Jesus is affirmed thrice. First He says He is "greater than the temple," second "greater than Jonas" and third "greater than Solomon." In these three statements much wonderful truth is hidden that has undoubtedly long been hidden. May God help us to realize that it is His purpose to reveal to us these wonderful mysteries of the Word.

Greater Than The Temple

Jesus asserted that He was "greater than the temple." This statement was drawn from Him by the rebuke given to the disciples by the Pharisees concerning the plucking and eating of some ear of corn on the Sabbath Day. He met them as He always did by quoting from the Scriptures and gave David and the priests, who ministered in the Temple on the Sabbath, as examples of those who profane the Sabbath and yet are blameless. After alluding to Himself as Lord also of the Sabbath, He went on to refer to the Temple where the priests ministered on the Sabbath and said, "But, I say unto you, in this place is One greater than the temple." The Temple was magnificent, the Temple was the center of Jewish worship, the Temple was the place where God dwelt in the Most Holy Place between the cherubims above the mercy-seat. But Jesus Christ was the human temple of the invisible God, and this temple, being ultimate, replaced the Old Testament Temple and all its activities.



Paul could say of Him, "In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2: 9); and He testified of Himself, "The Father (Jehovah) which is in me doeth the works." Behind the veil in the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament Temple dwelt God-not His substitute, not a part of God but the fullness of God, and so likewise in the Hebrew Epistle we are told that the flesh of Christ was the veil, and behind this dwelt the exclusive God; not God in a measure, not a substitute for God but the Great Creator in all His fullness. Hallelujah! Men and women under the New Covenant no longer worship God by visit-ing a temple to offer sacrifices but, filled with the Holy Spirit, they worship God through the New Testament temple of God the Spiritual temple which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Greater Than Jonas

Jesus Christ said He was "greater than Jonas." He contrasted the people of His generation, who rejected His message of salvation and repented not, with the people of Nineveh who re-pented at the preaching of Jonas. He was greater than Jonas in obedience: Jesus willingly fulfilled the Divine will whereas Jonas at first refused to carry God's message to the Gentile Ninevites. He was greater than Jonas in the manifestation of power that accompanied His preaching, because He was God. He did the works of God, and both spiritual and bodily healing were inseparable from His minis-try. He was greater than Jonas because He presented a message incomparable to

to any that had ever before been preached. No one before could say what Jesus said: "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." He alone "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Peter recognized this when he said, "To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." His message brought the glorious tidings that men and women could, from henceforth, have a new experience of God, even the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and live as over comers in a world of sin.

Greater Than Solomon

Jesus declared, "Behold a greater than Solomon is here." Solomon's wisdom was proverbial and the fame of it spread far and wide, so much so that the Queen of Sheba made a long journey to acquaint herself with it at first hand. Christ said that because of this she would rise up in the judgment and condemn the generation that refused to listen to a greater than Solomon. They would not believe His claims, for they said, "How is it that thou being a man makest thyself God?" In their blindness they missed the glorious truth later declared by Paul in Col. 2: 3, "In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Solomon had a measure of wisdom from God. Jesus Christ was the Wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1: 24), therefore the indisputable fact remains that from Him Solomon received the measure of wisdom that made him renowned. He was greater than Solomon in kingly power. Solomon was king over Israel but Jesus Christ is one day to become King of kings and Lord of lords when He returns to take up His great power and reign. He was greater than Solomon in descent, for though, according to the flesh, He was David's son (Rom. 1:3), in relation to God He was very Deity Himself, and so in spirit David called his own son Lord.

By L.A. Fairhurst

Doubt Is Out !

I will not doubt though sorrows fall like rain.
And troubles swarm like bees around a hive;
I shall believe the heights for which I strive.
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And though I groan and tremble with my crosses,
I yet shall see through my severest losses the
greater gain. Ella W. Wilcox

MEASURE YOURSELF



IT HAS NEVER been an easy matter to live a consistent Christian life. Of course, if one is a Christian in name only, and a member of some church which teaches that there is little or no connection between his religion and his daily life, this statement might seem absurd. But it has always required real spiritual stamina to be a genuine Christian.

As it has been, so it is now. The way to heaven stretches "upward." To reach the celestial city, one must constantly overcome the force of spiritual gravitation that tends to pull him downward. And this gravitational pull has increased in intensity in our generation. Temptations are more numerous and varied than heretofore. The devices of Satan are now many, indeed.

We cannot expect the way to heaven to grow any easier. For such to occur, would require a radical change in the very nature of Satan himself. Contrariwise, we can expect the way to grow harder. New obstacles will be thrown in our way, new temptations will doubtless arise. In times like these, every Christian should seek to measure up to the fullness of the stature of Christ. Everyone should measure himself spiritually, in order to determine his stature in Christ. Only by such measurement can one know whether a need for spiritual growth is indicated. The Apostle Paul gave some excellent advice about measuring. Said he, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10: 12). These Corinthians were making two dangerous mistakes.

They measured themselves by themselves. They measured their present lives by their past lives, which has been sordid indeed. Of course, they no longer committed the gross sins of their preChristian days. Thus, in contrasting what they were after being saved, with what they had been before, they found it easy to convince themselves that they were pleasing God. The mistake of the Corinthians is often repeated today. One who wishes to determine his present spiritual stature measures himself by what he was before being saved.

