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## WORD OF TRUTH

By the late Dr. Bob Jones Sr.

You know, my friends, I would like to suggest to you Christian people especially, if you have been born again, if you're a child of God and you know it, and, of course, it would be all right for the rest of you, too, but I'd like you Christian people to read two chapters in the Bible. And read them over and over. Every time I read these chapters I see something I never saw before. I refer to the seventh and eighth chapters of Romans. Now in the seventh chapter, God sets forth a man, who has been converted. He has accepted Christ; he has trusted Jesus. Now this man goes along trusting Jesus Christ as his Savior, but he has two natures. He has the old nature, the carnal nature, and then he has a new nature. Now when you became a Christian, you were a new creation in the sense that you had something you never had before. Now when you become a Christian, you had imparted something to

you you never had until up to that time. You may have been a nice fellow, you may have had a good disposition, but you had no spiritual life. Now you had spiritual hunger. A man, who is going to have to live somewhere forever, naturally longs for something that will last. Money can't satisfy you, because you can't keep it. Pleasure can't satisfy you, because it always stays a minute and then goes on. And always in the bottom of the cup of human pleasure there are dregs and the sting of the serpent.

So a man, who is a Christian, has been born again, he has stepped into a new realm. All right now here he is. He has a new nature and an old nature. Now the seventh chapter of Romans tells you about how these natures pull against each other. The carnal nature is not subject to the law of God, it says. Your carnal nature can't become subject to the law of God. You can no more be subject to the

law of God, or at least have an affinity for the law of God, until you are born again than you can have an affinity for music when you haven't any music in you. If you have no music in you, you have no response to music. There has to be some music in you if you are going to respond to music.

Now when you become a Christian, you are born again, you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, then you move into a new realm in this sense. You have a nature you never had before. Now every Christian has experienced that. You came to love things you didn't love. You began to hate things you didn't hate. Now the average man that goes along, who is not a Christian, he does wrong and it doesn't bother him very much. Maybe he has some human love. He says, "I didn't treat my wife right. I'm ashamed I didn't treat her right," but he is saying that because he loves his wife, see? He doesn't love God. He is not grieved because he sinned against God. Now a man may feel mean that he has sinned against his wife, because he loves his

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### THE APOSTASY OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH

Part Nine

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

#### The Deception of Apostasy

The Apostasy of Hosea's day among the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel is described with the following expressions:

"... there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." (Hosea 4:1).

"I have written to him (Israel) the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." (Hosea 8:12).

"Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty." (Hosea 10:2).

... thou didst trust in thy way." (Hosea 10:13).

The sad truth is that most of us do not really know our hearts, because as Jeremiah informs us, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). The answer to the question is obvious; only God really knows us, and the reason

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# EDITOR'S DESK

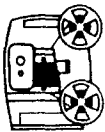
Luke 22:42 ". . . Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

Jesus did not enjoy the cross, the separation from the Father, nor the suffering connected with it. ". . . For the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame. . ." (Heb. 12:2).

The will of God is very seldom "fun". Paul and Silas were not having fun in the Philippian jail; Daniel didn't look forward to his trip to the lion's den as a fun time; Jeremiah didn't think of the dungeon as a place to be desired; and Stephen knew better than to believe that the Jewish Council was taking him outside Jerusalem for a picnic. Christ calls His followers to take up their cross, which includes being hated by His enemies.

The will of God is enjoyed only by faith. It was "the joy that was set before Him" that gave Jesus endurance for the cross. It is not the "fun" of the will of God but the fruit of the will of God that must give us the endurance we need in order not to faint on the road of God's will.

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is that our heart constantly deceives. The Word of God is a mirror that will give us a good look at our heart, but the sad truth is that few of us are willing to tarry long enough before the mirror of the Word to let the Holy Spirit give us the real picture of our heart.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Heb. 4:12-13).

The ten northern tribes of Israel had come to believe that God was pleased with their every act of worship, as evidenced by the tremendous material prosperity they were experiencing, and that prophets such as Hosea and Amos were fools and mad men. ". . . the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad." (Hosea 9:7).

