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THE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION: Its Trail Through the Scriptures

Part II

by

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Failure in the area of separation always leads to apostasy, be it a denomination, a para-church organization, an individual church or an individual. The primary purpose of separation is to maintain the purity of the people of God. God is separate from all evil and if we are to walk in fellowship with Him we are to be holy, that is, separated from all sins of the flesh and spirit.

II Cor. 6:16-7:1— *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

Ephesians 5:11— *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

Ezekiel 44:23— *And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

Leviticus 10:10— *And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;*

Dr. H. A. Ironsides wrote a personal letter to P. J. Loizeaux (Lou-zow), a portion of which is included in his "Introduction Notes to Nehemiah." He makes a strong case for separation in practice for the maintaining of the truth we still have.

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Feeding Sheep or Amusing Goats?



by

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence, that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it during the past few years. It has developed at an abnormal rate, even for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them.

From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Christ speak of it? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). That is clear enough. So it would have been if He had added, "and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel." No such words, however, are found. It did not seem to occur to him.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Planting, Watering, Increasing

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (1 Cor. 3: 6,7).

This verse ought to be carefully observed by all those who purport to be involved in the ministry of evangelism. In this divine formula, there are planters, those who sow the seed, then there are the waterers, those who encourage the seed by supplying the water necessary to cause the seed to germinate. Then there is the INCREASER, the ONE and the only ONE that can give the increase. The planter may water or the waterer may plant, but neither the planter nor the waterer can give the increase.

In today's great scheme of soulwinning something is dreadfully wrong. There are great numbers of individuals professing faith in Christ, who reveal little or no evidence of having increased, that is become a genuine believer. There obviously has been a lot of planting and perhaps an equal amount of watering, but very little evidence of increasing. Could it be that the planters and the waterers have presumed to become increasers? I'm convinced that the increase given by the only Increaser is always permanent and will stand the test of time.

It is not the planter or the waterer's responsibility to be concerned about how often the Increaser increases, when He increases, where He increases, or even if He increases. You see, soulwinning is really God's business, not ours. He is much more concerned about the lost than high pressured men who are often more interested in filling their pews than the lost escaping hell fire.

The Scripture lays out our responsibilities so very clearly; therefore, let us get about the business of planting the seed of the Word of God and watering at every opportunity with concern, yes, even with our tears. We can be sure of the increase in God's own time. Ω

Biblical Culture Vs. Satan Culture

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs
Part II

The Basics of Biblical Culture

Culture is a word whose definition has changed tremendously in the last hundred years or so. It originally had to do with the soil and its cultivation, production, development and improvements as to particular plants and animal cells. Today many colleges have a course of study called Cultural Anthropology.

Modern Definition of Culture

Webster's New World Dictionary: "Development, improvement or refinement of the intellect, emotions, interests, manners and taste." "The ideas, customs, skills, arts, etc. of a people or group, that are transferred, communicated, or passed along as ...to succeeding generations."

The Effects of Culture

Our culture pervades every area of our lives. It affects us as well as our children, often in areas and ways of which we are not aware. Most everything in our modern culture has been corrupted by modern man in his desire to fulfill "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16). A child left to himself in this culture will take on the attitude, the appearance, and the values of our decadent society. We, who are responsible for the training of children, will need to see the Lord do a supernatural work in hearts if we are to, by the grace of God, "save some."

Reversing the Old Cultural Trends

There are some things that can be eliminated right away that will help us get started. The most damaging influence to our children without a doubt is the TV. I believe every program sends a destructive message. Many are very subtle, yet many are very open with destructive tendencies. Control of what your children see is offered as an answer by some; however, I'm not sure there is anything a child should see; the best answer so far as our children are concerned is to remove the TV.

Once our children get older (pre-teen and above) it is impossible to keep them innocent of all the trends, fads, language, music, etc. that are everywhere prevalent in the media of our rotten world. Intensive teaching by parents in the early years is about the only hedge against the onslaught of our present culture's wicked and persistent attack against our youth.

Building Counter-Culture Barriers

There are things we as parents or teachers can do for our children in our battle against the corrupting influence of today's culture. We cannot wait for our children to be affected by these harmful practices; we must begin early in the child's life if we are to be effective. Let me mention a few of the practices we might employ.

