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Dr. Dayton Hobbs, EDITOR

"Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day"

#### UNBIBLICAL EVANGELISM By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

From observing the meetings, methods, and apparent results of the evangelism of the last twenty years or so, it seems to me that a great deal of harm has been done to the cause of Christ, to the local church in particular, and millions of souls have been left trusting in a decision made at the insistence of some over-zealous personal worker, Christian school teacher, evangelist, or preacher, who, in an effort to win souls for Christ, has insisted that all you have to do to become a Christian is to "repeat this prayer after me," "come forward and stand at the front of the church," submit to baptism, or join the church, etc.

I submit that these are man-made rules and procedures, by and large, designed only to fill the pews of our churches and keep our conscience quiet concerning our responsibility to carry out our ministry of reconciliation as laid out in II Corinthians 5:18-21: And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the worl of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

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### STANDING WITHOUT COMPROMISE

By Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

(1883-1968)

My friends, I want to read several verses from the fifth chapter of Matthew – that is the Sermon on the Mount. I want you to notice closely the first and second verses, and then I want to call your attention to the tenth verse. Now notice these words, "And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall Blessed are they which do inherit the earth. hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: Blessed are the for they shall see God. peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Now I want you to notice; this is the Lord Jesus Christ preaching the Sermon on the Mount, and He is talking to His disciples. Now all through here until He gets to the eleventh verse, He is just enunciating certain things that are true. Now the pure in heart see God; the pure in spirit have the kingdom of heaven; those that mourn are comforted; the meek inherit the earth; those who

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#### GUEST EDITOR'S DESK

#### NO INTECESSOR!

By Tod Brainard

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his 🛭 righteousness, it sustained him" (Isaiah 59:16).

In Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, to *intercede* is 8 "to pass between". The prevailing understanding of the word *intercession* is that of prayer. However, such an understanding is too narrow and is only a part of the Biblical concept of intercession.

From our definition we understand that "to pass **between**" something or someone means to interrupt, to disrupt the normal flow, to interpose for the purpose of changing an outcome. There is no debate that to intercede involves the spiritual ministry of prayer. However, from Isaiah 59:16 - 19 we learn that our Lord looked for an intercessor who would lift up a standard against iniquity and the enemies of God by resisting and restraining evil. Our Lord announced wonder, (lit. shock) "that there was no intercessor" to be found among His people. Apostasy had stripped the nation of genuine intercessors who would "pass between" the people & and their wickedness at a time in which they were desperately needed.

#### **Needed: Bold Intercessors**

It is my view that conditions today are very similar to that of Isaiah's time. I fear that our churches are by and large filled with people who have little stomach for the rigors of Christian warfare. How

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hunger and thirst after righteousness are filled; the merciful obtain mercy, the pure in heart see God and the peacemakers are called the children of God. And then He says – (here is a principle that is established now) – Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is vour reward in heaven.

#### In the Circle

I want you to notice something. Let me say again, He was talking to disciples. Now you and I are in the circle if you are a Christian. Now if you are a sinner, all Jesus Christ says to you is, "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved." He invites the unsaved to come to Him. He offers you salvation. He died for you. He is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. Now then, when I come to Him, accept Him as my Saviour, I move into another circle; I am a new creation. I am born again. I am a member of His family. Now, when I move into His circle, I take on His image. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." He says, "You are on one side or you are either for me or you are the other: against me." All right, no man is for Him that doesn't obey. "You are my friends if you do what I command you." If you are not living for Him, you are not in the circle, but if you take your stand for Jesus Christ and trust Him as your Saviour, you are going to be persecuted. There has never been a time in the history of the world since Jesus Christ came and went back to Heaven, but what the majority of people were against Jesus Christ. Think of the teeming millions in the world. Think of the millions in China – just think of it – just a little handful of Christians; Japan – just a small percentage of Christians; Korea – just a very small percentage of Christians. Go down to India with

डड्यांts teeming population – why only a very small percentage of people are Christians. You can go all over the world and take all the countries of the world, and only a very small percentage of them are Christians.

#### SMALL PERCENT SAVED

I remember when Dr. Torrey preached the Gospel around the world when I was a young fellow. He said something that shocked me. He said, "I don't believe that ten percent of the people in America

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#### The Projector



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## Thoughts on the War in Iraq

Tod Brainard

then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same" (Romans 13:3).