Deception is one of the key words of apostasy, any apostasy, every apostasy. Man rarely knows the true motive for his thoughts, words, or actions. God's pronouncement against Israel was that she showed luxuriant vines but that the fruit of those vines was "unto himself". (Hos. 10:1).

Apostasy is always a time of great religious activity, that is, great religious activity among those who once held the truth of God. The false religions and religious cults are always there and usually prospering to some degree; however, when the people with whom God has chosen to deposit His truth leave that truth, the fountain of living water, and hew themselves out man-made cisterns that hold no water, they may prosper in that departure, as Israel did, and be convinced that they have not, in fact, departed from the living God because of the tremendous growth and material prosperity they are experiencing.

Is it not true with the Visible Church today? Activities of every kind are prevalent with new ones being devised every week. Growth seminars abound everywhere. Psychology, with man's ideas of how to fix man's problems and

hurts, is replacing the searching of the Scriptures for God's way. These and many more activities too numerous to mention have led the Visible Church to believe everything is fine and dandy, when, in fact, the Visible Church is apostate. The mouth of Christendom speaks great swelling words of love, joy, and peace, while society decays faster each day, and moral standards in our nation are as degenerate as those of Sodom. Apostasy is not coming, it is here in full bloom, and only the blind refuse to see it. Such was the case in Israel in Hosea's day.

### Apostasy's Divided Heart

The root cause of Israel's failure was a divided heart. "Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am interested in receiving a copy of your publication concerning the Fundamentalist issues of the day.

In His Service  
R.K.  
GA

Please send 'The Projector' to me. The articles are great and sound in doctrine.

BSY  
CA

Received 'The Projector' today. Seldom do I ever write to the editors of publications, but will this time.

1st. The articles on "the Apostasy in the Visible Church" are excellent. Very good!!

2nd. Your statements related to the KJV problem:

I admire you for publicly writing what you did.

I like what you said.

I like the way you said it.

In Him  
JBW  
GA



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wife, and yet he did her wrong. Now if he didn't love her and did her wrong, it wouldn't bother him. So a man who *isn't* a Christian is not so much concerned about what he does. He may have some decent sense of duty or responsibility, but when a man becomes a Christian, he *has* a love for God imparted to him. He loves God, but there is the old nature. There is a constant conflict. He wants this, and God wants that. One nature, we read in the seventh chapter of Romans, pulls against the other nature. Now you read that chapter. Read it over and over. If you don't understand it, just read it. You know every time I read these two chapters, I find something that is a little different from what I saw before.

Now here you are, you are a born again Christian, I hope. If you are not, I hope you will be. It is a terrible thing to be lost: it is an awful thing to be a sinner. You know, I know I'm saved. I know one time as a little boy at the age of eleven I came to Jesus and trusted Him as my Savior. And I've never known a day since that time that I wasn't trusting Jesus, trusting Him as my Savior. I know I can't save myself. In my heart I know I love Jesus Christ. But we've all had our battles. It doesn't matter who you are. But you say, "Oh, well, you don't know about my temptations." No temptation has ever taken you that isn't common to man, but God will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able. In other words, God Almighty will give us resistance if we want resistance. We can have victory if we want victory! The Bible nowhere lays a predicate for defeat! Now when you go and justify sin, that is terrible. Well, you say, "You know, that's a weakness of mine." You ought to be ashamed of yourself! I wouldn't justify it! As long as a man

condones sin, there is something wrong with him, because the Bible nowhere condones it. "Well, I have a high temper," you say. Well, all right, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. God's grace ought to be stronger in your life than your temper. Let's don't condone it. You know, I have always found out in dealing with young people, if something comes up in the life of a young person and you call the young person in and you say you did so and so. "Yes," and then they go and defend it. There is something wrong with them, see. You can't depend on them. But a fellow comes in and says, "Yes, I did that and I'm sorry. I shouldn't have done it, and I know it, and I want you to pray for me that God will give me grace and strength so I won't ever do a thing like that again." There is hope for that person. But the trouble with this generation is that it condones sin, and it has affected nearly all of us.