By contrast, the life he now lives so far surpasses in excellence his past life, that he thinks, "Surely God must be pleased with me." But one can live a far better life morally than he did before becoming a Christian, and still not please God. Morality is not spirituality. One can be moral, and still not be spiritual; though one cannot be spiritual, and not be moral. To rise in the rapture one must be spiritual (filled with, and led by, the Spirit). Only such a Spirit-filled, Spirit led life pleases God.

The Corinthians also compared (measured) themselves among themselves. In trying to ascertain their spiritual stature, they measured themselves by others in the congregation. And, if they ran true to present day form, they chose those of lesser spirituality by whom to measure themselves. Seeing that they were better Christians than some others, they concluded that they were all right.

This latter error of the Corinthians has also been carried over into modern times. How often do Christians today, wishing to determine the extent of their spirituality, measure themselves by others of lesser spiritual stature. Thus they fancy themselves better than they really are. By way of illustration, if someone had stood beside little Zacchaeus, he would have felt very tall. But if he had stood beside Goliath, he would have felt small indeed. This lesson is apparent: The Christian who would measure himself by another Christian should always choose one more spiritual than himself.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the elder brother made the mistake of measuring himself by his sinful brother. It was true that he had remained at home, and had not wasted his substance in riotous living. But his measuring himself by the conduct of his wayward brother failed to show up his deplorable inward condition, and his cold, unmerciful heart.

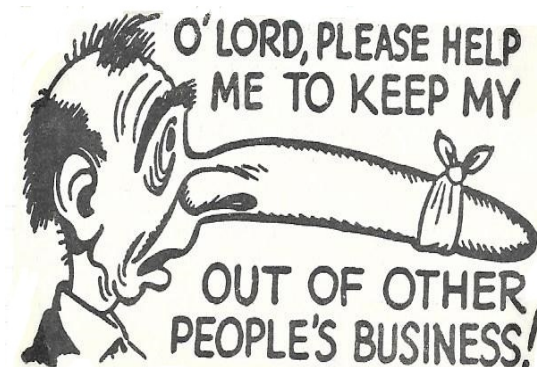
Would not he have fared far better, had he measured himself by his father? His father possessed all the moral virtues of which the elder brother boasted, but in addition, he had a heart of love and compassion.



Parents measure their children to see whether they are growing normally. Should not we, as Christians measure ourselves regularly, to ascertain our spiritual growth?

Similarly, it would be far better for every Christian to measure himself by his heavenly Father, rather than by any Christian brother. Such a measuring will make the humble cry out, "Lord, be merciful to me, and make me more like you."

One of the best standards of measurement for the Christian is the Word of God. In it is found the measure of a true Christian. He who measures up to its sacred precepts will certainly be ready when Jesus comes.



NO SINNERS TODAY

by R. F. Turner

Beware Of Drifting Along !

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest anytime we should let them slip. Heb 2:1

There is nothing easier than drifting; but at the same time, there is nothing that can be more dangerous. This holds true on any sea, it while becomes even more serious when we think of life's sea. Where few would ever dare to drift in any boat, many seem unconcerned about drifting along through life. Therefore, we need this warning from God's Word. We need to realize the awful consequences of drifting along.

In the first place, the drifter is always going down. No one ever drifts upstream. The law of gravity applies spiritually, too. It is easy to float downstream. Oh, the many that are doing it! To go the way of the world with the crowd is the easy way of the drifter, but it is the way down to Hell itself.

The drifter not only is going down, but even worse is the fact that he is seldom aware of it. For the most part, he does not even realize that he is drifting. The drifter becomes so much like Samson of whom we read, "He wist not that the Lord was departed from him" (Judges 16:20). The currents that cause drifting are often barely perceptible. We drift before we know it. That is why we need to constantly keep our bearings and have our port in view. The devil seldom urges a Christian to leave the church or give up his faith in the Lord. His strategy is more subtle than that. He just seeks to cause us to relax -

to rest on the oars and drift along in our Christian life.

Are there not many Christians who have drifted into a state of coldness and indifference in this way? They have seemingly forgotten their conversion experience with its sense of guilt concerning sin and subsequent joy in coming to the Lord. The truths of sin and grace which once so strongly gripped their hearts and consciences have become so familiar that they now fall on almost deaf ears. Their "first love" for the Lord and for the souls of men has been largely left; and other things, though good and legitimate, have taken first place.

This is the peril of drifting. We must recognize it. We must beware of its deceitfulness and also realize "it can happen to me." ..

Drifting along is so serious. I (we continue drifting along, we will ultimately come to ruin. The waters may still seem placid, but the rapids and finally the falls are sure to come at last. Besides, all the time we are drifting, we are not only ruining ourselves, but we are also endangering the lives of others. Just a derelicts endanger other ships, so aimless, ambitionless, spiritual drifters are often a menace to the spiritual welfare of others.

Are you drifting along? Heed the songwriter's plea: "Drift no longer! Let Jesus save."

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Has anyone seen a plain, old fashioned SINNER lately? They are getting mighty hard to find.