Prayer

This may seem to be something that we automatically do; however, I am speaking of something a little more definitive; something a little more specific. Be precise, not general, with God. Continue all your child's life with specific prayer that your child will be a servant of God. Wrestle with God about

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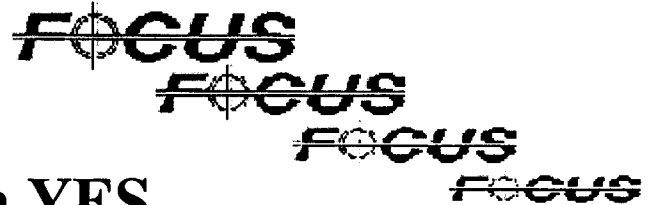
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FOCUS ON RELIGION



Generation YES

By Tod Brainard

Challenging conventional attitudes is no easy task. We live in remarkable times. There is a striking attitude that prevails in this generation, one that is socially accepted and promoted. It is an unwillingness to say the word "NO" for fear of offending someone. We refuse to say "NO" to our children. We say "YES" to those who ask of us favors that we may not be able to fulfill. We affirm proponents of questionable methods and practices within the church for fear of being labeled a "trouble maker." "YES" is the word of the hour.

Dr. David Utter, missionary to the Marshall Islands, indicates this very problem on the mission field. He writes, *"There is a tendency to want to please the speaker. Through some language notes we acquired early in our time here, we discovered that the people are hesitant to say 'no' to direct questions. Kindness and pleasing the speaker are greater virtues than truthfulness in this culture."*¹ It is my contention that this same phenomenon is a growing cultural norm here in America and within religious circles.

Saying "YES" when we ought to say "NO" is not a new problem. The Scriptures are full of illustrations of those who responded wrongly. Christ gave us the admonition in Matthew 5:37, *"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."* In other words, anything beyond truthful communication of a "YES" or "NO" at the proper moment in time may lead to an evil outcome.

Think about the following questions.

1. Are you willing to go against "the crowd" and say "NO" - especially when "the crowd" is a "Fundamentalist" group?
2. Have you uttered a "YES" in order to receive some compensation or

recognition from compromising church groups, college institutions, or well-off friends?

3. Do you seek the approval of your children or peers over that of the Lord?
4. Do you find yourself answering "YES" to your children's selfish requests even when you know it will probably hurt them in the long run?
5. Do you find yourself thinking first the affirmative more often than thinking first the negative?
6. Do you show positive partiality and favoritism to those who are part of the association or fellowship even though they may be flirting with dangerous and destructive teachings contrary to God's Word?
7. Do you regard Separation from disobedient brethren as unloving and counterproductive?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions then you, like most of us, need to examine your heart before God and note the following example in Scripture.

Aaron, the YES Man

Exodus 32: 1-28

To set the stage, the book of Exodus records an event, which is significant for the whole future history of God's chosen people and for us as Christians. It illustrates our proneness to weakness and failure in the face of what seems to be overwhelming odds. This incident took place in the wilderness of Sinai at Rephidim. At Sinai, Israel had entered into a solemn covenant with Jehovah to be His peculiar people and had heard His voice declare the Ten Commandments. Apparently they had nothing to complain about but the fact that Moses had been away for nearly six weeks.

Aaron, the high priest, was in the place of leadership while Moses was in the mount. In this brief interval of time, they sinned grievously against the God they had just promised to obey and broke the law which He had given them.

Approachable by Wrong Doers

Aaron was confronted with a question that had far-reaching consequences. "Up, make us gods, which shall go before us..." Aaron was a good man with a colossal weakness. He responded affirmatively to an evil request when he should have said a resounding "NO". Just think of what could have been avoided if Aaron had not responded affirmatively. In the local church ministry, a pastor can often avoid great problems if he learns the value of saying "NO" at the right time. Consider the following:

Ministry is maintained when the word "No" is used - Compromise avoided.

Purity is maintained when the word "No" is used - Defilement avoided.

Purpose is maintained when the word "No" is used - Detours avoided.