I can remember when I was a boy, if a woman was divorced she was always embarrassed. She may have had a Bible-grounds divorce, but now you have all sorts of "Hollywood marriages". Terrible, isn't it? And yet people condone it. They say, "Well, he's talented, he's this, he's that." Quit condoning sin! God Almighty help us when we get on that low level.

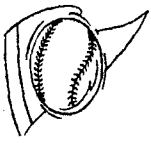
Now here in the seventh chapter of Romans sin is not condoned. Paul cries out, "Who can deliver me from the body of this death?" I'm carrying a corpse of the old nature around on me, chained to me, just as they used to punish people back in the old days by tying a corpse onto them. He's walking around saying, "I'm tied onto my old nature. Oh, who can deliver me from the power of death?" If you haven't cried out like that you are not a Christian. If you haven't said, "Oh, God, give me victory; this is wrong. I shouldn't have done it, I've sinned against You."

All right now, you're moving into the eighth chapter. The eighth chapter is supposed to be a chapter of victory. The seventh chapter is a chapter of conflict. Now we move into the eighth chapter. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Wait a minute now, don't stop there, "Who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." What's that? There is no

condemnation if I walk after the Spirit instead of the flesh. If I'm a Christian, I'm born again, and I can go to bed at night with peace in my heart. I don't even condemn myself. I'm in Christ, and I had victory today. I went out and faced the foe and won out through Jesus Christ. Now wait a minute! God sent his son to die for us and if we accept his Son, we're saved. A man who trusts Jesus Christ as his Savior becomes a Christian. You can't save yourself; you can't earn salvation; you can't pay for it. "By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." But now, when you walk into this realm, you're born again, you're a child of God. You should walk after the Spirit instead of the flesh. Now there *is* condemnation. A man condemns himself. He judges himself, and God never condones sin. God doesn't condone it when a Christian sins! God won't let one of His own children get away with sin. He never has. He didn't let David get away with it. David was a man after God's own heart. He sinned, and he reaped what he sowed. Oh, the tragedy in that man's life. God never lets anybody get away with sin. God is against sin whether it is committed by a Christian or whether it is committed by a man who isn't a Christian. When you do wrong and sin against a holy God, God is against what you did. God is on the other side. Now, God loves you and sent His Son to die for you, and Jesus Christ paid your debt on the cross, and you're saved by faith in Jesus Christ. You accept the pardon He bought you with His blood. All right, now you're saved, but you shouldn't walk after the flesh. You should walk after the Spirit. You're a child of God, and the spiritual should be the dominant thing. You shouldn't be dominated by the flesh, the old nature, the carnal nature. You should have victory in Jesus Christ, and you can have victory. And if you don't have victory, it's because you're walking after the flesh and not after the Spirit.

Now when I became a Christian, I became free from the law. I couldn't be saved by keeping the law, and there's no man that ever lived that hasn't done something wrong. Jesus Christ is the only absolutely sinless Person that ever

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# FOCUS ON RELIGION

By Rev. Tod Brainard

## COUNSELLING: NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PREACHING

The fearless preaching of the Word of God has taken a back seat to "pastoral counselling". Pastors, heed the words of the late Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones concerning the decline of true Bible preaching as quoted from his book, *Preaching and Preachers*. "Another whole section in this connection (that is the decline of preaching) has been the emphasis upon 'personal work', as it is called, or 'counselling'. Again it would be very interesting to draw a graph here as with those other things. You would find exactly the same thing-as preaching goes down personal counselling goes up. This has had a great vogue in this present century, particularly since the end of the First World War. The argument has been that owing to the new stresses and strains, and difficulties in living life in the modern world, that people need much more personal attention, that you have got to get to know their particular difficulty, and that you must deal with this in private. We are told that it is only as you deal with them one at a time that you can give people the needed psychological help and so enable them to resolve these problems, to get over their difficulties, and so live their life in an effective and efficient manner...I am giving a general picture now of things that are responsible for the decline of, and the subordinate place given to, preaching in the Christian Church."