Cable television has moved warfare from a world away into prime time, minute by minute reality. Three 24/7 cable news outlets saturate the watcher with constant war information. It has been interesting to hear the media and religious leaders trying to create a supposed dilemma for America by inferring that the current war in Iraq is a "Christian" war against Islam. On March 11, Larry King Live carried a panel discussion on this issue. Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert, The Christian Church is to be an ecumenical officer of the United conducted on the principle Iraq, stated that "the Muslim world justice. Gospel message to come to the is recorded in Genesis 9:1-6. We trust our government leaders to his blood be shed." make the right decisions.

on the Christian and Warfare?"

powers are ordained of God, and be." "they bear not the sword in vain" (Rom. 13). Warfare is not a

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Christian institution, and neither is It is important for Christians to be civil government a Christian clear Biblical thinkers at this time institution, for there was civil in history. There are some in the government and there was warfare Biblical prophecy field (ex. Jack carried on by God's people before Van Impe, Hal Lindsey) that find Christ came to the earth at all. nearly every traumatic event in the Civil government, while not a Middle East as a fulfillment or near a divine institution and is a gift of is important to remember that we continually thanking Him, for any Church Age. government is far better than no His people Israel for the time being government which is anarchy.

Methodist Church, who appeared grace, but civil government is to be on the show and opposes war in conducted upon the principle of The government Christian crusade". Though this in order to govern He has may very well be the perception of commissioned it to use force. The the Islamic world, and this action foundation of civil government is in may very well open the door for the the covenant of God to Noah, and Iraqi people, it is certainly not true. that covenant God established the This war was declared necessary by principle of capital punishment: the President and the government "Whoso sheddeth man's blood of the United States of America. (that is, in murder), by man shall

... The Christian is a citizen not only Beyond the perceptions, however, of heaven, but he is also a citizen there is an important question, here, and he is commanded of God First of all, we must pray that God's "What is the Biblical perspective to submit himself to earthly will "be done on earth, even as it is governments. It is his duty to obey in heaven." President Bush and his

late Dr. William the government in everything. Pettingill faced this question over except where the government 65 years ago and his Biblical commands him to do something answer cannot be stated more that God has expressly forbidden. "For rulers are not a terror to good succinctly. He wrote, "It is the duty In such a case he may disobey the works, but to the evil. Wilt thou of the Christian to be obedient to government and suffer the the powers that be, for these consequences, whatever they may

#### Another Issue

Christian institution, is nevertheless fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.3 It God, for which we should be live in the Day of Grace, or the God has set aside and He is building His Church, that is "to take out a people for His name"(Acts 15:14). God is indeed of "setting the table," so to speak, for the Tribulation Period in which He will judge the earth and destroy will see a war led by...America as a commanded of God to govern and Let us keep in mind that the next "Babylon" (Isaiah 13; Rev 17& 18). thing on God's calendar is the **RAPTURE** of the Church(I Cor. 15:51-57, I Thess. 4:13-18). From our understanding of Scripture, there is nothing to be fulfilled prophetically *prior* to the snatching out of the body of Christ; however, there is much prophecy to be fulfilled after the rapture. Even so, Come Lord Jesus!

#### Let Us Pray Fervently

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR church! God bless. We have

your paper Maranatha **Baptist** Bible College days. I have passed on much of the info to Sunday School teachers and others along the way.

Although I don't write often I do enjoy reading the "PROJECTOR". The world needs Jesus now just as much as it has in the past and many churches have turned from "telling" to entertaining. Thank you for vour faithfulness.

Thank you for your strong stand on holiness. It is a lost message in today's

used your materials in our Have enjoyed Christian school for more than since 20 years! MA

> Thank you much for continuing to stand strong when many other works Christian have lessened their stand. It is good to read about different issues from a fundamental point of view.

> Just a thank you for staying true to the Word of God. I enjoy every article, and look forward to each PROJECTOR.

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For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

#### **Reasons For Our Failure**

No doubt I will get some heat for what I am about to say, but that matters little if it will cause some hearts and minds to be stirred concerning this issue. I have observed this trend during the fifty plus years of my ministry and, at times, I have been caught up in some of its thinking also; however, with the passing of time and the study of the Word, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot endorse a great deal of what is called modern day evangelism and soul winning, even if there is a price to pay.