Health is maintained when the word "No" is used - Gluttony and physical problems avoided.

Security is maintained when the word "No" is used - Carelessness avoided

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the child of God is to raise the standard of the Word of God. Sadly, Aaron lifted up a "For Sale" sign. Recently a television documentary highlighted the Tsunamis of the Pacific Rim. Tsunamis result from the earth under the sea shifting upward causing a low but broad wave that may span 40 miles, as opposed to wind waves that may span 20 to 40 feet. The tsunami is

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basically unnoticeable until it approaches land. As the depths grow more shallow the wave grows to heights of 40 to 100 feet in the air causing great destruction. Aaron, the high priest of Israel, was responsible for a sin tsunami formed that day in Rephidim that had wide-ranging repercussions, all because he said "YES" when he should have said "NO".

I read recently of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.'s educational philosophy. One of the things that Dr. Bob, Sr. emphasized while he was alive was that the college he founded was to be more loyal to principle than to people.² That is a Biblical position that will keep you out of trouble. Aaron violated God's Word declared in Deuteronomy 13: 6-11, *"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou has not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD Thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you."*

Aaron sent out unmistakable vibrations. Aaron was approachable to wrongdoers and willing to give a "YES" to their demands. Distinct signals are sent out by those who display loyalty to people over loyalty to principle. Aaron was a **loyal people person**, not a **loyal principled person**. Aaron, who was the first one responsible to take care of the idolaters, sanctioned their wickedness and sexual deviancy by granting approval. All of us in varying degrees have an innate ability to detect the quality of another person's character. These Israelite people knew Aaron to be weak in this area.

Moses, in stark contrast to Aaron, had a strong, uplifting, authoritative, sin-restraining air about him. He was a strong, separated man. I do not think that the people of Israel would have ever approached Moses to ask him to "Up make us gods". Are you approachable to those who want to do wrong? Then you most certainly are a member of the YES generation. What kind of signals are you sending out? **It is my contention that we are spending too much time developing people persons in our churches, Christian Schools and Bible colleges, and not enough time developing principled persons. Allegiance to Scripture is absolutely necessary, not allegiance to people.**

In my opinion Aaron resented strong authority. Remember the incident with Miriam and Aaron against Moses in Numbers 12:2: *"Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it."* The result was not power-sharing, but judgment.

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A FRIGHTENING FACT ABOUT SIN

It might seem natural to suppose that every time a man sins, he would know a little more about sin, its nature and its methods. Actually the exact reverse is true. Every time he sins, he is making himself less capable of realizing what sin is, less likely to recognize that he is a sinner; for the ugly thing (and this, I feel sure, has never been sufficiently grasped), the really diabolical thing about sin is that it perverts a man's judgment. It stops him from seeing straight.

—Dr. James S. Stewart



Proverb Practical

By Ludwig Opager

Prov. 3:27,28 - *Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.*

Son, be not afraid of parting with that which has become the property of another. It is not right to hold on to that which now should go to another. God loves justice and His children are also to love justice. Justice is executed when good is transferred to whom it is due and not withheld, for God has given into your hand the ability to transfer good to the one to whom it is due. Justice delayed is injustice!

Why would a person withhold good from another person when God has given him the resources to do good for that person? If we defer payment, we are guilty of injustice, for a man has the same right to this good today as he will tomorrow. This is not a matter of charity or gift giving. This is not a matter of giving without commensurate service rendered. This is a matter of good due to another and not delivered when it is within your power to do it. This is holding on to something of which you are no longer the steward. God is now giving that something to another steward because that person has earned that right. Now you are in the way of God's will if you withhold that good!

Perhaps this holding on to occurs due to the desire to continue to hold power, or it could be just the fruit of selfishness. It certainly is faithlessness, for that which is withheld, as everything one has, belongs to God and now should be given to another. Telling someone to go and come again may be a cover for selfishness and dishonesty. There may be a secret hope that the matter will be forgotten, dropped, or taken up by some other person. Maybe someone else will solve the problem; someone else will pay. But we are the one with the solution, we have the money or the goods, we can solve the problem, but this particular time does not suit our convenience. Therefore, in order to suit our convenience we make it inconvenient for another.

