



# The PROJECTOR

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*“Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day”*

## PRACTICAL SERVANT TRAINING

By  
Dr. Dayton Hobbs

*He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded...So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you (John 13:4,5,12-17).*

It is a sad day in the Visible Church of today, as well as in the world - Servanthood not required; Servanthood not expected; Servanthood not desired! By and large servants are assumed to be weak, unable to make needed decisions, and not desired in the high pressure, full court press atmosphere of the modern evangelical and fundamental church of our time. There is very little opportunity for the servant of Christ to wait before Him for instructions and the leadership of the Spirit in matters, as all of these decisions have been predetermined as part of the overall plan already laid out by the leadership. Every ministry needs planning; however, when there is no opportunity for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in all matters, the ministry ceases to be God’s, but man’s.

### Servant Training Must Begin Early

In this article I am dealing with the Servanthood training of our children. It is not enough to simply say, “I would like for my child to be a servant of Christ;” the desire must be backed by the determination to see it happen. That determination must not decline until the work is completed. The inner desire to have your child grow up to be Christ’s servant is the noblest and highest ambition a parent could possibly have for their child; however, it must be translated into positive action through a Biblical plan designed by the grace and help of God

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## DIVISIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS BAD

by  
A. W. Tozer

When to unite and when to divide, that is the question, and a right answer requires the wisdom of a Solomon.

Some settle the problem by rule of thumb: All union is good and all division bad. It’s that easy. But obviously this effortless way of dealing with the matter ignores the lessons of history and overlooks some of the deep spiritual laws by which men live.

If good men were all for union and bad men for division, or vice versa, that would simplify things for us. Or if it could be shown that God always unites and the devil always divides it would be easy to find our way around in this confused and confusing world. But that is not how things are.

To divide what should be divided and unite what should be united is the part of wisdom. Union of dissimilar elements is never good even where it is possible, nor is the arbitrary division of elements that are alike; and this is as certainly true of things moral and religious as of things political or scientific.

### The First Divider

The first divider was God who at the creation divided the light from the darkness. This division set the direction for all God’s dealings in

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## EDITOR'S DESK

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### THE BANE OF BLOOD RELATIONSHIPS

*And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:25-27).*

*While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matt. 12:46-50).*

Spiritual relationships are far superior to blood relationships and are of an eternal nature. It seems clear that our new bodies will be bloodless, having only flesh and bone. Jesus said concerning His resurrection body, "...handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). John tells us in I John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

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to accomplish such a purpose. Servants are made not born, and being a servant is in direct opposition to the natural nature of the child. The very last thing that a child wants to be is a servant to other children, or adults for that matter.

### Training

Our children will be what we train them to be: selfish and self-centered or generous and caring; proud and ungrateful or humble and thankful; desirous to have their own way or submissive to those in authority over them. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me..." (Matt. 11:29a). Servants are the product of training, not birth. We as parents train most by what we are, not by what we say to our children. Servants tend to produce servants. Obviously, there are no perfect parents and obviously no perfect servants, with the obvious exception of our Lord Jesus Christ; however, our desire to be a servant and to rear servants must come from a heart devoted to Christ. We labor at the process of training servants as if everything depends upon us, knowing, of course, that, in fact, everything depends upon the Lord. The Lord does not endorse laziness or unbelief; He will not do for us what He has given us the authority and power to do.

### Quality

It is the Christian's responsibility to put quality into one's ministry, either as pastor, missionary, teacher, child trainer, parent, or any other area of ministry. God's responsibility has to do with quantity, whereas He has given the responsibility for quality to man. God honors your faith in desiring to put quality into your endeavors for Him. You will have what you will put up with. This is a principle of which every servant of the Lord needs to get hold. If you will put up with sub-standard results, that is all you will ever get. If you set your standards high and will be satisfied only with quality people or superior work, that is what you will get. Quality is our choice; we can have it if we want it. Servants of Christ, spend your time and effort upon quality and let the Lord take care of the size of your ministry. Our responsibility is planting and watering; God's responsibility is increase (I Cor. 3:6).

### Planned Serving

One thing is for sure, we will never accomplish our desire to train our children to be servants if we do not do some planning. Let me list some ideas that should be part of your plan.

1. Make servants your family heroes.
  - A. Read and study Scripture in your

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# GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

By  
**Ludwig Opager**



Luke 14:25-27, **And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

Jesus Christ says in this passage that there must be an allegiance to Him higher than any other allegiance in order for a man to be His disciple. In other words, Jesus Christ requires the undivided attention and loyalty of those who desire to learn from and of Him. Therefore, all other allegiances that place Jesus Christ in a subservient position will cause learning to be hindered or even come to an end completely. He is saying that there are earthly relationships that must be subordinate to the relationship with Him in order for successful discipleship to take place.