#### **Decisions But No Spiritual Life**

The thing that has weighed most on my mind over a number of years has been the untold professed Christians with whom I have spoken, who take you back to some decision made when someone asked them if they wanted to be saved. Under the pressure of the moment they said, "yes," obviously having very little idea what it meant and with little or no indication of repentance from sin. These people, often children, grow up with no indication of life in the Holy Spirit, and pastors preach their hearts out trying to get them to grow in the Lord but to no avail. On occasion, by the grace of God, one of these "professors" will come to the understanding of their true condition as a lost sinner, repent, receive Christ, and become the promised new creature of II Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man || be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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#### VIRTUOUS WOMAN

A Message for Mother's Day **By Ludwig Opager** 



above rubies (Proverbs 31:10).

him to think. That is the purpose sought by those who know the pressing thought life. that of the right woman for her found son. Previous to this verse she characteristics of the right that are praiseworthy. warned her son against the woman. seducing power of women. She said, "Do not give your strength to women. Do not be involved with wrong women nor give your ways to that which destroys kings. Your allegiance is to be to God, but if you give your strength continue!"

there are things in this world far extending. more valuable than precious pressing for a mark that is prudent wife. stones. She desires that her son beyond your reach. measure wealth not of the material but of the immaterial, so she attaches great worth to a woman who is a virtuous woman.

woman?" she asks of her son. By as virtuous. this question, she indicates that conformity with moral or divine the right woman needs to be law, living on a higher plane than sought. Effort to find the right the norm. The virtuous person is woman needs to be far above not satisfied to live like everyone

a virtuous even that which it takes to find a else. woman? for her price is far precious stone or precious pearl. excellence. As a precious stone is not found not run with the pack. This question was posed to right woman found without virtuous! bv knowing

> from the LORD. Lemuel, is by

Paul was virtuous when in Phil. 3:14 he said: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ "Who can find a virtuous Jesus. His pressing revealed him Virtuous

The virtuous The virtuous does without searching, neither is a pressure is not relevant to the The "thought life" of King Lemuel by his mother to get searching. As a precious stone is the virtuous is a reaching or a of questions. It concerns an all- characteristics of a precious virtuous think on things that are important question in his life, stone, so the right woman is true and honest, just and pure, the lovely and of good report; things

Lemuel's mother does not Proverbs 19:14 tells us: **House** intend that her son choose a wife and riches are the inheritance of who will be the mistress of his fathers: and a prudent wife is home and mother of his children. chance. foolishness. instructed to seek a prudent wife emotion. She equips him with from the LORD by prayer and the knowledge of those necessary to women that allegiance will not supplication, but the prudent characteristics of a woman of wife from the LORD can be found virtue. "Lemuel, a prudent wife is only by knowing what makes a of the Lord, but the Lord equips "Women can be dangerous in prudent wife. Lemuel's mother you to be able to have a prudent your life, Son, but the right indicates that the clue to finding wife if you know what makes a woman will be the most valuable the right woman is in looking for prudent wife. Yes, Son, pray and treasure in your kingdom, for her a woman of virtue. The sense of ask the Lord to give you a price is far above rubies." the word virtue is strength gained prudent wife, but the Lord also Lemuel's mother tells him that from straining, stretching, or expects you to use the Word of It is reaching or God to know what makes a He will not effortlessly hand you a prudent wife on a silver platter, but He gives you the Word of God to help you carefully seek a prudent wife." A prudent wife is a woman of virtue, a woman who extends herself, who is not satisfied with the average but stretches herself to excellence. She is a reaching, straining, pressing woman, a

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(Continued from page 3--WAR IN IRAO) advisors need our daily prayers XI for guidance and wisdom. \*1 Secondly, there are thousands of  $\Im$ young men and women who are 💹 deal of the problem displayed only but also saints. If sinners want [] in Europe and the Middle XII Eastern region involved in  $\S$ conducting the war on terror and the war in Iraq. As with all our 3 men and women of the Armed § Forces, they certainly need our x prayers for safety and protection. They also need our prayers for their spiritual well-being. Many need salvation in Christ. Perhaps for the first time many are facing the frailty of life and their eternal? destiny. Let us pray that the light x of the Gospel would do its work in hearts. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation  $\hat{x}$ to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

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#### SOME MORE LETTERS ...