If the prodigal son were living today (as if he were not) he wouldn't be a sinner. A juvenile delinquent perhaps; but his parents would be to blame for that. "There are no bad boys," you know. His wild oats are just youthful exuberance, a normal rebellion against unjust society. He must be free to "adjust positively."

There are no LIARS today. These fine people are simply extroverts, with imaginative talents that should be properly channeled. They evidence creative ability; their instability is a facet of their capacity for free uninhibited thought. They may become great poets, lawyers, or preachers.

The DRUNKARD is not really a sinner. He has an inferiority complex, and makes a mechanical adjustment (albeit a liquid one) to the problems of today. Besides that, he is sick. He beats his wife, starves his children, and is a scourge to society so he needs our sympathetic understanding.

ADULTERY may be a sin in far off slum districts, but not among movie stars, or popular public figures. And don't even mention the word when we get close to home. Here it is simply a case of biological maladjustment. The sex pervert was denied "free discussions" at home; his parents were old-fashioned and believed in common decency. His sin-er, I mean "mistake," is a fault of modern society.

But maybe the MURDERER is a sinner-just maybe. On the other hand, he may be a victim of some early traumatic experience. His mother was over protective; he was greatly inhibited. He was never allowed to push his oats off the highchair tray, so now he pushes his wife off the Brooklyn Bridge. Poor fellow!

There may be an element of truth in all these descriptions; but one element, very necessary for correction, is lacking. We are overlooking the MORAL element.

Our generation needs MORAL responsibility. We must recognize SIN for what it is SIN. We must cease to substitute Freud for Jesus Christ, the "Great Physician" who takes away the sins of the world. With the prodigal, the guilty must say, "I have SINNED."

A Right Spirit

By Oscar Vouga

WHEN KING DAVID had committed sin, and was brought face to face with it in the presence of God and the Prophet Nathan, he wrote a beautiful Psalm of repentance. There are few persons who have lived, and whose history is recorded, who would do as King David did. The fifty-first Psalm is a song of repentance. It was given to the chief Musician, which means that it was sung in worship by the children of Israel all their generations.

Men are always prone to cover their sins, and avoid being made a public example when they have sinned, but King David had the whole nation of Israel hear his song of repentance. This is one of the reasons why God called David, " ... a man after his own heart." David realized that he had sinned because he had a wrong spirit. In his hour of humility, he acknowledged this in deep sorrow and repentance before God, as he prayed, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquities, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:1-4).

Such a prayer and acknowledgement of sin will always bring the mercy and compassion of God upon the one who prays thus from the heart. David found mercy as he sought God, and his life was spared. But he did not stop there with his prayer, for he was aware of a problem rooted deeply in his nature; he needed a change of heart and spirit. This caused him to further pray, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (verses 10-13).

A wrong spirit, and a sinful nature with which he was born into this world, were acknowledged, and from them he prayed for deliverance. He found God, not through sacrifices and burnt offerings, but in coming to Him with a broken spirit. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (verse 17). There was no effort or desire to hide his sinfulness from anyone; much less from God. He cried out for a right spirit; this would help in converting sinners to the Lord. God granted King David's desire and gave him all he asked for; a complete change of nature. This resulted in David's being the forebear of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, and to Jesus' being the Son of David and heir to his throne. Had he never had this change of spirit, this could never have been.

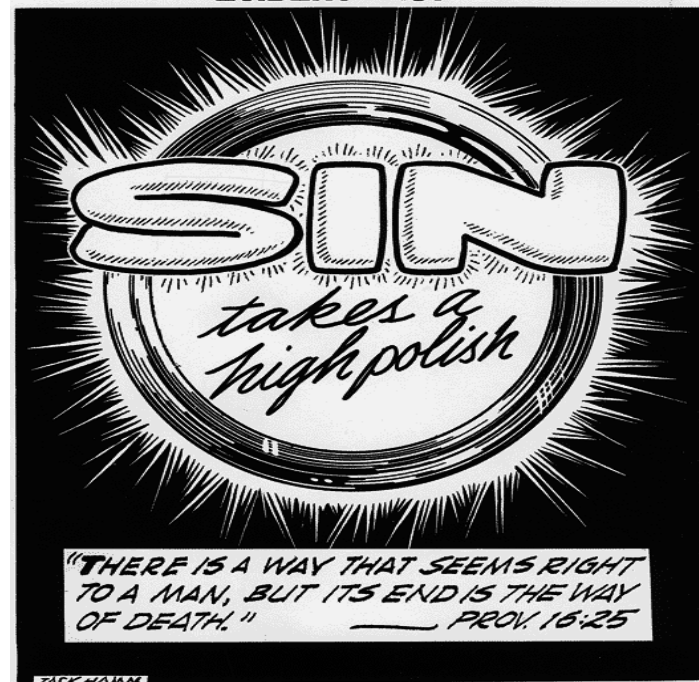
According to the Spirit of Holiness

The Apostle Paul gives the key of identification concerning Jesus. He wrote in Romans 1:3, 4: "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Jesus could not be the Son of David according to the spirit of holiness, but He was according to the flesh. His humanity was God in His humility; but it was not in the same manner as His father David, for David humbled himself because of his sin. Jesus Christ humbled Himself because of our sin. He was made sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

However, His humility did not take away His deity. He was God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16); "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus was and is absolute God and absolute man; thus He is declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Had He been a sinner, He would still be in the grave; and if He would have had any other spirit but the "Spirit of holiness," He would still be in the grave. Holiness of Spirit is the high mark of Sonship.

