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CALLED TO DISCIPLINE

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Discipline is an ugly word in many circles today. Educators are afraid of it; parents don't want it; teacher groups are not inclined to discuss it, and yet, strangely enough, the children love it.

With the decline of all the other basics of the Word of God in our country today — the family unit, the moral law of God, the authority structure in society, etc. — there has been an accompanying decline in discipline. A life without discipline is like a ship without a rudder or a horse without a bridle. It is the fountain of order and restraint in an individual's life. It is the most fundamental principle of education. As a matter of fact, there can be no real education without it, as the words education, training, and discipline have the same meaning. The Scripture declares in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up (educate, discipline) a child in the way he should go: and when he is old (of age), he will not depart from it."

Discipline is the basis for stability, security, success, strength, stick-to-itiveness, and service.

STABILITY AND SECURITY

Youth or adults who have learned the principles of self-discipline — which should, of course, be the aim of all imposed discipline — will never become emotional wrecks. Self-discipline will give real stability to one's life. The generation of youth we see coming out of the state schools of today are characterized by instability and insecurity. They aren't sure of anything and have very little, if any, discipline upon which to build a life.

SUCCESS

Success is founded upon discipline. Genius is said to be "10% inspiration and 90% perspiration." I am not sure of the percentages,

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"The most effective testimony against apostasy is separation from it"

THE COST OF CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

by William J. McCarrell

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3).

... Abel contended at the cost of his life. Elijah was pursued, fed by ravens, and forced to share the widow's meagre fare while his life hung in balance because he contended for God's truth versus Baalism. Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, was imprisoned and suffered attempts upon his life through starvation, being cast into a pit of quicksand, and in other ways because he contended for the faith. Contending caused Daniel's three companions to be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Daniel was placed in the lions' den for the same reason.

... Jesus Christ was crucified, not by common people who heard Him gladly, neither by publicans, nor the woman out of whom he cast seven demons, nor by the thief saved on Golgotha, but by the unsaved, apostate religious leaders of His day because He was God's truth (John 14:6) and contended for it by teaching, ministry and life. The majority of the apostles paid for their contending by martyrdom, Stephen by being stoned to death (Acts 7:54-60), and the Apostle John by being exiled on the Isle of Patmos. Had they not contended for God's revealed truth, their experience would have been far different.

The price the Apostle Paul paid was to be misunderstood, misrepresented, slandered, threatened with continuous riots, starvation, imprisonments, receiving of hundreds of stripes, beatings with rods, being stoned, perils on every hand, attempts upon his life, being made the offscouring of society, and martyrdom by beheading. He suffered the loss of all things because he contended earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

... The price of contending is paid in proportion to one's separation from apostasy. Spurgeon said, "The most effective testimony against apostasy is separation from it." This is God's Bible method in contending for the faith.

Paying the price of contending will call for reconciliation to

- 1) Sacrificing popularity;
- 2) Willingness to be unpopular;
- 3) Willingness to be misunderstood, misrepresented, wrongly accused, slandered;
- 4) Willingness to be criticized, belittled, and mocked;
- 5) Willingness to be classed as backward, lacking in education and learning;
- 6) Loss of prestige, pulpit and platform opportunities;
- 7) Possible sacrifice of pastoring a church;
- 8) Being branded as non-cooperative, even a trouble-maker
- 9) Sacrifice of advancement in pastoral position and otherwise;
- 10) Sacrifice of income and material
- 11) Sacrifice of pension, insurance, material security;
- 12) Severance of fellowship with life-long friends, especially in the religious realm;
- 13) Testing in maintaining a Christ-honoring spirit of patience, prayer and spiritual love toward Christians who are biblically uninformed or dull, cold, compromising, even backslidden, in their Christian state, also with apostates and subtle sinful apostate opposition;
- 14) Testing as to patiently waiting for God to honor biblical witnessing, living and service;
- 15) Determination to obey God's Word though all others disobey, to be true to Christ whether one's stand is ever justified before mankind or not;
- 16) Trusting the outcome to the faithfulness of a faithful God;
- 17) Witnessing, living and serving in the light of Christ's coming Bema-seat judgment for works (1 Corinthians 3:11-15):

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Editor's Desk

September means school days again. Santa Rosa Christian School opened its doors on its twenty-first year of operation on August 24. Two areas of growth this year are in the pre-school and the dormitory. It was necessary to add another 5-year-old kindergarten because of growth in that area, and the girls dormitory is almost full, with the boys side having a good increase as well. Students come to us from as far away as Chicago to the north, and southern California to the west. We have students from Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Germany, the Netherlands, the British West Indies, Mexico, and the Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands.

