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THOUGHTS ON CHILDREN

by
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Scriptures of Relevance

Ps. 127:3 – "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate (they shall not be put to shame when they speak with their enemies in the city gate)."

Ps. 102:28 – "The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee."

Ps. 103:17 – "But the mercy of the

LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."

Prov. 20:7 – "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

Prov. 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Prov. 22:15 – "Foolishness (the desire to be on top) is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Prov. 23:13,14 – "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

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Prov. 29:17 – "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall

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Easier Worship

By
Pastor Tod Brainard

The title comes from an advertisement recently published in the *Your Church* magazine which markets technologies to churches. The gist of the advertisement was that technologies on the market today make worship easier.¹ Much more is being said by such a title than most are willing to realize. The truth is the average local church today is in a state of flux. The concept of a worship service is being reworked and retooled to fit 21st century standards. Churches are now hiring "worship leaders" to bring the modern audiences into the "spirit of worship" that is supposedly

missing in old-fashioned Bible-preaching, hymn-singing church services. The old-fashioned congregation is out and the new-fangled theatre audience is in!

Congregation Versus Audience

In the Old Testament Scriptures, the children of Israel are referred to frequently as the "congregation". There are three primary Hebrew words translated *congregation*. The first is a general term, 'edah, meaning assembly, company, multitude, people, or congregation.² The second term, *mow'adah*, is almost always used in direct

reference to the tabernacle. The phrase, "*tabernacle of the congregation*" appears over 130 times in the Old Testament. Its meaning is "an appointment, a fixed time, the place of meeting".³ The Tabernacle was the meeting place with Jehovah. The third term, *qahal*, means "to convoke, a convocation".⁴ We read in Exodus 12 of the Passover and of the institution of its memorial each year. The memorial was to begin with a convocation. "*In the first day there shall be an holy convocation.*" (Exodus 12:16). In Israel, a holy convocation was an assembly for the purpose of the worship of Jehovah, the great Redeemer. Noah Webster defined *congregation* as "*an assembly of persons met for the worship*"

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EDITOR'S DESK

Self-Respect vs. Self-Image

By

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Self-Respect is a quality of character, the result of training. It is derived from the fact that we are created in the image of God. An individual needs to develop self-respect, and this must begin early in a child. It is produced out of feeling wanted, accepted, and loved by a child's parents simply for being himself. God loved us not because we are good or bad, or because we do what pleases Him, but simply because He has willed to love us. When a child is accepted and loved it helps him overcome the fear of failing on the one hand and the necessity to do things just to be accepted on the other. The proper self-respect is developed by example and by precept. The child must have people over him who can be respected and must be taught what behavior and attitudes are acceptable.

Self-Image (another name for pride) is developed by heaping undeserved and unearned praise upon a child. Effort that is not up to what should be expected from a child and is not worthy of the ability of the child should not be recognized as if it were a superior product. Encouragement and additional instruction may well be in order; however, undue approval is certainly not beneficial in improving the child's personality. With time this child may grow up with an inflated ego. His self-image may be very good, but a proud hypocrite is what will have been produced. Ω

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of God, and for religious instruction." ⁵

Philistines Stones

Over the past 25 years there has been a diminishing of the congregational concept of worship. An appointment with the Lord in a collective setting that leads the believer to adoration of Christ and a personal transaction with the Lord has given way to a selfish hodge-podge of fleshly activities. The spirit of secularism pervades much of the "worship scene" today. We have learned how to sharpen our swords on Philistine stones. Most church worship services reflect more the values and culture of Nebuchadnezzar's worship service than that of Christ's (Daniel 3:4-7). The offering of praise and worship in song has moved for the most part from the pew to the podium. Soloists, vocal groups and instrumental groups, though fine in limited use, have become the primary element of music in the local church. It is fair to say that with the rise of Contemporary Christian Music and "Christian Artists" has come the decline of congregational hymn singing. Not only has the CCM crowd introduced its music into the church but also the performance technology of Hollywood, Branson and Nashville. Most church congregations are nothing more than audiences watching the spectacle of performers and "Praise Teams" with microphones, headsets, big screen projections, and special effect lighting. To offset objections the "worship leader" has been introduced to include the congregation in worship but not in the way of the past. The audience under the direction of the worship leader now becomes a mass of arm waving, body-swaying, emotional fans. The audience participates with the musician-performer (i.e. worship leader) not on a serious-reason level but rather on a casual-emotional level. The Flesh-orientation trumps Spirit-orientation in this setting. **Worship then becomes all about us and our pleasure and less about Christ and His glory.** By virtue of this worship philosophy, the preaching of the Word of God is no longer front and center, it is secondary and supplemental.