This requirement has a certain

militant quality to it. Even the word "disciple" has a militant quality as it involves combat, for being a disciple engages one in warfare with the world, the flesh, and the devil. There is a hardness to the command to place one's family in a subservient position that is also found in the authority exercised by the military.

The word militant according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary, means fighting, combating, serving as a soldier. A quote by a man named Hooker is given in this dictionary definition which reads: "The church militant is the Christian church on earth, which is supposed to be engaged in a constant warfare against its enemies; thus distinguished from the Church Triumphant, or the church in heaven."

According to this, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is His body, is to be engaged in warfare at this time. This is not the time of the Church Triumphant, but the

time of the Church militant. Unfortunately a cursory look at the church today will reveal the recreational church, the play church, the church that is involved in anything but warfare. Christ does not give these instructions to the recreational church but to the Church militant, the Church which must have true disciples in order to be militant.

The requirement that Jesus Christ be first, ahead of all others, reminds me of a requirement that is applied to every Soldier in the Army, every Sailor, Airmen, and Marine that enlists and commits himself to protect this nation.

I remember clearly in the Spring of 1968 being given orders to proceed to the Republic of Vietnam, where this nation was engaged in another very controversial war. Having been in the Navy for seven years and stationed in Virginia, I was comfortably settled with my wife and two small children. The orders I received were concise and to the point and read in typical military fashion as follows. This

**This is not the time of the Church Triumphant but of the Church Militant.**

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## DID YOU MISS IT?

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family devotions that relates to Godly men and women and their deeds, making a special note of their servant qualities: faithfulness, obedience, submission, etc.

B. Emphasize qualities of character rather than talent, intelligence, or appearance: courage in facing difficulties; faith in the face of adversity; obedience to God's Word even when you don't understand the "why's."

C. Read with them the life stories of missionaries or other faithful servants of the Lord. Point out the servant qualities of these great men and/or women as well as their sacrifice for the cause of Christ.

D. Buy good books for your children, books that are Biblical in their approach to right and wrong, good and evil, etc., and encourage them to read them.

2. Teach money as 100% the Lord's. Not just the tithe, but all money must be spent as the Lord directs.

A. Servants must learn to be good stewards of what God has put within their power.

B. Money must be used to glorify the Lord and advance His cause, not ours.

C. Let the children learn to disperse their own money (allowance or earned), being sure that they plan to have something to put in the offering plate every time it passes, even if it is only a penny or so.

3. Limit gifts, especially toys and playthings as the children get older; instead, emphasize their giving and doing things for others: missionaries, the needy, the handicapped, etc.

If, as Christ said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," why not let our children start getting in on these blessings at an early age.

4. Encourage practical jobs or errands for the church or others.

A. Doing jobs or running errands for the elderly. Mow the grass; rake leaves; wash the car; carry in firewood; mail letters; shop for them, etc.

B. Doing things for the sick and shut-ins. Read to them; sit with them to relieve other family members; odd jobs as above, etc.

C. Jobs at church which require voluntary help. Folding bulletins; cleaning; mowing, etc.

D. Jobs to aid missionaries. Cut out flannelgraph figures, etc. to send to them; collect things they may need such as stamps, greeting cards, etc.

E. Jobs that are not required at home. Polish Dad's shoes; help younger ones with homework; fill in when Mom, Dad, or others are ill, etc.

Obviously it takes a lot of time and work on the part of parents to see to it that their children get the servant-training they need while growing up. It is no easy task but one that will pay dividends for eternity both for yourself and your child.

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will be very familiar to those of you who have been in the military, for military orders do not waste words in platitudes. You'll notice that they never ever contain the word "please"!

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Now notice that there was no consultation with my wife concerning these orders. She is not even on the "copy to:" list, nor was there any consideration for my mother's desire for me to not be in harm's way. Don't you think it was thoughtless of the Navy not to ask my wife's permission for me to go to a war zone? Didn't the Navy know that I had two little children that needed their father, especially in their formative years? Didn't my mother have some authority to override such a dangerous order which would put her dear son into a place where men were actually shooting at each other and rockets were being lobbed at his place of abode?