Follow Holiness

EVIDENT FACT



Holiness is, "the quality or state of being holy." To be HOLY is to be (1) "dedicated to religious use; belonging to or coming from God; consecrated; sacred; (2)spiritually perfect or pure; untainted by evil or sin; sinless; saintly." This is what we are commanded to follow after. If we fail to follow after holiness (along with peace with all men) we shall not see Jesus when He comes for His bride, the true church, which is His body. Hebrews 12:14 reads, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Only those who do both, that is follow peace with all men, and also follow holiness, will see Jesus when He comes again. This is the direct result of having a right spirit, or not having a right spirit. It is not enough to boast of our holiness; we must be led of the Spirit of God. Nor is it enough to speak with other tongues; we must have "CHARITY" or disinterested love. "Charity ... seeketh not her own" (I Corinthians 13:4, 5). Self-interest is the curse of the human nature and of the entire world. Those who live for self will be lost, even though they speak with the tongues of men and of angels (1 Corinthians 13:1). This is not having a right spirit, and is therefore contrary to the Spirit of holiness by which Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power. Those who are truly born again according to the Word of God, are recognized and identified in Romans 8:13-16, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live.

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A Right Spirit (continued)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Only those who are led of the Spirit can possibly be in the rapture of the church. We must have the Spirit of Christ, not only as evidenced by speaking with other tongues, but in bearing the fruit of the Spirit. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7: 20). This we must follow after as we are led of the Spirit of God; self-righteousness will not be acceptable with God it never was and never will be it is filthy rags in His sight.

Those who are truly born again, and are therefore led of the Spirit (not their ego, ambition, natural desire or any such thing), are those who have the glorious hope burning within, and who follow holiness by purifying themselves. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

Holiness is not measured by a person's success, ability, prosperity, position, or any such natural attainment, but by the SPIRIT MANIFEST at all times. Holiness is perfection of one's spirit, or being spiritually perfect, or spiritually pure; that is being faultless in spirit; perfected. Only One person ever lived of whom this can be said; that was Jesus Christ our Saviour. Our perfection is totally dependent on Him to this day. It is that wonderful state of being all that God desires of a man. If we see Jesus when He comes for His own, we must follow after holiness, or perfection; we must also follow peace with all men, with the love of God dwelling within and striving ever to live a life of DISINTERESTED LOVE.

The Apostle Paul had a right spirit when he wrote his testimony on the subject of being perfect, or holy. How marvelous his words are as they fall upon the hearts of those who have a right spirit. "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-12). Paul had not attained, but he had faith and a right spirit, which alone can produce true holiness.

Those who are partakers of His holiness through the gospel, and who follow after holiness, being led of the Spirit of God, will show this forth by holiness of their conduct, morals, both inward and outward. Especially will this be true in their love for one another, for "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Love Waxed Cold

THERE SEEMS NO ROOM TO DOUBT that we are living in the time which Jesus described, when He said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24: 12). This was to be one of the signs of the last days, and of His imminent return. At the very outset, it seems desirable to define certain words in this startling pronouncement. Iniquity is from the original "anomia," and means "lawlessness." This word, in turn, is defined as "the quality or state of being unrestrained by law." Abundant means "to exist in large numbers or amounts." To wax, as used here, means "to grow gradually larger, more numerous, etc."

Laws can generally be divided into two classes: those made by God, and those made by man. Every intelligent being familiar with the laws of God, knows that they are always just and right, and are designed for the good of mankind. And, with perhaps relatively few exceptions, the laws of our country, made by men, were formulated for the good of the citizenry.

To violate the laws of God is to commit sin; to break the laws properly formulated by duly authorized men is to commit crime.

There have always been those who disobeyed the laws of men. But the extreme lawlessness of our time is reflected in both the enormity and the enormity of the crimes committed. Ours is the day of the so-called senseless crime. We can understand the motivation of a criminal who robs a bank, though we do not condone his act. But it is well-nigh incomprehensible why a group of youths would suddenly set upon some-one whom they do not even know, and callously beat him into insensibility, or kill him, with no motive other than just doing it for kicks. Such acts are surely the result of demon possession.

The laws of God have also been broken by men in every generation, even from the time of Adam and Eve. But never before have His laws, both written and unwritten, been violated with such brazen impudence and shamelessness. Openly and unblushingly, people commit sin with no apparent feeling of remorse or even guilt. A well-known actress may live in open adultery with an equally well-known actor, and the only visible result, so far as the public is concerned, is an increase in attendance at their latest movie.



What a sad commentary upon the moral standard of our generation. But Paul spoke of those who not only commit such sins, but take pleasure in those who do them.

Due to this abounding of iniquity, the love (for God) of many has waxed cold. Remember the definition of to wax. Gradually, almost imperceptibly, the love of many cooled, and now has grown cold. Some of these still attend church, and go through the motions of worship, but their hearts are no longer really in it.

Let no one forget that good works will never satisfy the Lord, unless they are motivated by love for Him. Said He to the Ephesians, who were noted for their many good works, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

"The love of many shall wax cold." Let everyone ask himself this question: "Do I love the Lord as much as, or more than, I did when He first saved me?"