We are grateful to the Lord for His rich blessings upon the ministry and for the opportunity to train young folks for His service.

Spineless Preaching Not New

In 1740, Gilbert Tennent wrote of the preaching that characterized his day:

The application of their discourses is either short, or indistinct and general. They difference not the precious from the vile, and divide not to every man his portion, according to the apostolic direction to Timothy. No! They carelessly offer a common mess to their people and leave it to them to divide it among themselves as they see fit. This is, indeed, their general practice, which is bad enough, but sometimes they do worse, by misapplying the Word through ignorance or anger. They often strengthen the hands of the wicked by promising him life. They comfort people before they convince them; sow before they plow; and are busy in raising a fabric before they lay a foundation. These foolish builders do but strengthen men's carnal security by their soft, selfish, cowardly discourses. They have not the courage, or honesty, to thrust the nail of terror into sleeping souls.

— THE ANGELUS

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Letters to The Editor

Dear Sirs:

It's funny. I had just finished reading a terrific article by Peter Foxx in the August issue of The PROJECTOR, and was thinking how very much I appreciate receiving your paper, when my eyes fell upon the letter from the man from Arizona who had a few belittling things to say about you. I hope you were not too offended by his unkind remarks, as it is disappointing to hear opinions like his expressed. He needs our prayers, as do the many others who believe the way he does. But it really seems that they could make such statements to each other, rather than making a point of throwing insults at Bible-believing Christians.

Please continue to provide this wonderful publication. It remains impeccably faithful to God's Word, and gives great insight into Christian beliefs. It is truly a blessing to receive.

Enclosed is a small gift to help with expenses. I do not know how we came to be receiving The PROJECTOR either, but we are very grateful to get it.

Sincerely,

T. P., West Columbia, SC

Dear Sir:

I am very interested in a recent article which I saw in your publication. The article was concerning Ruckmanism. I read it in a library; therefore, I could not have the copy which I saw. This was probably your current issue.

I am seeing Ruckmanism and Ruckmanites ruin good churches, throwing them into heretical situations. Among Independent Baptist churches, these issues could be the most obviously dangerous ones today. Thank you for taking a stand for the historical and Biblical position of the church, by publishing that article.

Enclosed is a check for one dollar. Would you please send me that one issue of your publication which includes that article? If there is an additional charge, you may contact me, or bill me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

His,

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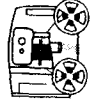
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CONCEPT AFFECTS CONDUCT

It is little wonder that men who have scoffed the notion of the imminent return of Jesus delay their personal purification and make poor appeal to the world or even the Church to get ready against the day of God. Conduct is always affected by conception. Remember how that servant behaved who said, "My Lord delayeth his coming." The very doctrine of delay, once accepted by him, eventuates in brutal oppression, greedy gluttony and bestial intemperance. Its opposite — the imminent coming, means unsoiled garments, lights trimmed and burning!

— W. B. Riley

Men of God Need Prayer

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18).

In a recent newsletter, Dr. Ron Comfort, evangelist, said, "I have never experienced a time when so many of God's men are being physically afflicted. Your Godly pastor needs your prayers and love more than he ever has."

I agree! The devil is working overtime to destroy those who stand true without compromise. Pastors are burdened (and rightly so) with the load of their ministry and the cares of the congregation. Pressure is increasing to trim and cut corners in the preaching and the standards he presents. Often his own family has problems the congregation never knows. Sometimes boards or members are unkind and vindictive. He is human, so the unkind tongue hurts, gossip wounds, and the attitudes of some members gradually weigh him down. Who is pastor to the pastor? Uncertainty, busy schedule, lack of rest, little relaxation, and seemingly impossible situations build like a teakettle of steam. It's then that Satan will often strike a blow to the body, and a health problem results.