Of course, she did not have any such authority! My wife's opinion nor my mother's opinion did not matter to the Navy, for the Navy owned me and had full authority to tell me to go here or to go there, and the Navy couldn't care less about their opinions. I was in the military, and the military must operate by these stringent policies in order to carry

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# CULTURE WARS

## On CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CAMPUSES

By  
Pastor Tod Brainard

**Courting or  
Confronting  
the Culture?**

I have watched with saddened amusement over the years the decline of strong standards of enrollment, conduct, dress, hair, and overall appearance of students in our homes, our churches, our Christian schools, our Bible Colleges and university campuses. The schools and colleges cannot be blamed for what the home and church has produced. I make no excuses for soft parents and pastors who have neglected to put spiritual pressure on children and young people through strong Bible preaching. As a result of this decline in the home and church, we have an up and coming generation of culturally in-synch kids who love their name brands and their latte's.

Sadly, many Christian schools and colleges have piped the tune of today's culture to appeal to young people in an effort to be "relevant." In the past, **high spiritual standards of matriculation** were found which weeded out the wrong kind of students. In the past, more was expected and required from students who applied. Today, that is not the case.

### Lack of Militancy with the Culture

This step-back from strong standards has been largely due to compromise for fear of being perceived as "extreme" by our culture. In my opinion, **confronting the culture** has been exchanged for **courting the culture**. The danger of this pattern lies in the compounding of error that comes with **religion's**

**approval of secular culture.** Mingled in the culture of all the nations is degeneracy, perversity and corruption of all kinds. Knowing that the Devil operates in the realm of religion, we must ever be vigilant to avoid complicity with the culture of the day to give him advantage.

### Cultural Phenoms Often Get a Pass

The Seattle-based Starbucks company has made its mark in the world by catering to the teen and 20-something generation. It has become a cultural icon in the world of success. A Starbucks coffee shop can be found near or on just about every college campus, including many Christian college and university campuses. Some would say, "What is wrong with that?" **Here is the issue, like it or not, Starbucks is selling a culture along with its coffee.** If you go to Starbucks' web site you will find their mission statement. They list six guiding principles by which they operate.<sup>1</sup> The first principle listed is to *"provide a great work environment and treat each other with respect and dignity."* There is nothing wrong with that. However, the second guiding principle is telling, *"We (Starbucks) embrace diversity as an essential component in the way we do business."* It is naïve to believe that by this statement Starbucks is embracing

Fundamental Christianity. In fact, the opposite is true, they are selling a contemporary culture; the culture of diversity, the culture of business savvy and financial success, the culture of tolerance and acceptance of alternative lifestyles. It is not surprising that Starbucks

promotes a homosexual agenda by supporting "Gay Pride" parades across the nation and printing the statements of homosexual leaders on their coffee cups.

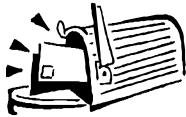
### The Danger of Affinity

**"Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab"** (II Chronicles 18:1). The error of Jehoshaphat, who by the way was a good king, was that he did not maintain a **militant, adversarial position** against the corrupt icon, King Ahab. Rather, we find that Jehoshaphat **"joined affinity"** with Ahab. Affinity is an attraction, a kinship, sympathy marked by common interests. In other words, Jehosaphat **liked** Ahab in spite of his corruption. It does not say that Ahab **"joined affinity"** with Jehoshaphat. This is always the track of compromise. The compromiser always has to give up something. The evil doer never gives up anything. Jehu, the son of Hanani the seer, confronted Jehoshaphat the king in II Chronicles 19:2 when he said, **"Shouldst thou help the**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



My boss, a current subscriber of yours, had a copy of *The Projector* lying on his desk at work. I picked it up and read it. I am so impressed with the publication, I want to start getting a copy myself.

It is hard to find people who speak the truth. I agree with Dr. Dayton Hobbs in his Winter 2006 article titled 'A Fatal Attitude'. He says "Most churches have largely become social and worldly cultural societies dealing with the 'felt needs' of the congregation. Tickling ears and making folks feel good about themselves is what the average church program is all about." KY

Dear Sir:

I am a poor (practically worn out) Veteran in an Army home but I never dreamed of getting again a copy of your Spring paper. And I never dreamed I could get a copy of "Ploughman's Talk". You see that very book was greatly responsible for Ronald Reagan being what he was, a great man. He got to read that book time after time while he was a boy, still in the making. I have wished many times for that book but I am nearing the age of 90 and your fine paper carried my "long looked for" chance. I am of the same people you are, an old timer and am "born again" these many years, thank God. Please change my address as you see it on the envelope....and as soon as humanly possible send me a copy of that famous book.