Thank you for your labor of love for the Lord. We are blessed and encouraged by publication. Keep up this very good work for the Lord.

Canada

Really enjoyed "The PROJECTOR". The article written by Mr. Opager was great. Thank you for the inspiration. I am a first time reader.

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comes from churches taught or individuals. play the game. families have been our or how many have our church. been won on visitation or in special meetings. **Evangelists** cannot survive without numbers. and often pastors may be given their walking papers if the church does not increase in numbers. It's too bad, but I believe that honest preachers will agree with most of what I am saying.

#### The Missing Ingredient

purpose of the local starve. church and The of forthcoming. church is that very lunch!

Bible, the Word of God, that we claim to The Numbers Game revere so highly. The from who pulpits. It is not friends about how many new work in the hearts of acquaintances, people. reached (often from Word, and only the Word of God. other Bible preaching Word, will change our churches in the area), people and, thereby,

## Winning Messages

people are what "My destroyed for lack of responsibility knowledge" (Hosea what 4:6a), was the same indictment clearly: can be leveled against planted, manv o f fundamental churches the of our day. All some Preachers, congregations week after week are You Unless and until directed at the lost, You we get back to the while God's people responsible its often go on and on God's work is people missing ingredient in forward, so the church and growing as

#### The Church Is Not For Sinners

The church is not [] I suspect a great Bible must not be for sinners but for the [] our to visit or come with [ numbers enough to take a text them, that is fine; Peer pressure and preach all around however, the church is [ among pastors and/or the world, we must the place God's people in evangelists is often faithfully, consistently, are to be fed. It is no i very strong. Preachers and intensely teach our wonder that we have dread to meet other people the Word of such lean and starving preachers or go to God. We must have saints, who are making " preachers' fellowships utmost confidence in very little impression without being able to the Word itself, and let for Christ upon their report or even brag the Holy Spirit do His families, friends, and The they are starved for the

#### Our Work - God's Work

The Scripture is More Than Just Soul very clear as to the distinction God's God's responsibility. In I charge in the days of Corinthians 3:6, Paul Hosea, and I believe lays this distinction out  $\mathbb{I}$ "I have | Apollos [ the watered; but God gave [ increase." [ get monkey off your back. I soul winning messages responsible for results. Invitations planting and watering. ministry, there will be until someone moves, work of increase. He c h a n g e I have actually heard is responsible for all going repentance, believing, average Bible could be dismissed for Christian. Use every

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# Stars of the Morning

## Bluebird Butterflies

by "Aunt Carolyn"



Did you ever have butterflies? I don't mean the push you out of the house, clothes and all!

in a little nesting box on an oak tree. There sat Barney Couldn't he see how great it would be to fly? squatting in the little round doorway looking very ☆ He had no courage to move.

Papa Bluebird stood on the roof trying to coax him not holding him back!

as you can. You will see that they really do work!"

and he shrank back.

going? Every hour you put it off, you are missing the joyous day! Barney could fly! opportunity of a lifetime to fly, to feel the lift of the cramped nest. ☆ ever done!"

☆ move.

Mother, too, wanted him to come out. She came near pretty, fluttery kind you can catch in a net. I mean the to coax and encourage him, but her patience was nervous, fluttery kind that makes your heart beat fast and wearing a little thin. "Does my little birdie not want to your stomach feel queasy. Well, Barney had butterflies! know the joy of flight? Don't you want to know how it You probably would, too, if your mother were trying to feels to be free from the nest and tree? Why won't you move?" Mother even tried to entice him with a nice fat Yes, Barney had butterflies. I know he did, because I mealworm, but nothing moved Barney. Did he love his saw the whole incident with my own eyes. I could see it cozy, parent-fed life too much to give it up? Did he plainly, because his house was just outside my window love his little dark, cramped nest too much to leave it?

This had gone on quite long enough. Behind Barney, hesitant at the big world outside. He looked one way, his little brother was waiting patiently at first, but by then the other, then down. Then he looked down again. now, not so patiently. He ruffled his feathers and in his 🕁 At was obvious that he was "Barney, the fainthearted!" tiny, high voice sputtered, "Well, if you aren't going, get 🛠 out of the way and let me try!"