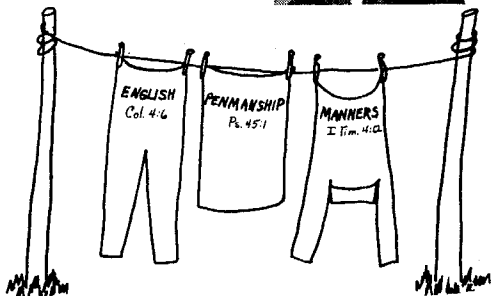
Please, daily, hold up your pastor, missionary, and evangelist before the Lord. By faith, put us under the Blood and pray we will have strength and health to continue our God-called ministries. Every man of God needs your prayers now and continually. Please make it your responsibility to ask for health for those men of God you love.

—From TEAM-O-GRAM, by Hal Webb

Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

*Hanging
Out
The Wash*



On a bright sunny day, it is a joyful sight to view a bright, clean wash hanging out on a clothesline. It is a vivid reminder that the daily necessities of life have been scrubbed, washed, bleached, cleaned, and brightened not only for continued use but also for fresher, more effective use.

At the beginning of this new school term, perhaps Christian boys and girls and young people need to consider "hanging out the wash." Jesus said to His church in Ephesus, "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience...Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee..." (Rev. 2:2a, 4a).

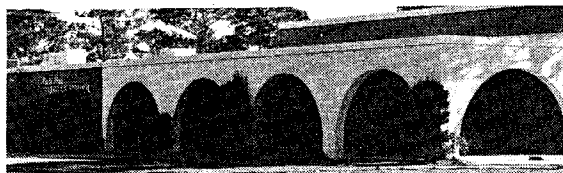
He knows about you, too, dear Christian young person. He knows your dedication. He knows your talent, your athletic ability, your faithfulness, and other good qualities you may have. Yet, perhaps there are some weaknesses you need to work on to make you a fresher, more effective witness for the Lord.

ENGLISH

Does your spoken and written English properly represent your Savior? The ultimate goal for proper grammar is to express yourself correctly in order to convey the Gospel. Our direct witness and our everyday speech reflect our testimony for Christ, yet it is easy to be careless and think that it does not matter. Perhaps one of the worst offenses is that small word "ain't." It is used so often that it may sound common, but that does not make it correct. "It don't make no..." or "He don't have no..." and many other improper expressions are no asset to a Christian young person's testimony. God's

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In your school, you no doubt have a high standard of English both spoken and written. You may make all "A's" in assignments, yet if that instruction is not carried over into your everyday life in practical use, you are not educated but are just going through the motions of school work to get by the requirements. God puts a premium on excellence in all things. How can we as His servants require any less of ourselves? "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Col. 4:6).

PENMANSHIP

Your handwriting represents you! It is sacred, personal property. Your signature and handwriting reveals your character. It is one thing to know the proper formation of letters, it is another thing to trans-

late this knowledge into your own work so that your writing properly reflects your Christian character and is a testimony for the Lord. No Christian should have a careless attitude toward his handwriting. The Bible itself is a written record. God spoke, but He also put His Word in writing. How desperate our need would be if He had not seen that His writers were tediously careful about every detail.

In the early years of our country, the writing instruments were little short of impossible: wooden sticks whittled by hand to a sharp point; wild turkey quills cleaned, scraped, and formed into pens to be dipped into a rather uneven substance made from soot, called ink, which could be highly unpredictable in its performance. Yet with these simple tools, the early documents and histories of our country were painstakingly and beautifully preserved. They have become treasures of our heritage and artistic examples of the character of the men who formed them.

Our writing tools today are so refined that students often write with precision instruments yet have not the character to perform well with such instruments. By care, practice, and God's help, seek to make your written handwork an out-

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ward evidence of the divine grace in your heart. Let your pen be "the pen of a ready writer" (Ps. 45:1b).