"We turn now to the realm of personal problems. This is a familiar argument today as I have already indicated. People say that the preachers stand in their pulpits and preach their sermons, but that there before them are individuals with their individual problems and sufferings. So the argument runs, you ought to preach less and spend more time doing personal work and counselling and interviewing. My reply to the argument is to suggest, once more, that the answer is to put preaching in the primary position. Why? For the

reason that true preaching does deal with personal problems, so much so that true preaching saves a great deal of time for the pastor. I am speaking out of forty years of experience...The preaching of the Gospel from the pulpit, applied by the Holy Spirit to the individuals who are listening, has been the means of dealing with personal problems...." This article was first delivered in lecture form in the Spring of 1969 at Westminster Theological Seminary. Reprinted in book form as *Preaching and Preachers*, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, 1971.Zondervan.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS: HORACE MANN'S GREAT SUCCESS

In 1847, Horace Mann, the Father of the American Public School, in his "Tenth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Education", stated the following, "The common (public) school is the greatest discovery ever made by man...Other social organizations are curative and remedial; *this (public education) is a preventive and an antidote*;....Let the common school be expanded to its capacities, let it be worked with the efficiency of which it is susceptible, and nine-tenths of the crimes in the penal code would become obsolete; the long catalogue of human ills would be abridged;...all rational hopes respecting the future brightened." Affective(feeling, attitude oriented) education, is the cornerstone of public education, and always has been. The Outcome Based Education horror that we hear so much about has been growing and spreading its roots in public education since its inception. OBE is considered a monster developed by the heinous minds of a few conspiring Department of Education employees, when in fact it is the brainchild of Horace Mann. Notice in Mann's "Twelfth Annual Report" of 1849, concerning the public school calling, "Without money and without price, it throws open its doors, and spreads the table of its bounty, for all the children of the State. Like the sun, it

shines, not only upon the good, but upon the evil, *that they may become good; ...that their injustice may depart from them and be known no more.*" What does this sound like in this day of selfism, multiculturalism and Eracism? This is public education's plan of salvation. Public education is no place for true Bible-believing teachers, church members, and their children.

Sources: Quotations of Horace Mann cited from *The Philosophy of the Christian Curriculum*, by R.J. Rushdoony and *Christian Education: Its History & Philosophy* by Kenneth O. Gangel & Warren Benson.

## FUN & ENTERTAINMENT: WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?

"I wanted to teach them (children) about God in a simple, fun-filled way...So when I started writing songs for my little ones about 10 years ago, I set out to strike a balance - lots of creative fun with learning to make the content memorable. A 'sugar-coated, whole-wheat donut,' if you will!" So says Rob Evans, "The Donut Man", as he calls himself with Integrity Music of New Jersey. This contemporary Christian musician is loading the music market with soft-sell messages that "celebrate the fact that God wants to fill our hearts with His love." Popular music styles with words about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, phrases such as "Praise the Lord", "Magnify His name", "Worthy is His name" are appealing to **religious** people and they buy these tapes and CD's. But religious people, as the Bible teaches, aren't going to heaven! Why then are so many "fundamental" churches allowing this soft-sell music in their children's classes, youth groups and Sunday School classes to "minister to the children"? At what price entertainment and fun for our children? *A false knowledge of God.* God is not fun and entertainment! He is to be feared and served "in truth with all your heart." (I Samuel 12:24). Take time to study Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Proverbs 23:12-17, where instruction is given on how to teach children about the God of the Bible. □

## Teaching Tips

by Mrs. Doris Peppard

### SUMMER TUTORING

There is a great need for tutors during the summer as well as during the school year. Many children would benefit by an individual one-on-one basis. Teachers who have the summer months free can earn a "little extra" or volunteer to tutor children from their school or church. The subjects that are basic to success in school are reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Some parents wait until their children are in trouble academically before they realize a tutor would be helpful; therefore, tutors often play "catch-me-up" so to speak. Good tutoring can also be used as a preventive measure for pre-schoolers, first, and second graders to provide a thorough knowledge of the basics.