Not on your life! Barney wasn't going to be outdone ☆ ☆ out but at last flew to a nearby limb. What was the by a little brother no matter what! That did it! Barney ☆ the matter with this birdie? He was old enough to fly. He got a good balance on his feet in the doorway, gave a big the matter with this birdie? ☆ was strong enough to fly. Did he have it in his head that push, began to flap his little wings like Papa had shown ☆ the looked funny? Was he afraid of what other bird folks him, and "voila," his wings worked! They really did! the would think? Surely not, because he was a beautiful He was, yes, believe it or not, he was flying! Oh, joy! \$\primex\$ ittle bluebird. His feathers were filling out, and he was He was flying out, up, over, and through every tree and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 🛱 a lovely color – not as bright as his father yet, but that shrub in sight! This was wonderful! Barney was flying! 🛱 would come as he grew older. No, his appearance was He had made the decision, he had taken the first step, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and now he was free! Little did he realize that when he Papa Bluebird still gently coaxed. I can imagine lifted his wings, the wind would rise up underneath and hearing his conversation. Yes, I can -- in Bluebird buoy up his little body and his spirit to fly, soar, dive, language, "Come on, Barney. Flap your wings as fast land, and take off again. Oh, life was wonderful. Barney was glad to be alive! Now he did not have to Barney didn't move. Every time he started to urge wait for someone to bring food. He could get it himself : his wings to go, the butterflies fluttered in his stomach when he was hungry. He didn't have to stay in crowded quarters. He could fly anywhere freely and see the "Fly, Barney, fly!" Papa urged. "Aren't you ever beautiful world as it really was. What a victory! What a

Some boys and girls are like Barney. They have wind under your wings, to see the world far above in its often heard the good news of the Gospel of the Lord true perspective instead of just from a small, dark, Jesus Christ, how He died for our sins, was buried, and You are missing feasting on the rose again from the dead. (See I Cor. 15:3,4). He will countless, delicious bugs on the bark of our tree and forgive the sins of anyone who repents of his sin, by dining on the myriad of tasty insects on the ground faith believes the Gospel, and receives the Lord Jesus below. Come on, Barney, try your wings! They'll Christ as the only Savior, yet they put off the decision to work! You can fly! It will be the best thing you have receive Christ. Some are afraid of what others might & think of them. Some may think they just can't stand as a  $\Leftrightarrow$ But Barney did not budge. He knew he ought to fly. Christian. They don't realize that when they take the 🕁 He was a bluebird. He was born to fly. He had heard of first step of faith toward Christ, God by His Holy Spirit & the wonders and glories of flying. Mother Bluebird had will lift them up and carry them on His wings of love. A A taught him plenty, but he just couldn't or wouldn't They will have His peace and joy instead of fear and A

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(Continued from page 2--STANDING) over the world. Now when you do. see how people are living and Christians? How many of them of us do live like the world, when this country to have a great have fellowship.

Christian. be a child of God. If you haven't been born a second time you are not a Christian. You can join the a Christian, - you have to stand people of America are church enemies of Jesus Christ. matter of respectability. for Jesus Christ, do not conform to life, and you know that. the world, and are out and out for pastors will tell you so. Most don't will Christians – don't misunderstand you have an affinity for it. But you take the average school that you know today, the you will read in the Bible that the men shall revile you." You are in

the average church school - and a How many of them are the power of godliness. A man has to be born again to out with all sorts of compromise.

#### A PRICE TO BE PAID

Now it means something to be

average state institution – or even day is coming when there is to be

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form are Christians." He had been all watch how they live and what they appearance of godliness, without

In the early days, the early judge them from the Bible and would show forth the Christian Christians had no houses in which God's standards, and see how the spirit in this world? Now God's to worship. They worshipped in whole world drifts along, how they crowd is a small crowd. You might the homes and where they could. trample on the Word of God, how as well face it - Jesus said it, but They worshipped in attics, out in they spurn the love of God, how you know, we don't want to the woods, wherever they could they live like the world and most believe that. We've gone out in get together to meet God and They were you boil it down, you have only a majority group of Christians, and persecuted; they suffered. If we very small percentage of the it's all right to get as many people stood today for Jesus Christ like United States that is really saved as possible, but in our effort they stood back in those days, we to appear Christian we have gone might not be killed like they were killed, but we would be persecuted.