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Preacher Versus Worship Leader

There is, I am afraid, a false dualism prevalent in religious thought today. The thinking is that church musicians are the leaders of worship and that preachers are secondary to that worship. Pastors have often left the music program of the church entirely to the musicians of the church. This has often led to a division that is dangerous

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TAKE COVER!

By
Rev. Ron Bean



During the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania (The Wilderness), Union General John Sedgwick was inspecting his troops. As he looked over a parapet at the surrounding countryside, he was warned by his men to take cover from small arms fire. With disdain for the Confederate sharpshooters, Sedgwick spoke these last words. "What? This will never do, dodging from single bullets! They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance..."

Like General Sedgwick, some in Christianity demonstrate an attitude that they are spiritually invincible. They seem to believe that a Christian, saved and secure in Christ, grounded in the faith, and walking faithfully with the Lord, can willingly expose himself to sin and not be in danger. To these the Word of God says, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Believers must be careful not to needlessly expose themselves to the fiery darts of the enemy.

The Scriptural Warnings Against Unnecessary Exposure to Evil

The Old Testament Law contained many prohibitions against touching unclean things. (i.e. Leviticus 5:2; Isaiah 52:11) This "touch not" aspect of the law was not given because sin was like a germ but because God understood man's sinful nature. "Touch" is a sense, and when man's senses are exposed to evil his sin nature is stirred and his likelihood to yield to temptation is increased.

Proverbs repeatedly admonishes us regarding the danger of fooling with sin and the wisdom of fleeing from everything evil. Proverbs 14:16 says, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil; but the fool rageth, and is confident." The

proverbial picture is that of the wise man who suspects danger and uses great caution to avoid anything evil. In contrast, the insolent and presumptuous fool is confident that he is immune from evil influences. Self-confidence in the presence of evil is the mark of a fool. This is further illustrated in Proverbs 6:24-28 when the man who loses all he has to the immoral woman is first enticed by her voice and eyes.

The command to touch not the unclean thing is repeated in the New Testament in II Corinthians 6:17. The intent of the warning is clear. It is not a legalistic prohibition against physical touching but the practical admonition to not expose yourself willingly to evil in any form.

Examples of The Troubles Caused by Willing Exposure to Evil

The Bible offers many examples of people who needlessly exposed themselves to evil influences and paid a heavy price when sin was conceived through the union of temptation and their own nature. Even Eve, without a sin nature, fell into sin when she allowed her senses to observe that the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil looked good and appealing. She may have been "just looking" but the consequences were disastrous. Lot first looked, then pitched his tent toward the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the end, in spite of the influence and intercession of his godly uncle, Abram, Lot lost everything except his soul. Achan and his family brought defeat at Ai to the children of Israel and death to his family because he looked, coveted, and took what God had forbidden. David's sin with Bathsheba and the many tragic consequences of that sin began with

the furtive glances of a man who was simply not where he was supposed to be. His sight of Bathsheba led to curiosity. That curiosity led to covetousness and then to deceit and murder.