MANNERS

Our manners are an everyday necessity that need to be freshened and polished on the clothesline in the sunshine of God's love. So many definitions of good manners have been written that I suppose a book could not contain them all. Perhaps one of the most concise I ever read was, "Good manners is being able to do anything without attracting attention to yourself." What a standard! Some people can't even pick up a spoon without making a racket, let alone entering a room without causing commotion. Good manners is also the ability to put others at ease and to speak and act in an unoffensive manner.

Short, sharp answers show manners that need refreshing. "Nope" or "No," "Un-huh" or "Uh-huh" instead of "Yes, sir" or "No, sir," surely show a need for kindness and respect.

Walking between people who are in conversation shows little regard for anyone's presence except your own.

Good manners are not "high-hat." The most academically gifted student can take time to be polite; the least able student can be mannerly and considerate. Good manners are not salvation and no substitute for it, but how gracious is the young person whose thoughts are of the comfort and welfare of others and who reflects the Lord Jesus Christ in all speech and activities. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12).

AS TO THE LORD

The list of items on the clothesline could get rather long. Let the Lord Jesus Christ speak to your heart about anything in your life that may need washing and sunning in the warm light of His love, so that you may have a fresher, more effective testimony for Him. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23).

Advice on Reading

Make careful choice of the books which you read: let the holy Scriptures ever have the preeminence, and next to them, those solid, lively, heavenly treatises which best expound and apply the Scriptures; and next, credible histories, especially of the church...but take heed of false teachers who would corrupt your understanding. — Richard Baxter

From
The
President



Santa Rosa Christian College officially opened its third year Wednesday evening, September 8. Pastor Roger Bixler of the Westerville Bible Church, Westerville, Ohio, preached the opening night service for us and was with us through Friday and all day on Sunday, September 12. Pastor Bixler and I were students at Bob Jones University way back in the fifties. The Lord has greatly used him in Westerville and in his many responsibilities in connection with the Ohio Bible Fellowship.

The five students who finished their sophomore year at Santa Rosa Christian College in May have all transferred to other Christian colleges to pursue areas of study that we here did not carry. Three of these will be continuing their work at Bob Jones University and the others in different Christian colleges, I'm not sure exactly where. Our freshman class will be our largest yet. The five seniors from our church, Grace Fellowship, who graduated from Santa Rosa Christian Academy in May, will be part of our freshman class. We are thrilled with the opportunity God has given us to train servants for Him.



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September Calendar
3-4 - Overnight Camp-outs and Black-water Canoe Trips
6 - Labor Day Holiday
8 - Formal Opening College, 1982-83
8-12 - Evangelistic Meetings
Rev. Roger Bixler
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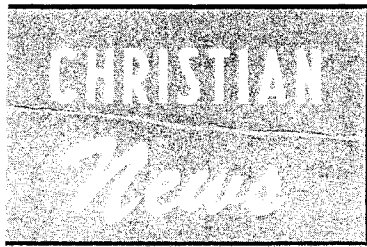


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May We Introduce...

May we introduce the 1982-83 dormitory family of Santa Rosa Christian College and Academy? The young people pictured above represent students in grades 6-12 and College Freshmen. The students are from four states and seven foreign countries. Since the picture was taken before the official college opening, some college freshmen were not yet on campus and were omitted

from the picture, but they will also be a part of campus and dormitory life. Mr. and Mrs. Erich Richter are the dorm parents and have made the dormitory truly "a home away from home." Young people here find fellowship and lasting friendship in a Christian atmosphere, in addition to their academic programs and the other educational training they receive.



Lamb Rejoins Faculty

Mr. Thomas G. Lamb, after a two-year's leave of absence to work on his Master's Degree, is back as a full-time faculty member in Santa Rosa Christian College and Academy.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, and a 1976 graduate of Bob Jones University, Mr. Lamb taught in Santa Rosa Christian Academy three years. He then took the 1981-82 school term and summer months to work on his M.S. in Science Biology at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. All his class work is now complete. He expects to complete his thesis and finish the program in December of 1982. We welcome Mr. Lamb, and his expertise in the Science Department, back to Santa Rosa Christian College and Academy.