#### **FALSE ACCUSATION**

The reason some people are church. A great percentage of the for something. You take on the against us is because we take on We the enemies of Jesus Christ. We members, but what does church celebrate His birthday at Christmas have to. "Blessed are you, when membership mean in America to time, we have a celebration on men shall revile you and persecute the average person? It doesn't Easter, we talk of the holy you, and say all manner of evil mean anything except they just go resurrection day and there is a against you falsely for my sake." along with the crowd. It is just a sort of set-up of the population all Now remember that word "falsely" Take over the world, but when it comes in there. It doesn't say they say your own church - how many right down to the showdown, evil against you, but they say evil people in your church do you you'll find out that only a small "falsely" for my sake - they lie know who are really what you call percentage of your church people about you, they misrepresent you. spiritual people, who stand boldly show any signs of real Christian You can take any man who stands The for Jesus Christ in this world – he be lied Him? You go to counting them up go to prayer meeting – just a little misrepresented. They will say that now in any circle of the world, handful at prayer meeting. They He is jealous; they will say What I am saying to you is that go to church on Sunday mornings something else about him. They folks who are out and out for and stay at home and see the will spend their time doing it. It Jesus Christ represent only a small television or listen to radio on has always been so. Jesus said it percentage of the population of Sunday night. In other words, if would happen to His disciples. America. Remember that. I don't your church is spiritual and you There they were, plain ordinary mean that we have all the are spiritual, you gravitate to it, men He picked up, trained, and sent them out to represent Him. Now go on down the road and And He said, "Blessed are ye when

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#### MORE LETTERS ...

Enjoy reading all the good articles in your paper.

The article by Ron Bean on "Sing with you all. Understanding" I agree much with. Always read with interest "Separation From the World", also "Repentance". It seems there is much accepted as

spiritual and truth today. What does it to you so that we can be uplifted knowing ME

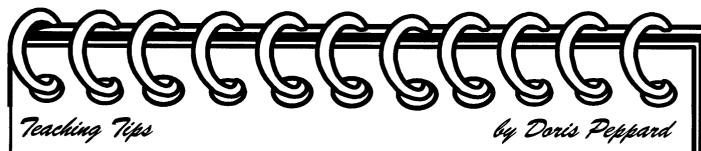


The are very few publications that present God's truth. thank God that someone sent my name

do for our Spiritual life? Keep up the that there are others who still take a stand good work. May God's blessing be upon for God. By reading of others we, too, are encouraged to stand firm. Thank you for your ministry!







#### TEACHING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Teaching children to understand and be aware of Biblical principles is one of the distinctives of Christian education. These Biblical principles are basic, and there can be no truly *Christian* education without these principles. ... Ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God (Heb. 5:12). Many academic subjects must be covered in every grade, but teachers must incorporate these Biblical principles into every course in the curriculum. A teacher must think and plan ahead, as it is imperative to make these principles clear to students with the purpose of their coming to understand the principles and begin to see them for themselves in every subject, in nature, and in daily life.

Teachers should spend time in planning the where, when, and how of presenting principles during their lessons until they become second nature. The principles of individuality, self-government, and Christian character are only a few of these Biblical principles that every student, even the youngest, should be taught.

#### **Individuality**

The secular worldview often confuses the meaning of individuality by talking about self-esteem, self-worth, or how wonderful mankind is. Such talk has nothing to do with individuality. Individuality brings honor and glory to God, the Creator. God made all things with an endless range of diversity for us to enjoy. Every person is unique and created according to God's plan. Christian educators should incorporate this principle in their classrooms. It is very easily taught in science, history, reading, and penmanship. Mathematics is another subject area that displays God's principle of individuality. Try writing the numbers one to ten on top of each other. It looks like quite a mess! None is distinguishable. Now write each number individually. The mess and disorder disappears and each number has individuality and meaning. Even the youngest students can understand this principle.

#### Separation

The above illustration with numbers is especially effective in teaching the principle of Separation, a key rudiment of Christian education and Christian living. From Creation, to the Old Testament Law, to Jesus' warning of the leaven of the Pharisees (Luke 12:1), to Paul's reminder that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," (I Cor. 5:6), the principle of separation is emphasized throughout the Word of God. God wants things kept pure –from children not associating with ill-behaved children, to keeping away from corrupt reading material or other such entertainment, to separating from wrong doctrine. Teach them early!