Marks Of A Real Christian

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT may startle and shock you: Most professing Christians are not real Christians at all! Of the over 900,000,000 estimated Christians, few fall into the category of real Christians.

Are you a real Christian? Your immediate reaction will be defensive, perhaps even evasive. Your answer will probably be, "Why, of course, I'm a real Christian!" You might add that you attend church regularly, support home and foreign missions, contribute to multiple charities, pay your tithes faithfully and give freely of your time to various church social activities. But are you a real Christian? What makes a real Christian? Someone wrote, " ... Vitality, hustling, ferreting out the truth. A love of their God, uncompromising loyalty to Christian precepts, and scorn of anything that smacks of inaccuracy, a lack of integrity or dullness."

Are there any rules on being a real Christian? Perhaps there are.

The only practical objection to calling a rule a rule is the danger of misleading, on the one hand, those who want to believe that Christian living is all a matter of rules, which, if mastered, will quickly assure success, and, on the other hand, those who reject rules of the guidance of any standard whatsoever, on the assumption that it might be spiritually or intellectually inhibiting. But rules do not make, inhibit, restrict or debase a Christian; they are just part of the consciousness of what he must do.

There are definite guidelines to follow for a balanced Christian life. Balance is important in things: equations, mathematical and chemical formulas, scales, rockets, gyroscopes, motors and environment. Balance is essential to growth and stability in the physical dimension, and, especially so, in the spiritual realm. The real Christian is a balanced Christian, and love is the balancing agent. Jesus related the spiritual guidelines when He said, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30). Jesus not only taught these guidelines, but instituted them as a command.



The real Christian is balanced mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

Let's examine these four dimensions of total commitment, realizing that each dimension must be balanced and in harmony with the other three. Mental: "Fix your thought on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about" (Philippians 4:8) The mind is the motivating force of the body.

The mind activates the physical processes, determines attitudes and motives, intellectual ability, reasoning power, and is the seat of all temptations. Sin is first conceived in the mind before being committed or rejected.

The mind is also the center of "sin by thought" (Matthew 5:28). Strong emotions are determined intellectually. Hate, envy, pride and lust are all mental sins.

To begin spiritual development, we must cultivate the proper mental spiritual attitude. Paul instructed us to have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). Throughout the Scriptures we are encouraged to develop positive attitudes. Solomon wrote, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ..." (Proverbs 23:7). Soren Lierkegaard noted that "Thoughts invite us, more than words and deeds, to continue in sin, for thoughts can be concealed, while words and deeds cannot."

The soul is dyed with the color of our thoughts. If our thoughts are positive, we're positive; if negative, we're negative; if happy, we're happy;

if spiritual, we're spiritual.

There are three sources of thoughts: God, Satan ourselves. To cultivate spiritual depth, our thoughts must be God inspired and spiritually centered. Anything less and we're cheating ourselves.

We must develop the mind of Christ, as exemplified in the Gospels, and especially the fifth chapter of Matthew.

Physical: One's body is the vehicle through which God works. It is more than flesh, blood and bones; it is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 3: 16; 6:15, 19).

How do we cultivate a physical spiritual mechanism? Paul was concerned with this mechanism when he instructed the church in Rome: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead and your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness unto him" (Romans 6: 12-13).

We are to be physically yielded to God. This not only encompasses church duty but our appearances as well.

You've heard it said that first appearances make lasting impressions. How true this is. As ambassadors of Christ, we must concern ourselves with this sometimes trivial matter proper Christian dress.

We must, as ambassadors of the great King, dress with a sense of taste and godliness. Our clothes and manner speak for us. We reveal our character through our manner of clothing ourselves. Dress godly and tastefully. You don't have to be fashion conscious to be holy conscious. Dress in a manner that exemplifies Christ and our standard of holiness. Another physical aspect is the condition of health. Take care of yourself. Watch your diet. Get rest and exercise. In short, get your physical power plant motivated and tuned up. Then turn those energy resources loose for God. Sex is one of the most popular topics in the world today. The current increase of sex-oriented magazines and motion pictures attest to this fact.

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And the Christian is certainly concerned with sex in its wholesome aspect.

Let's set the record straight. Christians have been falsely accused of believing that sex is, of itself, dirty. Genuine Spirit-filled Christians have never believed this. What they do believe is that sex, outside the bonds of marriage, is sinful and wrong. This they have always believed this they still believe in spite of their being branded as prudes for doing so. They must believe this, for it is taught in the Bible.

Dating and attraction to the opposite sex is normal and proper. Single couples will continue to date as long as this planet is populated with human beings. But improper desires between single couples must be overcome. The failure to control the emotions of sex has ruined countless lives.

When all your physical desires and capabilities are controlled and submitted to God, they work for you.

Social: Not much has been written about Pentecostals and social involvement. But socializing, solving social problems and beneficence was an important segment in the lives of early Christians. In Deuteronomy 15:7-18 we read that we are to help our deprived brethren. Jesus taught the same in Matthew 25:35-45.

As Christians, we must involve ourselves in helping others. Benevolence will go a long way in encouraging others to serve God.

But when you socialize, be a Christian; don't compromise your convictions. Stand for the truth and boldly proclaim the gospel.