What is in our power today may not be in our power tomorrow, so we ought not delay in rendering what is due. Christians should not withhold payment of a debt in order to get a few more cents interest on their account. If the debt is owed and you have the money, pay the debt promptly.

This dishonesty of withholding good when we have the power to do it comes in many forms. One form of

this dishonesty is borrowing without repayment. God calls those who do this, wicked, as we see in Psalm 37:21, **The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.**

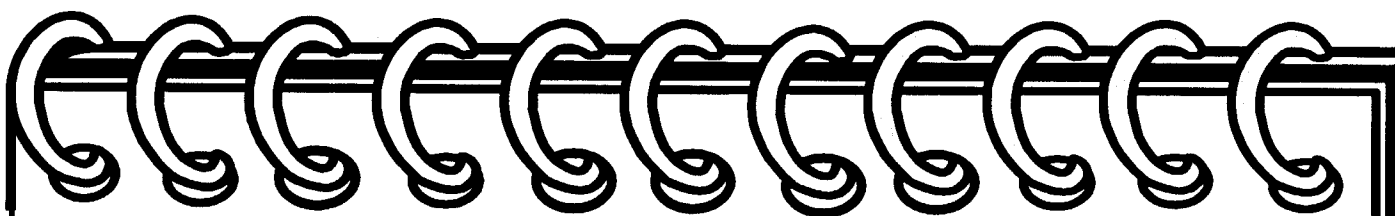
This includes borrowing "little things" like tools that sit in the garage until you're good and ready to return them. Books are another. Aren't you finished with the book? Don't you have it in your power to return it?

Another form is in evading taxes. Jesus paid taxes even when He did not have to. It was in His power to pay the tax and He said we are not to offend the authorities. He was careful not to offend in areas where there was lawful authority. What a lesson for some Christians who think they are outside the authority and rebelling against the tax and offending the authorities at every opportunity. Jesus Christ demonstrated that we are to make sure we do not offend those that God has rightfully placed over us. God honors authority, and that includes those who have authority to collect taxes.

A third form of this dishonesty is keeping back the laborer's hire. Lev. 19:13 — "Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning."

If you intend to pay for services rendered another day be sure that understanding is clear when the contract is made. If you hire a young person to do yard work, pay him when the work is finished unless otherwise agreed. Don't make him or her come back if it is in your power to pay the wage. If we pay him or her speedily we give twice, for we keep the laborer from worry and concern about not being paid. We pay in money, and we pay in peace of mind. If, however, we pay reluctantly, in effect we pay less than what is coming, for we certainly will hinder the gratitude of the laborer. We may even contribute to ingratitude.

Is not Jer. 22:13 clear? "Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work."



Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

PUZZLE POWER

Puzzles are good recreation for the mind. Creators of puzzles find great delight in devising "problems" for the sole purpose of challenging others to solve them. Puzzles appeal to both children and adults because they challenge our aptitude, curiosity, patience, and skill. Puzzles vary in content, type, and difficulty and may involve words, pictures, mathematics, and reasoning. These teach valuable skills and should be incorporated from time to time in the classroom. It may sometimes be difficult to tell where the amusement ends and the serious work begins, but children enjoy the challenge if they understand how or by what method to solve them.

Riddles are an appealing type of puzzle. Most children begin to understand these by the time they enter elementary school. Although many children's riddles are entirely for fun or jokes, many riddles are good exercise for the mind and expand thinking skills and imagination. Riddles are found in Scripture. Samson's is a favorite (Judges 14: 12-14). Even young children see how Samson used the riddle to try to trick the Philistines. (They also learn his weakness and sin in keeping bad, worldly company.)

Another riddle example: "What walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon, and three in the afternoon?" Why, man, of course! As a baby, man crawls on all "fours;" as a young person, man walks upright on "two legs;" and as an old man, he uses a cane and, therefore, walks on "three legs." If a young child does not understand the riddle, the teacher may help by explaining the solution. Understanding often comes as a youngster matures, and there is no substitute for maturity!