#### **Self-Government**

Self-government is one of the most important Biblical principles our students need in their lives. One sign of maturity is self-government. How good it is when our students learn to govern themselves and take control of their own actions. Teachers should teach this principle through the classroom setting, procedures, and recess activities. It is important that teachers use every opportunity God gives them to reinforce the reasons for self-government. Children appreciate the results of self-discipline and enjoy the rewards of a well-disciplined classroom. Even Kindergarten children can be taught that every time they line up "decently and in order," they are practicing self-government. When they control their hands and feet at their desks or in line, they are practicing self-government. This principle needs to be encouraged and reinforced throughout each school day.



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many times have we heard despondents remark, "All we can do is pray"? God is looking over this land for fathers and mothers who will "pass between" their children and the prevailing culture of iniquity beyond the confines of prayer. He is searching for pastors who will "pass between" their congregation and the prevailing pressures of compromise. He is looking for a Phinehas, who will take up the cause of the Lord by restraining evil in his generation and interceding by stopping iniquity in its tracks and in turn staying a deadly outcome (Numbers 25:7; Psalm 106:28-31).

Yes, intercession is more than prayer. It is prayer joined with bold resistance to iniquity and fortitude to stand with Christ in our place of service. Our homes, our Christian schools and colleges, our churches, our places of service demand no less from God's remnant in these last days.  $\Omega$ 

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woman who extends herself in service to God and to others. She is a doer, a seeker, a bringer, a riser, a giver, a considerer, a buyer, a planter, a worker, a stretcher, a reacher, a maker, a fearer of God.

No wonder Lemuel's mother exclaims, **Who can find a virtuous woman?** One who extends herself in this manner is indeed a rare jewel of a woman!

Lemuel's mother was such a woman. She knew what made such a woman and set out to describe this woman of virtue in the remainder of the 31st chapter of Proverbs. Mothers best teach their sons how to choose the right woman by being a woman of virtue themselves.

As you study the remainder of this chapter the important thing on which to focus is not the exact description or daily walk of this woman and trying to duplicate her life, but focus on the virtue that this woman displays. Her ways may fall out of fashion, but her virtues are eternal and for all ages.

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the circle; you represent Him. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

Now there is the Son of God that they had taken and crucified. The blood of Jesus was on the hands of the government and on the hands of the people. Jesus had been rejected by the religious leaders, He had been rejected by the masses, now His disciples were taking on His enemies. For a man to stand for Jesus Christ meant that he was condemning the folks that crucified Him. As Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, "Him...ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." wonder they were against Him! They were guilty before God, they had rejected the sinless Son of God, they had tried to get rid of Him, and they couldn't! They nailed Him to a cross, then He was put in the sepulcher and raised from the dead, and the issue was there. They didn't want to face the issue! If they faced the issue it was condemnation to them. Now the world is under condemnation!

#### **BE COUNTED FOR CHRIST**

Do you know what you ought to do? You ought to accept Jesus, you ought to trust Him, you ought to stand for Him. You don't have to hunt persecution, you don't have to go around with a chip on your shoulder, but if you are right with God, you are going to have persecution in this world. "In the world ye shall have tribulation," Jesus said. Now you are going to have it. If you don't talk much, if you just live a good, faithful, uncompromising Christian life, people say, "Well, she's no better than anybody else," or "He's just putting on like that; he wants something." They will lie about you and slander you. Jesus said that would happen. He said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." And He said, "Blessed are you," you disciples sitting here, I am talking to you, "Blessed are you." Now remember, when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake, you ought to rejoice that you are counted worthy to suffer with the Lord Jesus Christ. If you suffer with Him you'll reign with Him!

Jesus Christ is still the rejected One. We use His name, but very few people accept Him

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If you have not received (John 8:36).