OK

I just finished reading "The Projector" cover-to-cover. Every article, treatise, sermon, story, etc., was edifying, useful, instructive and meaningful. May our gracious God and Saviour bless you for producing

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out its mission to protect our country. There was a higher calling here than the welfare of my family, for it concerned the welfare of *all* families.

The Apostle Paul knew that the body of Christ was to be a militant body. He knew the Word of the Lord recorded here in Luke 14, and therefore, he was right to instruct Timothy in a way which supported our Lord's instructions.

— II Timothy 2:3-4, — "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

So this is what a disciple is about! He is at war, and being at war he is not allowed to entangle himself in the affairs of this life as other men who are at peace. He is about the pleasing of the Master, who desires that he engage in warfare. He is to be about doing whatever pleases Christ. And Christ is pleased when He is first and His will is first. The Navy was also pleased when I willingly complied with my orders, leaving my young wife and two small children to go half way around the world on behalf of my country.

One thing you soon learn in the military is not to be so entangled that you cannot comply with orders immediately.

Entangle means to involve in anything complicated, anything from which it is difficult to free one's self.

I remember well the strict code that the Marines were bound by in Vietnam. I could go to the base exchange and buy anything I wanted, but the Marines were restricted to personal hygiene items—small items that would not hinder their ability to separate themselves from the affairs of this life. They could not buy a television or large electronic gadgets that would hinder their movements for they were to be efficient fighting machines.

Think about a Marine going to Paris Island for training. Other services have lists of what you should or should not bring with you. The Marines make it simple: Don't bring anything except your important papers and the clothes on

your back, which will be taken from you quickly. Everything you need will be issued to you, and what you need is decided by the Marines. Over-the-counter medication is not allowed in basic training. If any is brought, it will be taken away. All prescription medication will be re-evaluated by a military doctor upon arrival and, if approved by the doctor, will be taken away and re-issued by the military pharmacy. Perhaps all Marine pills are marine green!

During the first day and a half, the recruit will complete paperwork processing, get all of his hair cut off so he does not look like his former self, turn in every single bit of civilian clothing and articles he owns, and be issued initial uniforms and field gear. He will even learn the Marine way of going to the bathroom and taking a shower, for everything is done by the numbers. Line up, march to the shower head, pull the ring and wet your head, soap your head and face thoroughly, rinse, soap your left arm, etc.

You cannot even wear contact lenses during basic training. You also cannot wear your civilian glasses once you have been issued your official government-issue glasses, which are not designed to promote "self esteem."

The new recruit will even be expected to learn a brand new vocabulary. You don't go "upstairs," you go "topside." You don't go downstairs, you go "below." Your bunk becomes a "rack." The latrine is a "head." The floor is a "deck." The walls are "bulkheads." Third-person language is also prescribed. It's not "me," or "I," it's "this recruit." It's not "them," or "us," it's "these recruits," or "those recruits."

The point that I am making by this long description of Marine training is that being a Marine requires a discipline. A man or woman who desires to become a Marine must be a disciple and put themselves completely under those who can bring this transformation about. To be a Marine is to be a distinctive being. Coming out of Paris Island you are different, you are not the same man or woman that went in just thirteen weeks prior.

**Military  
orders never  
say "please"**

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# Proverb Practicals

By Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 20:29, The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

Paul, the Apostle, came to a place in life, by the grace of God, whereby he could say, in all honesty, that he was content in whatsoever state he was. He knew that God was at work in his life and, being dedicated to God, wanted God's will in his life, so therefore, whatever state he was in, he was meant to be in that state by God for it was part of God's work in him. It was needful for him to be in some very difficult situations and experiences so that God's work in him would not be thwarted.

Do you believe that you are where you are because God is working a work in you? Are you willing to let God do His work in you the way He chooses to work? But does that willingness include getting old and grey? Is *this* a state within which I must be content?

This proverb reminds us that God has so made life that every stage or state of life has its honor and privilege. He tells us that there is great benefit in being young, but there is also room for blessings and benefits in old age. He tells us in this proverb that strength is the glory of youth, and the grey head is the magnificent beauty which He has given to old men. Yes, in God's eyes the grey head is beautiful. God finds beauty in things that we many times find distasteful.

Rom. 10:15b - **How beautiful**

**are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

But God expects that the silver crown pictured in this proverb be found in the way of righteousness. God also takes it for granted that the youth in this word picture is consecrated and dedicated to Him. Those are givens. There is no glory when the strength of youth is found in the way of sin, and likewise, there is no beauty in old, grey haired, unrighteous men.