Tutoring has been around for a long time. Tutors in long-ago days would tend and care for as well as educate the children of well-to-do families. Today most

parents are looking for a quick-fix for their children's academic difficulties. A tutor must be patient and kind as well as have a knowledge of the subjects to be taught.

#### READING

Teaching reading is best done by teaching phonics. Very young children, as well as illiterate adults, can learn to read by this method. Tutors should keep in mind the Scripture, "Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little . . ." when dealing with the very young child. Begin with the alphabet and its sounds. Once children have mastered them (both in and out of order), they move along to blending. This leads to reaching words, then sentences, paragraphs, and finally to books. Carefully note expression and comprehension. Older children will often need help with subject-oriented reading, that is history or science. This type of reading requires children to think of the meaning of the material. They must often slow down to comprehend. Learning to look through their textbooks for answers to questions may help them become discerning readers.

#### WRITING

Writing is a skill that must be practiced. It is beneficial for children to

learn to print clearly. This manuscript gives children a lettering system made of "sticks" and "circles" much like architects and draftsmen use. This teaches children self-control as well as discipline in drawing each letter well. When cursive writing is introduced, the child needs to practice writing the letters slowly, accurately, and legibly. A writing note-book is helpful to keep a record of improvement that the child can readily see.

#### ARITHMETIC

To be a successful tutor in Arithmetic, the teacher must give constant review. Mathematics is best learned incrementally. Young children are mostly interested in "how" to do math. The "whys" of math come as maturity develops. First teach the child what to do - then show why. The beauty of our number system lends itself to copying a pattern: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. These tools must be learned so older students can continue building their understanding.

Tutoring during the summer months can be enjoyable for both the child and the tutor. Find out where the child is academically and go from there. Enjoy your pupils and the reward of seeing their progress! □

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lived. He never sinned, He never asked God to forgive Him. He had nothing to be forgiven. He was God manifest in the flesh. But in all languages and dialects of the world there is some word for ought, or duty, or must, or sins. And all men everywhere with any sense know where they have sinned sometime, somewhere. So we broke the law, and the wages of sin is death. The law couldn't save us. There wasn't any power in the law to save us. All the law could do was to remind us that we're wrong. I have sinned, and the law said that you shouldn't have done that. The law says that the wages of sin is death. All right, I say, "Well, that's right, I'm a sinner." That's one thing the matter with us today. There's not enough preaching against sin in this country. When I was in evangelistic work at the height of my career, we preached on sin until people

couldn't sleep at night. Now they start off evangelistic campaigns with an invitation and "deciding" for Christ and this kind of situation. There is no conviction there: it's never wrought there. It's a movement today. Everything's on the surface in Christianity all over the world today, everywhere. Why, when I was a little country boy at the age of eleven, I wondered if I wasn't too big a sinner to be saved. I used to slip out and get on my knees at the root of an old pine tree somewhere and say, "Oh, God, I want to be a Christian. God forgive my sins." I never had seen an automobile, never had heard a radio, never had seen a picture show, or anything like that, and there I was crying out to God to have mercy upon me. I remember back in the old evangelistic days of America, they would actually open up headquarters downtown where they would make things right,

restore dishonest money, and make crooked things right. They would make things straight. What this nation needs today is a crusade of preaching against sin. Most of the preaching done today doesn't deal with principles. It deals with some little manifestation of sin of some kind, see, but not dealing with the great principles. There is no crusade today, no strong, mighty, vigorous, voice speaking out in this country. Back in the old days before World War I, there were a thousand evangelists in America, some of them famous and some of them not famous, crying out against sin. And this nation reached the highest moral standards right back there it ever reached, and we were prepared for World War I. We went into it, and God took care of us and brought us through and gave us victory. A great revival

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## PROVERB PRACTICALS

By Ludwig Opager

**Proverb 18:12, Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.**

Appearing twice in this proverb, the word "before" is used in the same way one would say food on the table is **before** you. It is not used in the sense of one event coming before another as in cause and effect.