Picture puzzles are great for the very young. Toddlers love fitting a round peg into a round hole. The bright colors, large shapes, and pretty pictures attract pre-schoolers to work with puzzles. Teachers must provide ample opportunity for children to learn to put puzzles together. The eye-hand coordination as well as color matching and spatial reasoning are all important parts of development. As children progress through elementary, junior high, and high school, puzzles must become progressively difficult. Have you ever tried a three-dimensional puzzle? All the skills listed above continue to grow as students solve these puzzles.

Dot-to-dot, mazes, coloring, and fill-in-missing-part puzzles are good for elementary students. These puzzles intrigue students to develop a sharp eye, look for the "whole picture," and think ahead. They are good skill builders and fun for your students.

Word puzzles may require more teaching on your part. They start simply with matching synonyms and antonyms and progress to challenge even high schoolers to think with analogies. This type of puzzle may even be challenging for teachers, so we must sharpen our skills as well. Second graders are challenged to unscramble words. As they become proficient in phonics, we give them words that do not make sense. Students then learn to rearrange letters to make the words sensible again.

Crossword puzzles are wonderful skill builders. Children in fifth grade and up can learn how to solve these puzzles and enjoy doing it.

Math puzzles begin with patterning: ____, ____, ____, 20, 25, 30, ____, ____, ____. They progress rapidly into more difficult patterning. Algebra is a type of math puzzle. The student learns the rules: what you do to one side of the equation, you must also do to the other side. Then they begin to solve the equations. The "Distance equals Rate times Time" problems are "fun" to solve only if students understand the problem. The puzzled looks on many faces will require the teacher to help them "see" the problem: "The sports car was twice as fast as the truck and took three hours less to make the trip. If the truck traveled 50 miles per hour, how long was the trip?" Now, doesn't that "puzzle" sound like fun?

The urge to solve a puzzle is evident in young and old and has universal appeal. When we discover or identify a student who does not enjoy puzzle solving, we should try to determine the reason. He may not really understand the concept. That gives us the opportunity to help him gain understanding in vital skills. Those students who show aptitude in solving puzzles need to be rewarded and challenged to advance to more difficult puzzles. Deductive reasoning is also a skill that is necessary to teach. Examples are found in logic and mathematical problems. All of our students need to learn how to take a premise and follow through to the logical conclusion. This will help them understand many Biblical principles and other principles by which they need to learn to live.



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"By some an attempt is being made to pull down the barriers of truth and make us give up what we have. If the younger men among us, who are soon to take the lead, if the Lord tarry yet a while, are not true in practice to the truth, not only of the gospel but also of the Church of God, the truth itself will slip away from them. As I see the developments all around, I burn with jealousy for the truth we have.

It makes us, in its practice, a people rejected by all, but who have the bread that all need. If we keep separated from every movement that leaves out what hurts in the truth; if we just live out in practice what the truth is, we will remain no doubt a small, unpopular people, but we will be to the end God's vessel of truth to His whole church on earth; and that will be ten thousand times better throughout eternity than to have been on popular lines for greater access to men. Our assemblies, if kept true, are little fortresses for the defense and sallying out of truth. Let us build them up strong, solid and faithful..."

This was written by Dr. Ironsides some 85 or 90 years ago. What would he say today do you suppose? Oh, that we had some of those strong soldiers for the Lord today.

Dr. C. H. Mackintosh, who lived in the middle 1800's, is well known for his work: Genesis to Deuteronomy: Notes on the Pentateuch. In his comments on Genesis 6:1,2 concerning the intermingling of that which is holy with that which is unholy he first gives the text (Gen. 6:1,2) followed by his comments. (Underlining mine).

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters

of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose (Genesis 6:1, 2).

The mingling of that which is of God with that which is of man is a special form of evil and a very effectual engine in Satan's hand for marring the testimony of Christ on the earth. This mingling may frequently wear the appearance of something very desirable; it may often look like a wider promulgation of that which is of God — a fuller and a more vigorous outgoing of a divine influence — a something to be rejoiced in rather than to be deplored; but our judgment as to this will depend entirely upon the point of view from which we contemplate it. If we look at it in the light of God's presence, we cannot possibly imagine that an advantage is gained when the people of God mingle themselves with the children of this world, or when the truth of God is corrupted by human admixture. Such is not the divine method of promulgating truth or of advancing the interests of those who ought to occupy the place of witnesses for Him on the earth. Separation from all evil is God's principle; and this principle can never be infringed without serious damage to the truth.