These two thoughts are tied together, because the beauty of the grey head has resulted from the youth who has been dedicated to God. The grey head that is most beautiful came from a strong youth that started serving God early in life. That is God's expectation. That is God's will.

As the Psalmist says:

**Ps. 92:13-14 — Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;**

**Ps. 71:17-18 — O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.**

Every age of man or woman is an age that is planned by God. It is a way that all must travel, and in all of our ways our age must be acknowledged before God so that He will direct our paths as we change from one age to another. He, indeed, wants us to act our age, to accept our age, and use it for His glory. He wants to paint a new picture with you in it as your hair greys. He wants to show you what you can do for Him as you age. There is no time when you become useless to God. He always has a purpose for you regardless of your age. If this is the case, and I believe it to be true, we ought to find out which way God is going with our age and go with Him. We should not fight our age! We should not act like it is not happening. We should not make believe that somehow we will stay strong and young. God is making our hair grey, and He expects us to be content with what He directs in our lives.

As He says in Prov. 16:31—  
**The hoary (grey) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.**

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## John Ploughman's Talk

(C.H. Spurgeon)

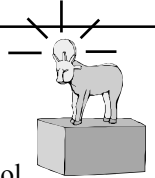
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Yet Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun." The truth is that this is not new, and it is not a phenomenon. It is a twenty-first century form of Israelite idolatry. With Moses in the Mount receiving the Law, the children of Israel threw obedience and faithfulness to God to the wind and demanded gods! At Aaron's behest, the people willingly gave him their precious gold. Under intense heat of fire, he melted down the gold, formed, and fashioned it with a graving tool and

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nature and in grace. Light and darkness are incompatible; to try to have both in the same place at once is to try the impossible and end by having neither the one nor the other, but dimness rather, and obscurity.

In the world of men there are at present scarcely any sharp outlines. The race is fallen. Sin has brought confusion. The wheat grows with the tares, the sheep and the goats coexist, the farms of the just and the unjust lie side by side in the landscape, the mission is next door to the saloon.

But things will not always be so. The hour is coming when the sheep will be divided from the goats and the tares separated from the wheat. God will again divide the light from the darkness and all things will run to their kind. Tares will go into the fire with tares and wheat into the garner with wheat. The dimness will lift like a fog and all outlines will appear. Hell will be seen to be hell all the way through, and heaven revealed as the one home of all who bear the nature of the one God.

For that time we with patience wait. In the meanwhile for each of us, and for the church wherever she appears in human society, the constantly recurring question must be: What shall we unite with and from what shall we separate? The question of coexistence does not enter here, but the question of union and fellowship does. The wheat grows in the same field with the tares, but shall the two cross-pollinate? The sheep graze near the goats, but

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**ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD."**

The error of Jehosaphat was a make-nice, non-combative spirit when he should have been militant. He held with greater esteem a friendly relationship with a corrupt icon. Fellowship with a thrice-holy God became a secondary consideration.

Why can't we as Christians be more discerning? Why do we give the benefit of the doubt to culture rather than to Christ and His Holy Word? Why can't we abstain from all appearance of evil in all its forms?

**Cultural Relevance?**

The Hooters restaurant chain sells a **culture** with its chicken

wings. True, God-fearing believers would never darken the door of a Hooter's restaurant. Why? **Because the culture is corrupt.** Could we rationalize that it is acceptable to offer Hooter's chicken wings in our churches and Christian college campuses because their chicken wings are better than KFC and we want to offer only the best tasting

**Mini-malls with all the flavors and scents of today's culture.**

chicken wings to our people? Surprisingly, this same rationalization is used to support similar actions. Some would argue that Starbucks makes great coffee and coffee is neutral; therefore, there is no problem. However, when we seek to turn our churches and Christian college campuses into mini-malls with all the flavors and scents of the culture of the day, we show to a

dying, sin cursed world that we have moved from Christian militancy to careless mediocrity. The lesson is this: **Taking a stand for Christ and abstaining from the appearance of evil is more needful in the preparation of soldiers for Christ than satisfying the appetites of a generation of non-combatants in a "Christian" setting.**

Meanwhile the culture wars continue or do they? The war seemingly has become but a mere skirmish as many "Christians" bow at the altar of culture. **We desire our young people to stand with Christ against the culture not along side of it.** Ω

1 [www.starbucks.com/aboutus/environment.asp](http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/environment.asp) , You will find the six guiding principles of the Starbucks mission statement at this webpage.