Christ, don't delay. Every day 🌣 🗀 They will you put off salvation you are understand life in a whole new scorning and rejecting God's A Old things will pass Son, Who died for you. Every away, and all things will day you put it off you are not right. They will not be bound put it off you are missing out and cramped by sin but will be on the blessings and fellowship free to live for the Lord. What of God, Who created you to is sad is that some, like serve and glorify Him. (Col. Every day you put it others from being saved. If off you may be standing in the Wouldn't that be time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). "If the Bluebird. Consider his ways. free, ye shall be free indeed

#### MY EXAMPLE

If my children follow my example, • what kind of people will they be? Will " become new. They will have seeing life in its true they be faithful or unfaithful? Generous God's strength to help them do perspective. Every day you or stingy? Content or complaining? If every marriage has mine as its o example, will people be happily married? If every church member was just like me, what kind of church would ☆゚ this church be? If every employee was i just like me....I could go on and on, but • the point is "Faith without works is • they would come to the Lord way of a loved one or friend dead." A faith that does not manifest lesus. Christ, others, might soming to the Sanian dead." A faith that does not manifest lesus. Jesus Christ, others might coming to the Savior.  $^{\mbox{\tiny 12}}$  itself in every area of my life is not  $^{\mbox{\tiny 12}}$  follow and also find new life in "Behold, now is the accepted  $^{\mbox{\tiny 12}}$  saving faith! The first thing the Lord  $^{\mbox{\tiny 12}}$ Asia was, "I know Thy works". It is our Think about little Barney Son therefore shall make you have works under prove the really the first indeed. The example we give is what we really are!

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#### Learn By Example

Christian character is often learned by example. Teachers should point out character traits in the men and women about which the class reads or studies in history and science, etc. Character traits such as faithfulness, loyalty, courage, diligence, and industry need to be noted as especially worthy. A teacher might make a "Character Chart." Students then, at any level, could write the names of those they are studying who display such character traits. The world offers young people many so-called heroes and role models, but there are many Godly men and women who have much more to offer. Christian character must be cultivated in our students. Christian publishing houses have various series of books available about Christian men and women. who displayed those character traits we desire our students to emulate. Of course, the teacher himself should be the prime example of Christian character before the students each day. "Words" and mandates won't go far if not backed up by the teacher's own consistent Christian life.

#### **Commitment**

Teaching Biblical principles requires teachers to spend much time in lesson preparation. We should never be satisfied with "just covering the material" but should delve deeper into ways to incorporate principles into every lesson. By repetition, much prayer, and the grace of God, these principles will "stick" in the hearts and minds of students, and they will be richly blessed with a quality Christian education.

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His business. Pray for them, befriend them, and carry them in your heart, but don't insist decisions. upon Genuine, life changing decisions will has done His work.

#### **Just Bump The Tree**

I was born and reared in the South, and I learned very early that our wild persimmons

are very sweet and "Y' 'Tis the Season... good when completely 1 opportunity to plant and ripe, but they are as [ 1 to water, but don't put bitter as quinine and 11 undue pressure upon will pucker your mouth the lost. God will take like a spoonful of alum care of that, as that is if you get one that is even slightly green. learned early to respect ! the persimmon tree. If it has fruit hanging [ from its branches, you [ simply walk up and n slightly bump the tree. take If nothing falls, just place at the proper time, walk on by! The same when the Holy Spirit is true in soul winning. Don't shake the tree; simply bump it. If the fruit is ripe, it will fall \( \) into your hands. If not, [] let the Holy Spirit continue His work.

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#### TAKE YOUR STAND

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because all you know about Him is what the Bible says. The man who doesn't believe in When the issue is clear, and the infallibility of the Scripture cannot They deny His virgin line is drawn, we are going to take stand for Jesus Christ, because birth, His atoning blood, and so His side. We are not going to Jesus Christ is set forth in the many things, and if they don't compromise. We are not going to Scriptures as the infallible Son of deny those things themselves, compromise His Word! We are not God! Now let's turn our lives over

deny them and make friends with We are going to be faithful to Him! (Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, help us Now let's make up our minds, to be faithful. Some of us won't get with them, and make up to them, Some of you have been out of through this year, and Jesus may come and the "friendship of the world," fellowship with Christ. You haven't meet Him in the air. Help us to be been living like you ought to live. faithful and true to Him! May there be Come clean with Him. Step over no compromise and no surrender, but Now, my friends, let's make up on His side and say, "Jesus, I am may we be faithful to the Lord Jesus our minds that we are going to here, give me grace to stand." Christ, let it cost what it may. We pray

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