The first phrase tells us that a haughty heart continues to be haughty in spite of destruction that is before the haughty heart. The haughty heart looks destruction in the face and continues to be haughty. Although faced with destruction it marches toward that destination with full stride and full power.

God despises haughtiness: "**Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.**" (Isa 10:33). Almighty God has decreed that the haughty shall be brought down. There is no doubt about it. The haughty, those who lift themselves up, shall be made low.

Haughtiness always measures self above others. Lofty and arrogant, it is pride mingled with contempt. Haughtiness measures itself by faulty standards of man. Haughtiness' fatal error is refusing to recognize God as the standard. Haughtiness, a deceit of the heart, is rebellion against God, as it attributes to self glory and honor due God alone.

The haughty seeks not forgiveness from God, because he will not admit his sinful condition. Application of such thoughts to him is foreign. This attitude toward God is duplicated in the haughty person's attitude toward others, because he refuses to recognize the image of God in others. The haughty's low estimate of the ability and worth of others results in contempt or cruelty. The message, therefore, of this first phrase is that a haughty heart continues to be haughty regardless of the imminence of destruction or of a fall.

God tells us a truth in the second

phrase that pertains to the righteous. He says: "**and before honor is humility.**" Again we are given a statement about position, not order of things. Picture honor being given to someone. This verse tells us that this person will continue to be humble in spite of the honor being given to him. In God's economy honor is not given to the proud or to the haughty but only to the humble. We honor the proud and the lofty, but when God honors, only humility will be there to receive it. There will be no space found for the proud. In the time of honor the humble will continue to be humble.

As I Pet. 5:5-7 says, "**God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**"

And note that last phrase. Humility is connected with not holding on to your care. Pride and haughtiness holds on to care, because pride says, "I'd rather deal with it myself." Independence of God equals pride, arrogance, haughtiness and eventual destruction. But dependence on God, as Jesus was totally dependent on the Father, equals humility and eventual honor. □

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was sweeping over the nation, but you know we've quit preaching against sin now. It's all a positive message. Everybody comes along together with no condemnation of anything. And so fellows come along, and there is not the old time conviction there used to be. Once in a while you see a case of it.

All right now, I'm saved by grace, not by keeping the law. All right, I've accepted salvation. I move into a new realm. Notice now, "What the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." See, he sent Jesus Christ in the likeness of a man, though he was without sin, and He sent

him down here and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Jesus Christ died to condemn sin. Now then, any sin that a Christian commits is condemned by Jesus Christ, no matter what it is. You ought to live a victorious life, and if you don't live a victorious life, don't try to cover up or justify it. Ask God Almighty to forgive you, and God help us to see sin. We, Christians, in this country need a revival today to help us see the awfulness of sin, and how we Christians ought to live, and what kind of lives we ought to live, and what we ought to stand for. Most of us are compromisers. We support things that we know are wrong just to go along with the crowd. We haven't any character to stand, any integrity.

Now we are not condemned in Christ, but we are condemned when we don't walk after the Spirit. You are going to miss your reward. You won't get away with it in this world. You go along and compromise, your children will get in trouble. No wonder the children of this country are going, because their parents are compromising everywhere. No wonder young folks are in a bad fix. There is compromise all over the country in all realms, and you can't get away with it. Just remember that now. You are in Christ. You're not condemned in Him, but you're condemned when you walk after the flesh, and you'll suffer the consequences. Someway or other, you will reap what you sow.