*Teaching Tips*

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## LIKING OR LOATHING MATH

“Mathematics - \math-e-mat-iks\...:the science of numbers and their operation, interrelations, combinations, generalizations and abstractions and of space configurations and their structure, measurement, transformation, and generalizations” (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, 1979).

Whew! Do you mean a Christian teacher has to teach all that to children? Is this a reasonable assignment? If so, where can we possibly begin? What means can we possibly use to be effective in this task?

### **Biblical Methods**

In order to make mathematics understandable, a Christian approach must be utilized. A Christian philosophy of education begins with the premise that God is truth. The Creator has allowed man to learn His truth by observing His creation, studying His Word, learning His principles, and accepting His gift of salvation. Christian education by design must be Christ-centered in practice as well as in philosophy. This truth is clearly evident in teaching methods – especially in that of mathematics. God’s Word instructs, “Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40).

God is not the “author of confusion;” therefore, any math program that violates God’s principles of order must be rejected. Modern Math, the New-New Math, College Prep Math, and Fuzzy Math, etc, are examples of various types of curriculum that confuse students. Christian curricula built on the firm foundation of God’s Word should be the only approach utilized in Christian Education.

### **Step-By-Step Progression**

Some textbook writers, who reject God, are constantly developing math programs with a totally humanistic approach. These mathematicians reject the Lord Jesus Christ as Creator and Redeemer. Their humanistic philosophy and methodology permeate modern mathematics curricula. Battle lines have been formed between conceptual and factual teaching methods. These two methods, however, blend together when you understand that children learn differently as they grow and mature, learning from the simple to the complex. Math instruction in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade should center around drilling the math facts, learning to solve problems involving the facts, and utilizing constant, repetitive practice in solving problems. On the other hand, math instruction in the upper elementary through high school grades must gradually transition students to understand “why” mathematical principles work. A body of “facts” is necessary for conceptual reasoning to be understood and usable.

Young children must have a firm foundation in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Once this factual instruction is learned, the “whys” of math become important. If either facts or concepts are left out of the mix, children will have difficulty understanding math. In fact, young children should enjoy math drills as much as older young people should enjoy working with number problems, balancing equations, and solving geometry problems.

We want our students to appreciate math and math class, not to “loathe” or “hate” it. The teacher’s own attitude is of prime importance in this endeavor. A teacher who “hates” math will likely prompt that attitude in his students, however unintentionally. In this effort, we should teach our students according to their level of development. They cannot accomplish a higher level of math if they have skipped, confused, or misunderstood a preceding step of progression. Teaching children how to think is one of the greatest reasons for teaching math. Instruction flows from the concrete to the abstract as children grow from the grasping of factual data to the understanding of conceptual math. This order of instruction is important, as teaching math concepts before math facts are well mastered is like putting “the cart before the horse” – it doesn’t work well!

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shall they seek to interbreed? The unjust and the just enjoy the same rain and sunshine, but shall they forget their deep moral differences and intermarry?

To these questions the popular answer is yes. Union for union's sake, and men shall brothers be for a' that (sic). Unity is so devoutly to be desired that no price is too high to pay for it and nothing is important enough to keep us apart. Truth is slain to provide a feast to celebrate the marriage of heaven and hell, and all to support a concept of unity which has no basis in the Word of God.

### The Spirit-illuminated Church

The Spirit-illuminated church will have none of this. In a fallen world like ours unity is no treasure to be purchased at the price of compromise. Loyalty to God, faithfulness and truth and the preservation of a good conscience are jewels more precious than gold of Ophir or diamonds from the mine. For these jewels men have suffered the loss of property, imprisonment and even death; for them, even in recent times, behind the various curtains, followers of Christ have paid the last full measure of devotion and

quietly died, unknown to and unsung by the great world, but known to God and dear to His Father heart. In the day that shall declare the secrets of all souls these shall come forth to receive the deeds done in the body.

Surely such as these are wiser philosophers than the religious camp followers of meaningless unity who have not the courage to stand against the vogues and who bleat for brotherhood only because it happens to be for the time popular.

### Wise Sheep

"Divide and conquer" is the cynical slogan of Machiavellian political leaders, but Satan knows how to unite and conquer. To bring a nation to its knees the aspiring dictator must unite it. By repeated appeals to national pride or to the need to avenge some past or

present wrong the demagogue succeeds in uniting the populace behind him. It is easy after that to take control of the military and to beat the legislature into submission. Then follows almost perfect unity indeed, but it is the unity of the stockyards and the concentration camp. We

have seen this happen several times in this century, and the world will see it at least once more when the nations of the earth are united under Antichrist.