Our social attitude toward authority reflects our attitude toward God. Respect those in authority (both spiritual, legal and executive), and obey those who have the rule over you (Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; 1 Samuel 15:22).

Center your activities upon Christ. Help your pastor, teachers and youth leaders (Hebrews 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12: 28). Encourage others to follow your example. You 'll be glad you did.

Spiritual: Much could be written about this important dimension. It is the power behind Christian living. Your spiritual walk is determined by the way you worship and pray. Shallow worship and prayer creates a shallow walk with God. Take time to pray (James 5: 16; 1 Thessalonians 5: 17; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Luke 18:1). Worship God with all you've got (Psalm 45: 11; 95:6).

Once again, don't compromise. Be a nonconformist for Christ. Exercise faith and love.

The guideline, then, is to love God with the strength of the heart, soul, mind and body. The whole person wholly dedicated to God.

Unless there is wholeness of devotion, there will be inner division. Where there is inner division, there is conflict. And where there is conflict, there is spiritual and physical breakdown.

There are no half-ways to loving God. We are to love Him affectionately (heart), volitionally (soul), intellectually (mind) and physically (strength). No part is left out.

If you lack any of these four characteristics, you are unbalanced: a half formed Christian.

For example: One may love God with the strength of the emotions (heart) but with the weakness of the mind, soul and will. This produces the emotionalist in religion. Such will be in and out, up and down spiritually. Others love God with the strength of the mind, but with the weakness of the will, body and soul. This produces the Christian bookworm. A philosophical, know it all but spiritually weak.

All who love God in only one way are spiritually unbalanced and missing the greatest blessing of total Christian service. The spiritually unbalanced person is a typecast of the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2: 1-7): they have left their first love.

There is no such thing as a Christian accident! The truth is that success in Christian living is much like success in any endeavor. Essentially, it is a matter of individual attitude and love of God.

A Christian must be able and willing to make the same sacrifices as the aspirant to success in any occupation.

He should apply himself with no less determination, dedication and enthusiasm than a young student who aspires to be a physician or an attorney. Anything less, and he will drift into mediocrity.

Let us strive for perfection in full Christian service. By Tyrone D. Thomas



I've Found a Joy in Sorrow

I've found a joy in sorrow,
A secret balm for pain,
A beautiful tomorrow
Of sunshine after rain;
I've found a branch of healing
Near every bitter spring,
A whispered promise stealing
O'er every broken string.
I've found a glad hosanna
For every woe and wail,
A handful of sweet manna

When grapes of Eshcol fail; I've found a Rock of Ages
When desert wells were dry; And, after weary stages,
I've found an Elim nigh-
An Elim with its coolness,

Its fountains, and its shade; A blessing in its fullness
When buds of promise fade; O'er tears of soft
contrition

I've seen a rainbow light, A glory and fruition
So near! yet out of sight.

My Saviour, Thee possessing,
I have the joy, the balm, The healing and the blessing,
The sunshine and the psalm; The promise for the
fearful,

The Elim for the faint, The rainbow for the tearful,
The glory for the saint!

author unknown

(Elim was a place where there were twelves of
water) Exodus 15:27

SEPARATION IN DRESS AND APPEARANCE

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:9). This "beauty of holiness" could refer both to the beauty of God's holiness, and also the beauty God desires to see in us who worship Him.

We know without question that God is light the light of truth He is absolutely holy. He is without sin in any form or degree, and we are called to emulate and pursue that holiness. We know God values holiness and it is beautiful to Him. Is our estimate the same as His? Is holiness beautiful to us? Do we value the things God values?

In John 5:44 Jesus told the Jewish leaders that because of their false values they could not believe in God. "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" If we do not value God's approval more than all else we can-not truly believe in Jesus. God's holiness must be the standard we approve of, and it should be precious to us as it is to Him.

This study of dress and appearance will not be an attempt to answer every detail or question that might be asked on the subject, but it is important to realize that each of us, by our dress and appearance and the choices we make in that, are establishing a pattern. It is important that the pattern in our individual lives measure up to God's estimate of what is truly beautiful. Separation in dress implies that it will require separation to measure up to God's standard of holiness in dress and appearance.

Separation is vital to our relationship with God. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols ? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:16-18). Notice the far reaching consequences of the choice to separate ourselves or to not separate ourselves. We are to come out from among "them." The "them" are no doubt the "unbelievers" mentioned in verse 14.

This does not mean we cannot live side by side or sit side by side or talk with our neighbors, but we cannot follow their ways. We are to "come out and be separate." We cannot join hands or be yoked with them. If we come out God says He will receive us unto Himself. So we see the importance of separation from the world if we are to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

Notice the contrast between the unbelieving generation in which we live and the true Christian. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:12-16). A vast difference or gulf separates the natural man from the spiritual man.

Because of the Spirit which God has graciously given to those who are His, they are set apart by an inner transformation.

Paul says in Romans 12:2 that we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is the perfect will of God. This is so necessary to our understanding of proper dress and appearance of God's people. Actually this separation from the world is not something we can attain or maintain in our own strength. It can only be so as we maintain a spirituality of heart and mind and holiness in Christ.