Church history provides more examples of the danger of exposure to evil. The subtle rise of modernism in the late 1800's did not cause widespread alarm. Repeated attempts to make peace or find common ground through debates and dialogue failed, and tolerance of those with modernistic and liberal views eventually led to the apostasy that permeates today's mainline denominations. After all, the modernists were "more loving and tolerant" than those few narrow-minded separatist fundamentalists. The compromising spirit of accommodation re-appeared in the 1950's with the advent of neo-evangelicalism. Rejecting the practice of separation that was the hallmark of biblical fundamentalism, neo-evangelicals were tolerant of those who held positions contrary to Scripture. Simply stated, their philosophy of cooperation was better than separation. The prevailing attitude was that as long as you as an individual held to the doctrines of the faith, you could associate, fellowship, and cooperate with those who held to error without fear. The fallacy of this position can be seen today with the rise in popularity of churches, ministries, and Christian schools whose doctrinal position is nebulous. Their language is Christian but their doctrine is unknown, unnecessary, and undefined. The standard of Bible truth has been gradually surrendered in favor of fellowship around the lowest common denominator.

The danger of willing

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 give delight unto thy soul."

Success Assured

It is obvious by these Scriptures that God's desire is that we have success in the rearing of our children. As a matter of fact, many Scriptures have the promise not only of success with our children but also with our children's children. (Ps. 102:28 and 103:17 as written above). There is no doubt in my mind, and I believe the above Scriptures bear me out, that God does not intend for us to lose our children or, for that matter, our grandchildren. Some forty plus years ago, after it became clear to my wife and me that we would not have any children, we adopted two, a sister and brother. The girl was nine, and the boy was just turning six. The early training years were already past, and we knew we were taking on quite a project. I had an understanding with the Lord. First, I said to Him that we didn't take these children to lose them and that I wanted to rear them to serve Him. I knew salvation and maturity in their lives would come from Him; however, as their father and mother, we had a definite job to do. I also had an understanding with the Lord that I would take care of every problem or disobedience that He let me know about and that they were in His care when out of my sight. On many occasions He let me know what they were up to when they were out of my sight, and I did my best to take care of it. This arrangement worked out wonderfully well. I now have seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls and, to the best of my knowledge, all of them are saved. My daughter is our Elementary Principal here in Santa Rosa Christian School and her oldest son is on our staff. My son is an adult Sunday School Class teacher in a fundamental Baptist Church in New England. Three of his children (two boys and a girl) are attending a Christian college and the youngest is still in a Christian school there at home. None of our children or grandchildren have ever attended a

public school.

Glory to God

I state these facts for one reason: that God may have the glory. Neither my wife nor I dare take any credit. We sowed and watered, but only God could give the increase! If there is failure, it will be our own, for it is not God's will that any should perish, especially the children of His saints. We fell short many times, I am sure; however, He filled in the blanks of our shortcomings. How good He is!

Early Years: 0 - 3

The Scriptures seem to divide children into three groups: Infant or baby - 0 to 3 years; Child - 4 to 13 years, and Youth - 14 to 20 years. Under the Jewish system a youth was not considered an adult and fully responsible for his actions until the age of 21. I personally believe that is the proper age, and that is the way it was in this country when I was growing up.

The Jewish child was normally weaned by the age of three and was much more advanced in knowledge than the average child of today. As far as we know, this is about the age that Moses was turned over to Pharaoh's daughter, yet he already had a love for his people, which was still there and very strong when he was forty years old. Samuel, it is understood by many, was turned over to Eli at about this age, and he was already trained to obedience to authority and service to Eli.

The Needs of the Baby Years

Of utmost importance is that the baby by age three have gained a sense of security and stability. Things that help to accomplish this include:

1. Love (Phileo). Titus 2:4 - "That they (the aged women) may teach the young women to be sober, to love (phileo) their husbands, to love (phileo) their children." This is the love a mother brings to a home. This warm and tender love gives the baby a sense of belonging, of being wanted.

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 exposure to evil yields especially tragic consequences when individuals practice it. As a child growing up in a fundamental church, I always wondered why I wasn't permitted to go to the movies. What's wrong with "The Shaggy Dog"? What's wrong with Walt Disney? (It's evident today, but it wasn't as obvious back then.) There is a place in the Christian's life for recreation and amusement, but worldly amusements, while seemingly innocent, can easily steal our hearts away from the things of God. It is no wonder that our churches are full of lukewarm members when Christian periodicals provide reviews of movies, television programs, and popular music for the masses that profess Christianity but are preoccupied with

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Proverb Practical

By Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 3:30 - "Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm."