When confused sheep start over a cliff the individual sheep can save himself only by separating from the flock. Perfect unity at such a time can only mean total destruction for all. The wise sheep to save his own hide disaffiliates.

Power lies in the union of things similar and the division of things dissimilar. Maybe what we need in religious circles today is not more union but some wise and courageous division. Everyone desires peace but it could be that revival will follow the sword.

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presented them with a golden calf. Lifted up and glistening in the sun, this golden idol became the object of their worship. Aaron introduced the dazzling image with blasphemous words— "This be our god that brought us out of Egypt..."

They bowed again and again, lifted their arms and swayed before the image, shouted, sang, and danced with such fervor that their worship became a heated frenzy. They lost all inhibitions and all reserve and modesty. They threw off their clothes, drank, and danced until their idol worship became a high pitched orgy .

Does that not describe the current rock star concerts and the demonic effect on those who give themselves to the music and thick atmosphere of darkness and constantly changing psychedelic lights? Parents give their most precious possessions, their children, over to producers and "handlers" who will "melt down, mold, hew, chisel, and form" them into mock-ups of their idols, and they will at last reap the judgment of God, just as did the children of Israel.

In the vacuum created by those who would ban the Bible and truth from schools, homes, and government, American young people are making their own idols and objects of worship, and who knows when the plague of God's wrath will fall?

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### Individual Needs

Consider some students, who are gifted by God in critical mathematical thinking. These boys and girls must be taught that their "gift" must be disciplined, honed into precision, and used to bring glory to God. They need to read and study the lives and contributions of men such as Johannes Kepler, Isaac Newton, and others who dedicated their talents to accomplish great feats in the areas of math and science. We must also consider those students who are less gifted, helping them understand that God has given them the ability

to work hard at self-discipline, that the study of mathematics is, in itself, a discipline of the mind to help them think God's thoughts after Him. Math begins and ends with God. The Scripture says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God" (James 1:5a). A Biblical approach in teaching mathematics allows students to understand and apply math as they seek to grow in greater understanding of their Creator. May we, as Christian teachers, earnestly seek God's wisdom in leading our students into truth and helping them appreciate God's principles of order and design.

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# Stars of the Morning

## BE KIND

by

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Holly was busily washing the dishes. Sometimes she dreaded it when Mom said, "All right, clear the table and do the dishes." It was not her favorite job, but on the other hand it was part of "being family," and that was very good! Her work was going well until Cozy, the cat, went streaking through the kitchen with little Della giggling in pursuit as fast as toddler legs could go. When Holly heard a loud, "Meeouw!" she threw down her tea towel and ran to the rescue.

Catching little Della in her arms she cried, "No, no, Baby! You mustn't pull kitty's tail! No! No! You mustn't chase the kitty! You must be *kind* to the kitty!"

It was doubtful that the child understood what "*be kind*" meant, but she would have to learn! Della toddled back to the kitchen with Holly, but Holly was quite aware that she must keep her eye on the baby when Cozy was around until Della learned to take care of the cat and be kind and loving to her. As much as Holly loved Cozy, it was hard to understand how Della could mistreat her, but she remembered Mother's words that bad ways come naturally to little ones but good ways have to be taught! Holly could clearly see that!

It was that way at school sometimes. Little Joe Green was about eight years old, but he was a little bit handicapped so sometimes did not act like eight. He had a hard time learning, and sometimes some of the kids took advantage of

him. Sometimes they taunted and made fun of him. "Slow Joe!" they shouted. "Stumble, bumble Joe!" "Slow Joe, ho, ho, ho!" Of course, they didn't do it when the teacher was around. Obviously, they knew it was wrong but persisted in their meanness. Holly thought it would have served them right if Joe had suddenly turned into "Mean Joe Green" and lashed out at them, but he never did. You could plainly see the "hurt" in his eyes, but he never responded. He was defenseless, and the boys just mocked all the more.

**"Get away, girl, before we beat you up!"**

One day it happened again. Holly stepped in. "You guys are cruel! Leave Joe alone!" she demanded. "He hasn't done anything to you!"

"Well, get a look at our new police officer, boys!" Big Frank mocked. Then to Holly he snapped, "Get away, girl, before we beat you up! You're not our boss!" But Holly was sick of Joe being mistreated. She had to step in, and she had to let the teacher know! Her friends and her teacher were proud of her, but it wasn't easy to take the taunts and jibes the ruffians threw at her after that. Her Mother had taught her about the "milk of human kindness," and she had read in the Bible about "brotherly kindness," but there surely wasn't much of either one at school.