Mr. Lamb is married to the former Mary Esther Jeshurun, also a 1977 graduate of Bob Jones University and former faculty member of Santa Rosa Christian Academy. Mrs. Lamb is now completing nurses training and expects to graduate as an R.N. in April, 1983. The Lambs have two children: Daniel, age 2½, and Reggie 7 months. In addition to his regular faculty responsibilities, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb also assist the dormitory parents and help in extra-curricular activities.

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but one thing I am sure of is that discipline is a basic ingredient to success. Ask any successful musician, artist, scientist, or businessman about the part self-discipline played on their road to the accomplishment of their goals.

STRENGTH

Our youth need the strength necessary to stand for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in these difficult and "perilous times." The strength of character derived from the proper discipline in the home, school, and Church from the earliest ages will provide the proper soil for the grace of God to produce the kind of Christian that it takes to stand against the "wiles" of Satan.

STICK-TO-ITIVENESS

Stick-to-itiveness is a quality found in all "winners." I don't care if that winner is found on the athletic field, in the music festival, or in the battle against evil; you can not win without sticking to the job, and you can not stick without discipline.

SERVICE

Our service for Christ, then, depends to a great extent upon our discipline. All these other reasons for discipline are wrapped up in this one. The goal of goals is to rear our young people to be servants of our Lord and Savior. The calling of the servant is the highest rank in God's Army. Paul and Peter put this call above that of their apostleship (Rom. 1:1; Titus 1:1; II Pet. 1:1). We, as parents, pastors, and Christian educators are training servants. To do this job effectively, we must be disciplinarians. You may not be one naturally, but by the grace of God you can be one. God will not give you responsibility without giving you the necessary abilities to carry out those responsibilities. If you are called to deal with children or young folks, you are called to discipline.

Discipline is everything being done "decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40). It is order as opposed to chaos. It is authority in control. Negatively, it is not letting yourself go, but restraining yourself; not doing your own thing, but doing the right thing.

Teacher, do you have your school day planned, your work well-prepared, your classroom organized? Does your day proceed orderly and purposefully through the prepared material without undue interruption and with all students attentive and producing to the top of their ability? Then you

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Bixler at College Opening



Rev. Roger Bixler, pastor of the Westerville Bible Church in Westerville, Ohio, was the guest speaker for the evangelistic meetings which formally opened the 1982-83 school year of Santa Rosa Christian College. Pastor Bixler spoke at evening services in Grace Fellowship Church, as well as daytime chapel services in the school.

An Indiana native, Pastor Bixler is a 1955 graduate of Bob Jones University. In addition to his preaching and pastoral work, he also teaches Old Testament Studies at the Bible Institute of Ohio in Columbus. Pastor Bixler has been a faithful servant for the Lord for many years.

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**Focus
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BY
PETER J. FOXX

**What About
The Jews?**

Israel's unpopular war in Lebanon has resulted in a fresh wave of anti-Jewish sentiment sweeping across America and around the world. The Jews, of course, have been a hated and despised people since God claimed them as His own and the Egyptians first perceived them as a threat while they dwelt in the land of Goshen. Fundamentalist Christians have traditionally been pro-Israel. They have been most thankful that the American government has been supportive of Israel since the Jewish state was formed in 1948. However, some cracks are appearing in the armor; the support from America in general, and American Christians in particular, is definitely softening.

The challenging question is this, "Should Christians support Israel even when Israel is wrong?" Obviously the answer to that is no. However,

there is a great difference in refusing to condone a wrong action or attitude on the part of the Israeli people and in becoming anti-Israel.

Our theology must never be interpreted by either current events or our personal feelings about those events. Our theology must come solely from the Word of God. It is simply insufficient to conclude that Israel should be abandoned because the current government is deceptive, or the military is cruel, or certain leaders are personally offensive. The Jews are back in their land in a state of unbelief, and they can be expected to act and think as unbelievers.