Some Christians simply live by the first two words of this verse, but there is nothing in the Bible that prohibits all striving, for there is good striving and there is wicked striving.

To strive is to make efforts, to exert, to endeavor with earnestness, to contend, contest, to struggle in opposition. You can strive *against*, and you can strive *for*. You may strive against temptation, or you may strive for the truth.

NONIMPETUOUS

We are told in Prov. 25:8- "Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame."

This kind of striving may get you in trouble because this kind of striving is not well thought out.

Paul, in II Tim. 2:5, cautions those who strive for masteries to strive lawfully. He also warns "that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers" (v. 14). Those who are inclined to strive, on many occasions strive about matters of small importance.

So striving can be a good thing or a bad thing. There is a lawful kind of striving, and there is an unlawful kind of striving. As we drive by rules so we must strive by the rules. As we are to be a safe driver, we must also be a safe striver.

We may strive for the mastery, we may strive to enter in at the strait gate, we may strive in prayer, but we are to "Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm." We are enjoined from embroiling ourselves in causeless strife.

Paul, in Rom. 12:18, said it this way: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Sometimes it is possible, sometimes it is not possible. Sometimes the cause demands there to be strife, but you are not to initiate strife without a good cause. You are not to be a trouble maker and look for trouble, and even in matters of strife you are to do everything "decently and in order."

SELF-RESTRAINT

Paul instructed the Ephesians in Chapter 4, Verse 26, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

Even anger is to be controlled. Even anger is to be measured. There is to be a righteous cause for anger to be expressed. Jesus said in Matt. 5:22, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment."

Eliab, David's eldest brother, was angry at David when David spoke for the Lord against the Philistines just before David killed Goliath. Eliab was angry at David without a cause, but David was angry at the Philistines with good cause. That cause was the Lord's cause!

Eliab said in I Sam 17:28, "..... Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle."

Eliab was the eldest and thought he knew David's heart. But Eliab knew nothing of David's heart,

for Scripture tells us that David was a man after God's own heart. David was sincere when he replied to Eliab in I Sam 17:29 ".... What have I now done? Is there not a cause?"

COMPELLING CAUSE

Yes, there was a *great* cause! Was not Goliath defying the armies of the living God? This was a reproach to Israel, God's chosen people. Yes, there was a cause, and David rightly engaged in strife and faced the one bringing harm to the name of God. What better cause is there in which to engage in strife than to uphold the name of God?

That is the cause to which *The Projector* is dedicated, the cause of God, the cause of Christ. Under the logo of *The Projector* is the purpose, "Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day". If that is done faithfully the result is going to be strife. In this day especially there is plenty of opposition to the cause of Christ! There are plenty of issues worth defending! The cause of Christ is a cause in which a life spent in strife, a life spent in battle, a life spent defending the Word of God is a worthy life and a life blessed by God.

SPIRIT CONTROLLED

But if the cause justifies the strife you are to conduct yourself as a child of God, humble, long suffering, gentle but not spineless and weak. You are to defend truth, justice and right. If strife is called for, then be not afraid to call upon the grace of God to conduct yourself in accordance with the principles of the Word of God.

But "Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm." Ω



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entertainment. The love of the world's music is directly related to the growth in popularity of contemporary Christian music. Now Christians can have the sensuality of the world but with a Christian accent to make it acceptable. This musical mixture that is devoid of any redeeming spiritual content is as old as the country western bands who sang a "song of inspiration" along with songs of infidelity and drunkenness. Even conservative, modern day church music resembles the old Lawrence Welk Show with its crooning of meaningless lyrics like "Whispering Hope".

It is also heart breaking to see Christian parents expose their children to the evil of this world by willingly enrolling them in government schools. They reason that as long as their children go to

church, especially a solid fundamental church, and they spend quality time together as a family, the effects of a secular education will be somehow neutralized. Five or six hours a week in the best church, assuming the young people are paying attention, cannot inoculate any child from thirty-five hours of the anti-Christian, fleshly influences of godless teachers and peers. A deacon in a fundamental church told me that his children were witnesses in their public school. When I asked him about the success of their soul-winning efforts, he was vague. When I asked him how long it had taken for his children to get him to lift his ban on going to movies and dances, our conversation ended. There may be exceptions to this case, but it is highly likely that the world wins

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Spurgeon's Advice on Working With Children



In dibbling beans, the old practice was to put three in each hole: one for the worm, one for the crow, and one to live and produce the crop.