"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in our ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1: 14-16). To fashion ourselves means to mold or pattern ourselves after a certain model. This fashioning should not be according to the former lusts and carnal desires which were ours before we knew the Lord. Rather we are to pattern ourselves after the holiness of God as God is holy, so we should have holy behavior in every area of life.

So the question we face is: what dress and appearance is according to carnal desires and what dress and appearance is according to the holiness of God?

What does God have to say in His Word in relation to dress and appearance? The important focus is not so much just trying to be separate from the world's ways,

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separate from the world and pleasing to God.*

*In the very creation God made a distinction
between man and woman. He intended that
this distinction be age long. He saw it best that
there be two genders, male and female. "So
God created man in his own image, in the
image of God created he him; male and female
created he them" (Genesis 1:27).*

*This is one principle of God's will for us that
we maintain this distinction between man and
woman. We believe that holiness actually
requires this distinction.*

*We find this principle clearly emphasized in
relation to marriage. It is also clear in the
headship order, man wearing short hair and
the woman her long hair. Man, as the head,
takes the lead, and woman takes a place of
submission. Man is to lead out in the public
worship service and administration in the
congregation, God still desires that men and
women be distinctly different. Scriptural
churches have unanimously kept that
principle, generally understanding that
women wearing trousers and having their hair
cut short is a part of "fashioning yourselves
according to the former lusts. We could also
take some lessons from the way God clothed
Adam and Eve. After Adam and Eve sinned,
they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves,
but God re-clothed them. "Unto Adam also
and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of
skins, and clothed them" God desires modest
attire. He wanted Adam and Eve clothed in a
way to sufficiently cover and conceal the body.
Skins of animals would have been very
concealing. There was no possibility of
exposing their bodies. Coats would indicate
something which fully covers instead of the
"aprons" which could have exposed bare
backs, chests, legs, and arms.*

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As we gather from the use of "coats" in the Scriptures, we can glean that God desires that we be fully covered. The materials we use should be something with sufficient body and weight to conceal the limbs and undergarments. Also it should not be clingy, accenting the movement of the body under the clothing, as some materials do.

The New Testament also gives specific direction on the matter of dress and appearance. Jesus said that that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. How aptly that applies to dress and appearance. Dress and appearance often violate the holiness of God due to the high esteem of certain things in the heart of the individual who wears them.

Many times our love for those things comes into conflict with our love to God. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9,10). "Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting of the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands" (1 Peter 3:3-5).

These two passages are very similar. They both speak to the same three areas of dress and appearance, and emphasize the same principles.

Holiness is primarily an issue of the heart, however, holiness must be exhibited in every aspect of a believer's life. We don't want to be like the Pharisees and neglect the weightier matters. On the other hand, as faithful servants of the Lord we should try to understand and obey His every command. Admittedly, many people disagree with our conclusions and even deride them. We are called to be lights in darkness so we should expect a contrast between our lifestyle and the lifestyles of those in this world.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD—THE GREATEST LIBERTY



Some consider these values as demeaning or oppressive to women. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We teach our men and women to avoid cosmetics and excessive ornamentation, to wear modest clothing that emphasizes gender distinction, and to seek the approval of God instead of the world. Our value is found not in outward beauty or fashion, but our lasting worth is determined by our Creator. A truly beautiful person exhibits character that gives glory to God. In a vain and sensual time, our ladies represent grace, dignity, and God given femininity. They exhibit holiness in both attitude and appearance.

Psalm 29:2 (KJV) "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND????

In these remarks are hidden the names of fifteen books of the Bible. It's a real lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the facts, I missed the revelations. I was in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of our readers; to some it will be a job; to others it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot, and others hard to judge. So, we admit it usually results in loud lamentations. One lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles over it.

How Hard Have you Tried?

Friend, if you don't mind me asking
There's one thing I'd like to know Would you like to go to
Heaven
When you're finished here below?

If you would you need the Saviour,
With the Cleansing Crimson Tide, Now if this is what
you're seeking,
Just how hard then have you tried?
Have you ever made an effort

To believe and faith to share,
Or to kneel down at an altar
In humility and prayer?
Surely this is not much asking
To be free and justified, If you really want salvation,
Just how hard then have you tried?

God don't want some great big favor,
Or some mighty deeds from you;
You don't have to prove you're worthy
Or you're fit to make it through. Just a word in true
repentance,
And in Jesus to abide,
This is all and if you want it,
Just how hard then have you tried?

Tell me what will be your answer
If you fail to reach that shore
When you knew you could have made it
And had chances by the score: One thing certain you'll
regret it
Then, unless you now decide,
If you haven't got salvation,
Just how hard then have you tried
Walt Huntley

Thank You, Friend

Thank you, friend, for all the things
That mean so much to me--
For concern and understanding
You give abundantly.

Thanks for listening with your heart;
For cheering me when I'm blue;
For bringing out the best in me;
And just for being you.

Thanks for in-depth conversation
That stimulates my brain;
For silly times we laugh out loud;
For things I can't explain.

For looking past my flaws and faults;
For all the time you spend;
For all the kind things that you do,
Thank you; thank you, friend.

By Joanna Fuchs

"Come"—Enter Today!