The Bible clearly teaches that God will continue to work through Israel following the rapture of the Church. One day Israel will repent, God will save them, and Christ will personally return to rule the world as the King of the Jews. We are warned never to allow ourselves to be put in the position of cursing God's chosen people. There is no blessing for us in cursing Israel.

There are some very real dangers involved in developing an anti-Israel attitude:

1. The Bible came to us through the Jews. It is rich in Jewish flavor and history. It abounds with the promises of a glorious Jewish future. How can we be sour on Israel and sweet on the Word of God at the same time?

2. The promise to Abraham of a blessing to those who bless him and a curse upon those who curse him is still in effect today (Gen. 12:3).

3. It violates dispensational theology and premillennial eschatology to curse Israel. They are God's earthly people. The future blessing of the whole world depends on God honoring His promises to the Jews.

Christians, let us keep our thinking straight. It is certainly not right to condone wrong-doing by anyone. But let us guard against spiritually unhealthy attitudes and unbiblical positions regarding the Jews.

**Is
Controversy
Christian?**

D.L. Moody - "Dwelling among enemies of God was the cause of Lot's troubles. Be separate! Choose carefully your companions, and do not, like the Israelites of old, settle down with the enemies of God."

G. Campbell Morgan - "I am often told that what the church needs in order to succeed is to catch the spirit of the age. I reply that the church succeeds only in proportion as she corrects the spirit of the age."

Harry A. Ironside - "While outward unity is desirable, it would not be a blessing if at the expense of the truth."

J. C. Ryle - "There is a hatred which is downright charity: that is the hatred of erroneous doctrine. There is an intolerance which is downright praiseworthy: that is the intolerance of false doctrine in the pulpit."

Bob Jones, Jr. - "There are many pleas made these days for 'tolerance.' But often 'tolerance' is not the right word for that which is demanded. What is meant is 'compromise.' Tolerance and compromise are not the same thing. This is tolerance — to grant to another the same rights which I claim for myself. This is compromise — to sacrifice heartfelt conviction in order that someone else may be pleased or in order to avoid a breach of peace."

Martin Luther - "If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the Devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is merely flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

William Penn - "Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

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- 18) Practicing continually, by God's grace, the courage of Athanasius who, while contending for the Deity of Christ and the Trinity of the Godhead through resisting the Arian Unitarian error of early Christian centuries, refused to compromise though appealed to do so by Emperor Theodosius (Theodocius, in bitterness of spirit, said, "Do you not realize that all the world is against you?" Athanasius, realizing that the foundations of Christianity were at stake in the controversy concerning Bible truth and the Christian faith, replied to the Emperor, "Then I am against all the world.");
- 19) A contending price, which will be continuous vigilance;
- 20) Such Bible study as to enable one to know God's truth, discern error, and expose subtle, destructive teachings (Such a stand will demand a consistent, sacrificial life in order to strengthen the message);

A most effective means of counteracting apostasy and contending for the faith is an exemplary life, also the building of a constructive Christian work. Opposition cannot meet nor overcome such procedure. such procedure is impossible apart from an unselfish spirit, service not motivated by income, personal gain, nor future security. Such contending demands service saturated with prayer, teaching of God's Word, witnessing for Christ, and bulwarked by Holy-Spirit-controlled life and service. These were the God-given and enabled methods of the Church in the Book of Acts. They will never be improved upon. . . .

The greatest Christian servant from among mankind, the Apostle Paul, when facing earthly departure, said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Timothy 4:7). May every saved one realize that such testimony is impossible apart from contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). May they, by appropriating Christ's all-sufficient grace (II Corinthians 12:9), so live and serve their Savior as to merit such testimony.