In teaching children, we must give line upon line and precept upon precept, repeating the truth we would inculcate, till it becomes impossible for the child to forget it. We may well give the lesson once, expecting the child's frail memory to lose it; twice, reckoning that the Devil, like an ill bird, will steal it; thrice, hoping that it will take root downward and bring forth fruit upward to the glory of God.

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and destructive. It is my opinion that this mentality is the result of weak preachers and even weaker preaching. A strong pastor proclaiming the Word of God can lead his flock concerning what music is appropriate for worship. Music training is not required. Knowledge of the Word of God is required. By and large pastors have become puppets doing whatever their people want them to do. II Timothy 4:3 states, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." Notice Flesh-orientation (after their own lusts) over Spirit-orientation ("sound doctrine"). The people heap to themselves teachers, not preachers, having itching ears. The ear wants to hear what it likes to hear. That includes music and teaching. Many today do not want an authoritative preacher, they want a subjugated teacher.

Truth Versus Fables

Verse 4 states, "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Truth for Fables. Fables are fictitious stories. They have no reality. Truth is the only reality of the child of God.

The average church service today has approximately 40 to 45 minutes of music and 20 to 25 minutes of message. I recently heard a Southern Baptist minister on the radio promoting his church, "Come to our church where the preaching of the contextual Word of God is the centerpiece". He then went on to promote the church's Drama Teams, Praise Teams, Choirs, Youth Programs, etc. that awaited the "worshiper" who wished to be involved. It was quite evident that the preaching of the Word of God was second fiddle to the "programs" of the church. One is easily deceived when one is Flesh-orientated. Truth is exchanged for fables without the recognition of what is taking place.

Return To The Old Paths Wherein Is The GOOD WAY!

Jeremiah told the Israelite religious leaders that they had left the old paths and the good way (Jeremiah 6:16). The "worship leaders" of Jeremiah's day promoted a new way of worship which was very much like unto the worship of the Canaanites. It is high time for pastors to be strong leaders of their people and get back to the Bible. Brush off the old hymnals and get back to the singing of the sound, doctrinal hymns. I see very little worthwhile music coming off the presses of "Fundamental" music publishers. The quality of Biblical truth and melodic structure is not conducive to Godly worship and right living. Put aside the overhead projectors with doctrine-less choruses and fun songs and return to the songs of our fathers. Preaching of the Word of God after the manner of II Timothy 4:2 is desperately

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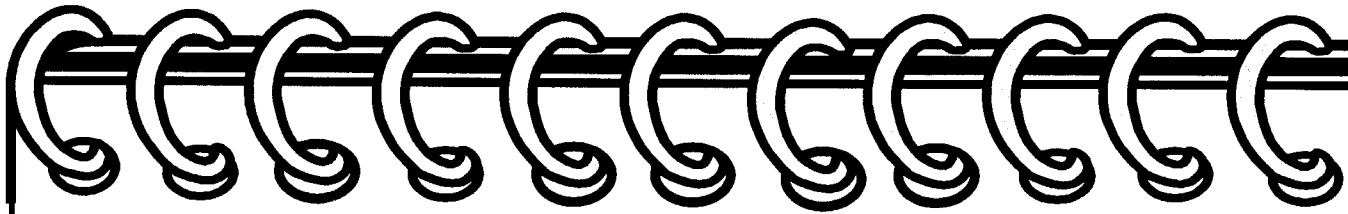
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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

CITIZENSHIP WEEK

There are a few topics, especially some involving our form of government, that appear only now and then in the elementary curriculum. Sometimes our students forget important aspects of our American heritage because there is little drill and repetition in that subject. These aspects need to be emphasized, however, on a more consistent basis. Teachers can take advantage of the many "celebrations" listed in a weekly planner in order to make review of these topics more timely.