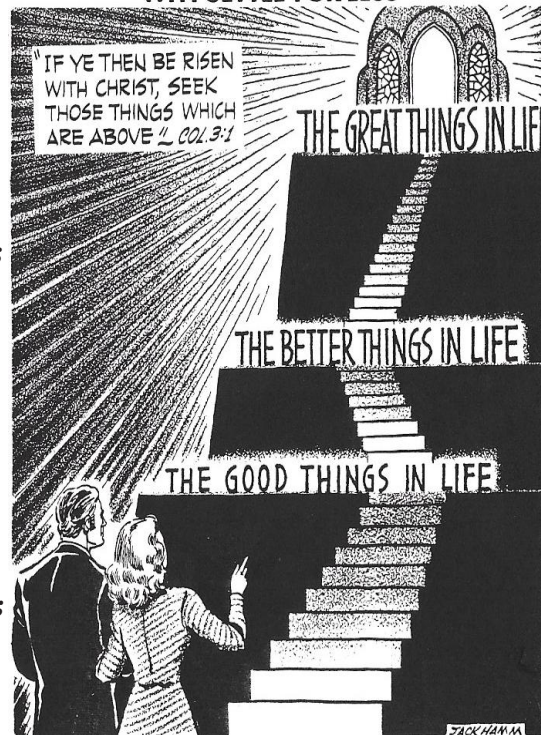
"The mistakes of my life have been
many,
The sins of my heart have been
more,
And I scarce can see for weeping,
But I'll knock at the open door.

I know I am weak and sinful,
It comes to me more and more,
But as the dear Saviour bids me
come in.
I'll enter the open door."
—Author unknown

Not Till Then

When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glowing sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then— how much I owe.
—Robert Murray McCheyne

WHY SETTLE FOR LESS



My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee"

2 Corinthians 12:9

When, sin-stricken, burdened, and weary,
From bondage I longed to be free,
There came to my heart the sweet message:
My grace is sufficient for thee."

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,
My soul to this refuge will flee,
And rest in the blessed assurance:
My grace is sufficient for thee."

My bark may be tossed by the tempest
That sweeps o'er the turbulent sea—
A rainbow illumines the darkness:
My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I would press on with courage,
Though rugged the pathway may be,
Sustained and upheld by the promise:
My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over,
My Lord face to face I shall see,
And prove, as I dwell in His presence:
His grace was sufficient for me."
—Anonymous

In the Morning

I met the Lord in the morning,
When the day was at its best,
And His presence came like
sunshine,
Like a glory in my breast.
All day long His presence lingered,
All day long it stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.
Other ships were torn and
battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive
them
Brought to us sweet peace and
rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
In a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the
moorings,
With His presence left behind.
So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled
way:
You must meet Him in the
morning
If you want Him through the day.
—Author unknown

He Maketh No Mistake

My Father's way may twist and
turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad to know,
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break,
I'll pin my faith, my all, in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight far too dim,
But come what may,
I'll simply trust and leave it all to
Him.

For by and by the mist will lift,
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, tho' dark to
me,
He made not one mistake.
—A. M. Overton, 1932

LETTING IT BE KNOWN



What God Hath Promised!

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

—Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

Eternity

Where will you be on Judgment Day,
When God says time will be no more.
What will you say, What will you do,
When eternity lies behind the door.

When every man small and great,
Gives an account for his own deeds.
When he stands before the Lord,
And out of the Great Book he reads.

What will God say if he doesn't find,
Your name written with-in.
Will he say depart from me,
You've lived a life of sin.

Don't wait until the judgment day,
To change your life around,
While God's hand reaches for you,
While his grace and mercy still abound.
Becky Wooten

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

Think On These Things



Some Go To Church To ...

Some go to church to take a walk,
Some go there to laugh and talk.
Some go to church for observation,
But some go there for speculation.
Some go there to meet a lover.
And some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there to meet a friend,
And some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to sing a sonnet.
But some go there to show their bonnet.
Some go to church oppressed with grief.
Some go there to find relief.
Some go to hear a grand oration,
Some go to glorify the nation.
Some go to hear about the war.
Some go to show how good they are.
Some go repentant and repenting,
But some go hardened, unrelenting.
Some go to praise, to pray and weep.
But some go there to lounge and sleep.
Some go to better their condition,
Some go to gain a good commission.
While some go there to doze and nod.
There's many go to worship God.

Poet: Job Elletson

Why Are you going ?

What Christ Is To Us

The Shield from every dart;
The Balm for every smart;
The Sharer of each load;
Companion on the road.

The Door into the fold;
The Anchor that will hold;
The Shepherd of the sheep;
The Guardian of my sleep.

The Friend with Whom I talk;
The Way by which I walk;
The Light to show the way;
The Strength for every day.

The Source of my delight;
The Song to cheer the night;
The Thought that fills my mind;
The Best of All to find—is Jesus!

—Anonymous

What you hope
for, shapes what
you live for.

It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say no till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;"
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

By Edgar A. Guest

"Low at Thy Feet"

"Low at Thy feet, Lord Jesus,"
This is the place for me;
Here I have learned deep lessons:
Truth that has set me free.

Free from myself, Lord Jesus,
Free from the Ways of men;
Chains of thought that have bound me
Never can bind again.

None but Thyself, Lord Jesus,
Conquered this wayward will,
But for Thy love constraining,
I had been wayward still.
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