Although Holly had to study hard, she tried to make good grades in school. Most of the time she was

faithful in her work and responsibilities at home. She was no goody-two-shoes, but when she let down or didn't do right, her conscience and heart hurt until she made it right. She was well taught in "Be sure your sins will find you out" and "You can't sin and get away with it."

One afternoon the taunting against Joey started again on the playground. Holly and a couple of her friends walked slowly toward the scuffle. Big Frank smarted, "Oh, look out, boys! Here comes Miss holy Holly, the great protectorate. I suppose she's going to try to protect Slow Joe again. Holy Holly! Here she comes!"

At that instant, right out of the blue, a stray baseball from the nearby ball diamond came flying through the air like a bullet. Some of the boys saw it coming, jumped away and hollered to warn Big Frank, but their shouts were too late. The ball came like a guided missile and struck Big Frank on the side of the head! It was a direct hit on his left temple. Frank fell like a limp rag to the ground. The boys were stunned. The children were frightened. The first to move was Holly. Running to Frank and kneeling beside him, she called, "Frank! Frank! Are you all right?" Frank gave a low moan but no other response.

Holly spoke to him quietly, "Lie still Frank. Don't move!" Then turning to the others she cried, "Go get the teacher! Hurry! Run!"

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So, too, Jesus Christ desires to make distinctive men and women out of those who have come to Him after being born again. He brings this truth to us by teaching about salt.

Luke 14:34,35 — "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus is teaching by this salt analogy that the effectiveness of His disciples will not be because of their large numbers, but by their distinctiveness. Recipes call for cups of sugar but only pinches of salt, because salt has a very distinctive flavor and large quantities are not required nor desired. Take away salt's distinctness, and it becomes worthless. You cannot make up for its lack of saltiness by increasing the quantity of salt, nor do great quantities of unsalty Christians have any value. In fact, they are detrimental. Salt is only useful when it has the nature of salt. A Christian is only useful when he has the nature of Christ.

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The impact of disciples will not be found in their numbers but in their distinctness from the world. There will be no notice by the world of great numbers of people who look and act like the world, but

there will be notice of that small group of true disciples who exhibit Christ to the world by yielding themselves to Him to be conformed to His image.

Prophets were not sent en-masse, but one at a time, distinctively prepared by God to preach repentance. They were totally dependent upon God and relied upon His power to do His work. Jesus Christ is looking for men and women who will totally rely upon Him to do His work. This will result in a distinctive messenger, one who is prepared by God and not by himself. Self-made men or women need not apply!

Christ then ends this passage by words which are again designed to separate: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

He only desires disciples who will hear Him, which means those who will first trust Him and then obey Him. He is not looking for people who are smart, for Christ is smart. He is not looking for talented people, for Christ is talented. He is not looking for the powerful for Christ is powerful. He is simply looking for those who will be dependent upon Him and be faithful to Him above all others. Ω

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**No Blood Relationship in Heaven**

I don't know about you, but this to me is a glorious thought. There is no question that we will know our loved ones, but I believe there will be no special feeling for them beyond what we feel for all our brothers and sisters in glory.

**Blood Ties**

Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, for many years in charge of the preacher boys at Bob Jones University and the right hand man of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., said that small country churches were the graveyards for many a young preacher who mistakenly chose to pastor one of these churches at the beginning of his ministry, supposing that the problems in these churches

would be small, giving the young preacher some needed experience before moving on to larger and more difficult congregations. The problem, however, Dr. Stenholm pointed out, was that a large per cent of these "small country churches" were controlled by one or two families, who were blood related and an almost impossible fortification to penetrate. He said that many a young preacher left the ministry having been discouraged at his inability to get past the blood-kin relationships in order to have a spiritual ministry in that community.

**Blood Relations and Problems in the Scriptures**

The Scriptures are not immune to the problem either. The fact that John Mark was related to Barnabas seems to have been the cause of his split with Paul. Later, Paul had use for John Mark in his

ministry.

The fact that James was the Lord's half-brother probably aided him in his fast rise to Pastor of the Church in Jerusalem. It also gave Peter the jitters when "certain came from James," (Gal. 2:12) and Peter did not desire to be caught eating with Gentiles. Paul rebuked him for his error. It is interesting to me that James, the Lord's half-brother, wielded such influence in the early Church when he was still an unbeliever late in Jesus' ministry. His blood relationship to Jesus must have been a contributing influence to his rise.

It is a blessing to have good family relationships in this life, especially if they "be in the faith;" however, we should never allow these blood ties to interfere with doing the will of God or standing right according to the Word of God!

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