In the narrative now before us, we see that the union of the sons of God with the daughters of men led to the most disastrous consequences. True, the fruit of that union seemed exceedingly fair, in man's judgment, as we read, "The same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown;" yet God's judgment was quite different. He seeth

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Then again, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers..., for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12). Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? "Ye are the salt" (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candy - - something the world will spit out, not swallow. Short and sharp was the utterance, "Let the dead bury their dead" (Matt. 8:22). He was in awful earnestness.

Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into his mission, he would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear him say, "Run after these people Peter and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick Peter, we must get the people somehow." Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them.

In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of this gospel of amusement! Their message is, "Come out, keep out, keep clean out!" Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting but they did not pray, "Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are." If they ceased not from preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her, and bring us back to apostolic methods.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God's link in the chain of the conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-92) was England's best-known preacher for most of the second half of the nineteenth century. In 1854, just four years after his conversion, Spurgeon, then only 20, became pastor of London's famed New Park Street Church (formerly pastored by the famous Baptist theologian John Gill). The congregation quickly outgrew their building, moved to Exeter Hall, then to Surrey Music Hall. In these venues Spurgeon frequently preached to audiences numbering more than 10,000—all in the days before electronic amplification. In 1861 the congregation moved permanently to the newly constructed Metropolitan Tabernacle.

Spurgeon's printed works are voluminous, including his magnum opus, *The Treasury of David*. Nearly all of Spurgeon's printed works are still in print and available from **Pilgrim Publications**, PO Box 66, Pasadena, TX 77501

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your child's soul. Don't take "No" as a possibility. Keep your child constantly before the Lord. God will be pleased by your determination and persistency.

Identify Quality

Identify regularly quality in every area of life. Don't be afraid to identify lack of quality in music, literature, art, entertainment, clothes, styles, and friends—yes, Friends. It is most important for your child to have quality Christian friends. As a matter of fact this is essential. Our children probably pick up influences that are detrimental from associates more than from any other source.

Maintain Quality

Once you have identified quality, maintain quality; that is, keep quality before them in all their decisions. With time quality will be their choice, but it will take years of faithful watch care and teaching to have this come to pass. Reject fads and worldly styles; develop a taste for quality. I am not speaking of a taste for expensive things, as expensive things are often lacking in quality. It is my belief that developing a taste for quality in every area of life is one of the most important things you can do for your child. It was my mother's belief that it was better to have one pair of shoes with leather soles than to have two pair with paper soles.

Set a Quiet Environment

The environment created by our present culture of wild music, violent movies, bloodthirsty screams in outrageous advertisements as well as the soft rock accompanying so many of the children's comics, is not conducive to good study habits, let alone the damage it does to our children's character. Words that should describe the home environment are *peaceful, relaxed, stable, and secure*. This should be the norm during times set aside for study and/or reading. Depending upon the number and age of the children other times will certainly be more rambunctious; however, we must recognize how important a secure and stable home atmosphere is to the child. Our home ought at all times to be the very opposite of the home where Christ is not given first place. Growing up having good music and good reading material available and receiving much encouragement from the parents in both will be of great benefit when the child reaches the teen years.

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not as man seeth. His thoughts are not as ours. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Such was man's condition before God — "evil only" — "evil continually." So much for the mingling of the holy with the profane. Thus it must ever be. If the holy seed will not maintain its purity, all must be forfeited, as regards testimony on the earth. Satan's first effort was to frustrate God's purpose by putting the holy seed to death; and when that failed, he sought to gain his end by corrupting it.