God help us realize, and help us Christian people to get on our faces before God and pray for victory. And don't you sinners feel comfortable. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," and you're on your way to hell without any question about it. But we Christian people trust in Jesus Christ. We are going to reap what we sow, and we ought to be careful what we sow. God help us and give us victory. *Our heavenly Father, we need strength, we need thy help, we're weak frail people, but we thank God we have a priceless treasure in an earthen vessel. Help us to be true to the Lord in all things and give us victory this day for Jesus sake, Amen.* □

## *Traditional Values Coalition Like Moral Majority?*

Rev. Louis Sheldon, the founder and chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition is a 1960 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and is a former Presbyterian pastor, and in 1977 helped start the charismatic CBN University in Chesapeake, Va.

The TVC has grown in ten years to include some 31,000 church congregations across the United States.

In a TVC information paper it is stated, "What makes TVC unique is its multi-racial membership of churches made up of various denominations, races and socio-economic backgrounds."

In an article in *Human Events*, dated February 11, 1994, and titled "Conservative Spotlight", Rev. Sheldon stated, "We have been able to attract Catholics, Jews, Mormons and all sorts of Protestants to unite on behalf of the preservation of their deeply held sense. . . This broad coalition of Americans has united around religion and this is a very good thing for our country."

(Editor: After reading the information material about TVC, I personally conclude that it is a movement identical to the Moral Majority, simply under another name, and is being promoted by some fundamentalists. As stated, the TVC is uniting Catholics, Jews, Mormons, and all sorts of Protestants around religion, my question is, "What kind of religion?" Fundamentalists are to rally around the Word of God and our Risen Saviour.)

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(Hosea 10:2). Elijah uncovered this heart problem of Israel when he posed a question for them in his encounter with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word." (I Kings 18:21). "For the Hebrew people the heart was not so much the center of the emotions as it was the center of the will and intellect. (Proverbs 4:23). Israel had not made a volitional commitment to serve the Lord." (Jack R. Riggs, *Hosea's Heartbreak*, P. 132.) Israel tried to serve both Jehovah and Baal. The vine professed to be the vine of Jehovah's planting, but the fruit produced only brought glory to man. Is the fruit that the Visible Church is producing today glorifying the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ or is it not, in large part, the fruit of selfishness, self-praise, and worldly ambitions? What has happened to the spirit of service and the desire to live a life that glorifies the Lord on the part of our youth? Has the divided heart of the adult Church population of our congregation sent forth an uncertain sound to our young people? Have we, in fact, told them that worldly attainments, financial success, and a big piece of the "good life" is of more value than sacrificial service for our Lord? A divided heart leads only to broken homes, broken vows, and broken and useless lives. Jesus said to troubled Martha, "One thing is needful". To the rich young ruler Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest," and the Apostle Paul declared, "This one thing I do." These are not words from a divided heart, but from a heart whose eye is single and whose heart is full of light. The Psalmist said it well in Ps. 86:11b, "Unite my heart to fear thy name."

### *Apostasy's Deadly Results*

The sad thing about apostasy is its sense of well-being, the feeling that everything is all right, the belief that God is pleased with the worship of those who are engaged in their dutiful religious activity. This sense of well-being makes it almost impossible to awaken one to his condition. Generally speaking, the Christianity of today is in this condition;

lethargic, self-satisfied, with no sense of the impending judgment of God that awaits those who have a "form of godliness" but no genuine conversion experience.

A recent poll taken by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Southern Life Poll of the southern "Bible Belt" gave insight into this condition. Some of the results indicated that Southerners believe:

1. 90% say extramarital affairs are morally wrong.
2. 50% said sex before marriage is a no-no for men and women.
3. 80% believe in the Devil.
4. 80% believe Jesus will return to earth for the Second Coming.
5. 66% believe the Bible is scientifically, historically, and literally true.

In our part of the South, you may witness to a dozen or more people before you find one who admits not being saved. Obviously, if these percentages indicated that Southerners had genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and genuinely held to the positions indicated by the poll, the South would be a far different place morally and spiritually than it is today. As in Israel's days of apostasy, their mouths honored Jehovah, but their hearts were far from Him, so I believe it is today in the Visible Christian Church. □

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