—The Discerner, July-September 1957

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SEPARATION AND THE BATTLE FOR THE TRUTH

In an old book of sermons by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, published in 1864 (5th Series), our hearts were blessed as we read on page 387:

Truth could not be truth in this world if it were not a warning thing, and we should at once suspect that it were not true if error were friends with it. The spotless purity of truth must always be at war with the blackness of heresy and lies. I say again, it would cast a suspicion upon its own nature; we should feel at once that it was not true, if it were not at enmity with the false. And so at this present time, the church of Christ, being in herself the only incarnation of truth left upon this world, must be at war with error of every kind or shape; or if she were not, we should at once conclude that she was not herself the church of the living God. It is but a rule of nature that holiness must be at enmity with sin. That would be but a mock puri-

ty which could lie side by side with iniquity and claim its kinship. "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee? Shall Christ and Belial walk together? Shall the holy be linked with the unholy?" If it were so, beloved, we might then not only suspect it, but we might beyond suspicion pronounce a verdict upon her. "Thou art no more Christ's bride; thou art an anti-Christ, an apostate. Reprobate silver shall men call thee, because thou hast not yet learned to distinguish between the precious and the vile." Thus, you see, if the church be a true church and a holy church, she must be armed: there are so many untrue things and unholy things, that she must be perpetually with her sword in hand, carrying on combat against them.

What a statement out of the last century from a valiant warrior of God.

— From THE BLU-PRINT

PREMILLENARIANISM

Premillennarianism was not even born with Jesus of Nazareth, much less with Paul or Peter or John. As Haldeman justly says of the Old Testament:

The moment we open these Scriptures we find an anticipated picture of the second coming in Adam, exalted to headship, dominion, glory and power, as the "figure of Him who was to come." Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesies that the Lord is coming in glory. Abraham catches glimpses of Him as the coming man and rejoices in view of His day. Jacob has a vision of the epiphany and splendor, when, surrounded by the angelic host, the Lord God looks down from the height of the golden ladder. Moses sees that revelation of Him in the burning bush, not as the weak and crucified, but as Yaveh, the Coming One, coming in triumph. The Psalms are full of the one utterance, His coming, and they portray the movement in heaven when the whole universe shall be attuned in rhythm to the music of His kingly descent. Isaiah spells it out in the notes of seraphic splendor and in the announcement of earth's response from exalted mountain, shivering earth, and tossing seas. Jeremiah depicts the moment when, at His coming, Jerusalem shall no longer be as the forsaken, who binds her hair with the braid of widowhood; but as Jerusalem the holy, Jerusalem whose name shall be the Lord our Righteousness, and unto whom shall be gathered the nations, as unto the throne of the Lord. Ezekiel beholds

His coming in the chariots of cherubic glory. Daniel sets Him forth in the center of ten thousand times ten thousands of shining angels, coming to take unto Himself the crowns of all the kings of the earth, as King of kings and Lord of lords. The minor prophets, on every page, proclaim that He is coming. Hosea declares it in language of rebuke to the people that have denied Him; Joel in speech that makes the tongue to burn and the ears to tingle, while Habakkuk rises to the heights of sublimity in a diction unequalled, as he testifies of the God who shall come from Teman and the Holy One who shall cover the heavens with His glory, who shall fill the earth with His praise, before whose feet shall go the pestilence and burning coals, who shall stand and measure the earth, drive asunder the nations, scatter the everlasting mountains, receive the homage of the perpetual hills as they bow before Him and acknowledge that His ways are everlasting, and who shall fill the earth, the whole earth, with the glory of His presence. The last utterance of the Old Testament, as it is of the New, is that He is coming.

— W. B. Riley quoting Haldeman

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO
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CALLED, from page 5 are a good disciplinarian and also a good teacher.

There is no such thing as education without discipline. The product of the permissive, "let the student do as he chooses as long as he is happy" attitude of our state schools (and, sad to say, some of our "Christian" schools) is not education, but "un-education." Children are not trained; they are "un-trained." They do not become self-disciplined servants; they become undisciplined rebels, opposing every form of order and authority.

Self-disciplined people, taught to respect proper law and authority, do not become slaves of a socialistic state. They produce the breed of men and women that built this country and made it great. God give us disciplined young people to stand in the gap! This can only happen when we have parents, pastors, administrators, and teachers who are disciplinarians.

Country Music

For those who think country music is just a harmless pastime, the October 9, 1977 issue of PARADE magazine should be very enlightening.