Now, it is of the deepest moment that my reader should clearly understand the aim, the character, and the result of this union between "the sons of God" and "the daughters of men." There is great danger, at the present day, of compromising truth for the sake of union. This should be carefully guarded against. There can be no true union attained at the expense of truth. The true Christian's motto should ever be, "Maintain truth at all cost; if union can be promoted in this way, so much the better, but maintain the truth." The principle of expediency, on the contrary, may be thus enunciated: "Promote union at all cost; if truth can be maintained as well, so much the better, but promote union." This latter principle can only be carried out at the expense of all that is divine in the way of testimony. (NOTE: We should ever bear in mind, that "the wisdom which is from above is first pure then peaceable" (James 3:17). The wisdom which is from beneath would put "peaceable" first, and, therefore, it can never be pure.) There can, evidently, be no true testimony where truth is forfeited; and hence, in the case of the antediluvian world, we see that the unhallowed union between the holy and the profane—between that which was divine and that which was human,— only had the effect of bringing the evil to a head, and then God's judgment was poured out."¹

Deadly Compromise

Compromise is an insidious, persistent, ever encroaching enemy that we must always reject even if not done as tactfully as we might like. I have made it a practice for many years that when I find myself in the company of a group of men, usually preachers, with many I do not personally know, or do not have knowledge of their position on fundamental issues, in order to set the record

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Miriam was stricken with leprosy, and Aaron died before entrance into the promised land. Aaron resisted and resented the exercise of authority that came down hard on sin and rebellion. He chose the "find common ground" approach as the first line of defense against wickedness. That approach always compromises truth and purity.

Aaron's Positive Response

Aaron was good with words. He did not say NO, but he did not give an emphatic YES either. **Ecclesiastes 7:29, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."** I believe Aaron reasoned that the people would not be willing to give up their gold, their earrings, or their rich jewels to make new gods. He assumed that this whole thing would come to naught. People persons are able to do things with words that principled people have not the liberty to do. People persons mince words. They diminish the force of words, which, of course, is the fine art of diplomacy.

Aaron, however, misread the whole situation. He misread apostasy and how quickly it can come. It is safe to assume that people persons will generally misread the times and situations because they are more concerned about the *culture of self-preservation and people concerns* rather than Biblical principle and God's concerns. Can you imagine these people lapsing into idolatry so quickly? It can happen. We have watched the visible church move from substance to a mere form of godliness in little more than a generation.

To Aaron, this "new gods" demand was a passing whim of a minority of people that would fade out. He believed that not many people were involved and that those who knew to do right would help keep this from coming to fruition. He was dead wrong. In reality, Aaron's whitewashing of this abomination turned the tide to the wrongdoers.

People persons have a tendency to see things through a lens that clouds the true and clear picture. Their passion for people over Biblical principle won't let them see clearly. **Aaron purposefully evaded dealing with this problem head on.** Instead, he issued a religious proclamation (vs. 5) to divert attention away from the problem. This did two things, (1) It created the **possibility of an excuse**, and (2) It may even have created the **possibility of the credit of virtue**. (If this would have turned out like I believe Aaron assumed it would, he could have reported to Moses that he stopped a group of miscreants and their evil attempt.)

A weak man, who should have taken a stand, will prove to be an excuse man. As Scripture tells us, Aaron blamed the people (vs. 22), Moses (vs. 23), and even went so far as to blame the fire (vs. 24) for the golden calf. Aaron's weakness created a climate of sexual and religious corruption. The people performed the following:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I recently received a copy of your publication (Spring 2001) from my wife who had attended a conference in Ocean City, Maryland. I have read it through and have totally enjoyed it. If possible, could you please add me to your mail list. If possible, could you please send me the previous edition? Please send to the above address. Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation. May God ever bless you all as you help spread His Word. VA

Thanks for your strong stand on separation. NC



Enclosed is (a gift) for your ministry, which I greatly admire. CO



A friend loaned me a copy of your paper. I would like to be put on your mailing list to receive it. I believe it is quarterly. Thank you. PA



Dear Dr. & Mrs. Hobbs; I received your package on Wednesday, and I could not put down the items you sent me. Before 12 noon, I had played the CD about six times and had started reading the book. Thank you for your quick response.

That book is fascinating, and the CD is a bomb! It is great! The only problem with the CD is that the songs on the CD are too short—just when you are getting into the song it changes. You did great Mrs. Hobbs; it made me feel like I was back in Grace

Bible Church once again.