The last full week in September is, in fact, "Citizenship Week." Elementary students and faculty at Santa Rosa Christian Academy spent fifteen minutes each day of that week presenting the following topics:

Monday: The Declaration of Independence - The Fifth Grade class gave a reading entitled, "*The Price They Paid*", which told of the hardships endured by those men who signed our Declaration of Independence.

Tuesday: The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America - A selection was read from Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little Town on the Prairie*, which gives a graphic description of the Fourth of July celebration during the late 1800's.

Wednesday: The Bill of Rights - Illustrations were obtained from a clip art program to visualize each of our "Rights" and solidify them in children's minds. The Third and Fourth Grade classes read aloud the rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

Thursday: How to Be a Good Citizen - A selection was read from *George Washington's "Rules of Civility."* Our voting responsibility was emphasized as well as those kind and considerate manners that help everyone develop the qualities of good citizenship.

Friday: Our Three Branches of Government -The children learned that the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of our government have checks and balances placed upon them in our Constitution. A "law" was introduced by a mock Congress, vetoed by a mock President, overridden by the same mock Congress, and then declared "Unconstitutional" by a mock Supreme Court. This simulated congressional action proved quite exciting and enlightening.

Each assembly was kept short and focused. Children in the lower grades may not have fully grasped these topics, but they were at least exposed to them and gained basic concepts. Children learn best using the biblical principle "here a little, there a little." After many such exposures, they may feel that they have just always known these facts. They may not remember any specific assemblies, but the foundation has been laid upon which to build strong Christian character, the responsibility of being a good American citizen, and an appreciation for our American government.



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needed. "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Preaching the exalted Word of God must be the center-piece in reality and not in promotion only.

Technology is helpful, but technology is not spiritual. Many are awed by what can be done with computers and multimedia equipment. These inanimate objects are fast becoming the center-pieces of our churches. Let us not make the incredible error of thinking that technologies and secular strategies make worship easier or worship at all. If people come away with a "Wow, that service was so neat!", rather than "I need to confess my sin and do right for the LORD JESUS CHRIST!", then we have not preached the Word of God

with conviction nor have we worshipped the LORD in any way, shape or form. The degree of our worship is measured not by our technologies and our big music programs, but rather by the witness of Christian lives being tuned and calibrated by the convicting Word of God to sing the eternal praises of the Holy One, Jesus Christ. Ω

¹ Mike Schreiter, Editor, *Your Church*, (Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today International, Sept.-Oct., 2003), Advertisement p. 41.

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many more children from Christian homes through the naïveté of their parents. There may be some of God's people in these places, but because "just Lot" was in Sodom does not mean that others should follow his example. Some would also suggest that exposure to the realities of this world system is good for our children. Exposure to sin is no better for our children, or for any Christian, than exposure to frost is good for our garden tomatoes. The end result of all of these kinds of influences in the guise of education is that our churches have become filled with young people with no interest in serving God or in spiritual things.

What is Our Defense Against The Fiery Darts of Satan?

The sixth chapter of Ephesians describes the Christian's complete armor. While the soldier's armor provides protection in battle, it does not make him invincible. A Christian, though he is safe and secure in Christ, is not immune to the fiery darts of the wicked one. The Christian soldier is

admonished to use the shield of faith, above all the other pieces of armor, to protect himself from those fiery darts. The phrase "above all" seems to have two appropriate meanings in this passage. One, that it is the most important piece and, secondly, that it is held in a position "above" the soldier and his armor, protecting him from the flaming arrows as they fall. This emphasizes the importance and position of exercising faith in Jesus Christ as a defense against evil and of keeping Him between the world and us. When a soldier in an armored vehicle in combat hears the sound of bullets hitting the armor plating, he is not about to expose himself to hostile fire but is content to dwell safely behind his protection. Likewise the Christian keeps his eyes firmly fixed in faith on the Lord Jesus Christ and does not expose himself to spiritual danger, influences, and temptation. Faith is not meant to be a parachute or safety net to rescue us after we've fallen into trouble. Faith in Christ is a shield to protect us from those evil influences that would hinder our service in the army of the King of Kings. Ω