The feature article about the CMA Awards, which were to be given out the following night, has some very revealing statements about the nature of today's country music.

"When you start making money, you get respectable," said Chet Atkins.

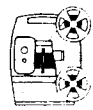
The "gigantic \$300 million industry centered in Nashville... (has) millions of fans throughout the U.S. and Canada (who) listen to over 1150 radio stations that broadcast almost incessantly the twanging, plaintive ballads of thwarted love, shattered dreams, and other human tragedies."

"Sophistication and sexiness are starting to creep into country music." This is putting it mildly. Sensuality has come into country music like a flood.

The article closes with this statement by Roy Acuff: "Nobody can define country music — but the people who listen know what it is." Bible-believers need to recognize that today's country music is not acceptable listening for the ears and heart of a Christian.

— THE MUSIC NOTE

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Strange Reversal

Deprecation of the critical spirit often takes a curious turn: opposition is expressed against the critic rather than the one who provoked the criticism. The one who violates the moral law, or departs from sound principles, will often get more support than the one who objects. Those guilty of scandal will be defended against the critic of the scandal. It seems at times to be worse to expose a scandal than to commit it.

Surely there is a strange reversal of values in our day. To expose scandal, to protest against wrong, is to expose oneself to the charge of "mudslinging," so much sin remains unexposed and unrebuked. Many, therefore, are permitted to pursue their destructive course unexposed, so, many are deceived and led astray. Edmund Burke once said that "evil can triumph if good men will keep still." By a strange confusion of values good men today who refuse to keep silent are treated with more intolerance than the perpetrators of the evil deed.

The function of criticism must not be hindered, or corruption will go on unexposed and unchecked. The right to criticize moral wrong is a moral right. The duty to criticize or expose wrong is a God-given duty. When this right is criticized by a morally tolerant society or the ethically shiftless, it is an evidence of the moral flabbiness of those who object to moral criticism and not a mark of superior piety as some suppose. The widespread deprecation of the critical spirit is a mark of the excessive moral tolerance of our times. The fact that the right of criticism is abused is no reason for abolishing it.

— From THE DOCTRINE OF RIGHT AND WRONG IN THESE TIMES by Chester E. Tulga.

Quote from Spurgeon


We must show our decision for the truth by the sacrifices we are ready to make. This is, indeed, the most efficient as well as the most trying method. We must be ready to give up anything and everything for the sake of the principles which we have espoused and must be ready to offend our best supporters, to alienate our warmest friends, sooner than belie our consciences. We must be ready to be beggars in purse, and offscourings in reputation, rather than act treacherously. We can die, but we cannot deny the truth. The cost is already counted, and we are determined to buy the truth at any price, and sell it at no price. Too little of this spirit is abroad nowadays.

CHRISTIANS, DON'T SIT UNDER FALSE TEACHERS!

Christians, fix yourselves under the ministry of one who gives the Father His due, the Son His due, the Spirit His due; who makes it his business to open the treasures and the riches both of the one and the other, and to declare to you the whole will of God; for many there are who withhold the Word in righteousness, and who will only acquaint you with some parts of the will of God, keeping you ignorant of the rest, whose condemnation will be great, as well as just.

— Thomas Brooks

IT'S COMING SOON!
Spanish Version of
"The John 3:16 House"
LA CASA DE JUAN 3:16
¡VIENE PRONTO!



THE LORD'S COMING The Key to The Scriptures

Why does this truth take such a prominent position in the Old and New Testaments? For this very reason, that the Lord's second coming is the objective point to which all God's past and present operations are tending; it is the crowning fact in His redemptive work; and, therefore, it is the truth that stands out preeminently. All that God has done and is still doing, is for the purpose of bringing about the Lord's coming. It is only when you see that truth in its clearness that you can get a proper conception of what the Bible really does teach. It is indeed the key to Holy Scripture. Without this knowledge the Bible is a disjointed book, apparently full of contradiction. You cannot understand it. You can see it only in its separate parts, and you will never get a vision of the whole until you realize the fact of the Lord's coming. F. E. Howitt

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