Just reading the book was a blessing to me; it gives me hope that the same things I am now facing in my ministry I, too, will overcome if I be true and faithful. I can't believe that 50 years later, I am going through the same changes that Dr. Hobbs went through 50 years earlier. God is really good; as the Scripture says, "There is nothing new under the sun."

Now I know why Dr. Hobbs was such a strong bull head; he had a strong personality when he was younger and he also had a temper, too. Now I am able to understand why, at SRCA, things were so strict and disciplined. I now, at a greater level am able to appreciate my education there. Thank you, Dr. & Mrs. Hobbs, for being a strong corner stone and for the training I received at SRCA.

I will write more when I have a chance to reread the book again.

Editor's Note:

Last October, we received the above E-mail from one of our SRCA graduates. This young man came to SRCA from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, as a seventh grade dormitory student. He became a good student and a leader among students. With a genuine interest in the Word of God even in high school he was an excellent, "on fire" preacher. In fact, he entered the Bob Jones High School Preacher Boys contest and won First Place.

After graduating from SRCA, he entered Bible College and was afterwards ordained. He went as a missionary to Kenya in the summers, taught in a Christian school during the year, and preached year-round.

A few years ago, he started his own church in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, which is now thriving. He is fervently preaching the Word of God and winning the lost. He had E-mailed us in July that he could not come for the 50th Anniversary of Grace Bible Church, as that was the very week their first baby was due. He and his wife now have a fine baby boy! As a young preacher and pastor, this man faces the devil's attacks and opposition, but we trust he will continue to stand true to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God without compromise. Ω



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straight as to my Fundamentalist position, I say something like this, speaking loudly and clearly so that all can hear and understand, "I am one of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.'s preacher boys." Without fail, two or three things will happen right away:

1. Any separated, dedicated men, loyal to Christ, will have wide smiles and move closer to me (this number, however, is mighty few).
2. A good number will give an embarrassed smile and begin to move together away from me.
3. One or two may be so shocked at such open admission to this strong position as a fundamentalist that their "countenance falls", and that is quite a sight to behold.

Psalm 119: 63, 74 — I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

If we are going to maintain a separated position as an individual or a ministry, we are going to have to be aggressive in our stand. We can't afford to put our moistened finger into the air to see which way the wind is blowing before we take our stand. We must stand on principle, not concerned about how the wind of popular opinion is blowing. By letting others know our position right away we avoid the risk of fellowship with brethren who may be walking disorderly and we attract to ourselves the kind of men with whom we can enjoy fellowship.

Timid Men

We also give the opportunity for men who may be somewhat timid to be encouraged to take a proper stand.

II Timothy 1:7—"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (timidity); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

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Wicked fornication - "Rose up to play"
(vs. 6)

Corrupted singing (vs. 18)

Perverted dancing - (vs. 19)

Shameful nudity—(vs. 25)

The Lord God of Israel saw the abomination that was taking place and sent Moses down from the Mount. It is interesting that God did not tell Moses that Aaron was directly involved in the corruption. I think Moses knew in his heart that his brother was weak in his resolve; however, God could trust Moses to deal with the situation even when it involved kinfolks. Experience shows that people persons have difficulty crossing kinfolks in situations involving principle. Principled people, however, can overcome those blood ties and do God's

work without hesitation.

Moses handled this affair with old-fashioned grit and determination that would shock and astound the average Christian. Moses was from the old school of "do right" and let the chips fall where they may. Moses rolled up his sleeves and grabbed his sword, and demanded, "Who is on the LORD'S side?" With the Levites, he killed three thousand men who were involved in the abomination.

We are supposedly more advanced in the church today with seeker-sensitive, positive methodologies. This has fueled the rise of Generation YES. The cries go out, "We want looser music standards in the church!" The call comes back, "YES, you may have it." "By the way, we want more entertainment, too!" "YES, you may

have it." "Give us a different atmosphere in church, more laid back, less hymn singing, more contemporary choruses and specials, less preaching and more emotional stories!" "YES! YES! Whatever makes you come, you may have!" Oh, we live in perilous times! We live in the "YES" generation. Aarons are in charge of the camp, and "YES" is the word. "Who is on the LORD'S side?" is the battle cry of the faithful remnant. May God give us courage to say "NO" when it is the only right answer. Ω

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