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EDITOR'S DESK Guest Editorial By C. H. MACKINTOSH ON SEPARATION

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).

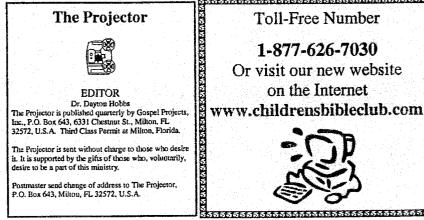
Mark Deception

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.

Maintain Purity

In the narrative now before us, we see that the union of the sons of God with the daughters of men

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Stagnation leads to pollution of streams and men. We are to take every person the Lord sends us (boys, girls, young people, and adults) right where they are and take them as far as they will go in spiritual growth. Some will go so far and stop. Others just keep on growing. Some won't move at all. Through prayer and the ministry of the Word, we are to move people on for God or out of this ministry to wherever they will go.

One's response to the Word of God determines their future. Spiritual pressure lovingly and faithfully applied will edify one and drive away another.

5. We believe problems are to be solved, not continually lived with. We would rather have a positive and helpful solution; however, we want a solution even if it means losing people. "Take your stand, take your losses, and build from there." (Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.)

Supervision Pitfalls To Avoid

1. Starting loosely. Starting out your relationship with those you have been given the responsibility to supervise in a lax unstructured manner; a loose style that you intend to eliminate as soon as you have made the individual or class feel comfortable and relaxed. This will not work, please believe me. You are asking for trouble and, in the case of children, it will not be long in coming. The stage you set the very first day will be the condition you will have to live with. A supervisor-employee association or a teacher-class relationship must begin on an understanding of the role of each in this union. Someone is in charge; God's established order cannot be rejected by those under authority nor neglected by those who have authority assigned to them.

2. Administrators, principals, or teachers must avoid becoming too "chummy" with parents. Parents may desire special treatment of their children, maybe not realizing the possible harm this may cause their child. Ministry personnel are not to take personal gifts from parents (especially money) except for inexpensive gifts on special occasions such as Christmas. Deut. 16:19 – "Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous."

of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment." Eccl. 7:7b – "...A gift destroyeth the heart." The word "gift" used in Scripture may also be translated "bribe." I believe that parents and supervisors do not give or receive gifts generally for the purpose of having the one who received the gift obligated to them, but it does happen. The temptation is to be avoided by our personnel by refusing to accept money gifts or other substantial gifts.

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By Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 1:8, My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

God tells us in Genesis One that in creating man in His own image He created them male and female. As God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one, so must the man and the woman who become one flesh in marriage be one. The home, where a man and woman are one, is the place where God's image can be most clearly demonstrated. It is most clearly demonstrated in a godly home where the husband loves his wife and the wife reverences her husband.

The Standard

This proverb's instruction is the standard of the Word of God. God has standards, not a variety of standards that are to fit every situation. Situation ethics are the world's way and that is why the world is in confusion. We are so quick to condernn today's alternate life style perversions, but what about the alternate life styles we practice in the home when we do not obey the Word of God? What about the desire for equality in the home where the clarity of the role of the man and the woman is lost? What about the alternate life style where the woman does not recognize the authority of the man? What about the husband who does not love his wife as Christ loved the church? Are those perversions too near to what takes place in our own homes to consider? Is the condemnation of the perversions of the world a diversion from our own lack of obedience to the Word of God? What about the beam in our own eve?

The Way

Jesus Christ is THE WAY. Your home may not be as it should be, but you are to aim to be in the Way regardless of your situation. Single

women are to know this instruction should the Lord bring a husband into their lives. Those who are married to a partner who cares little for the Word of God are to obey the Word of God at all costs. If the cost of that obedience is the loss of that partner, so be it! We all must stand before God!

The Vow

Young men must seek a woman who yields to the Lord's instruction. The vow of obedience to her husband is real and not to be taken lightly as happens so much of the time. Two people lying to each other can often be found at most weddings, as many vows are just spoken words but not from the heart. Young men must know that they are to love their wives even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. Fathers and mothers who band together as one and believe God's Word have the Holv Spirit to bring them into conformance with the Word.

The Instruction

Hearing the instruction of the father means he is to be the law giver and the mother is to insure that the son obeys the law. Mother's work in teaching the word of the father on earth is much like the work of the Holy Spirit teaching the Word of our Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself but only speaks that which He was given of the Father, so should the mother speak to the son that which the father on earth speaks. As the Holy Spirit has no agenda of His own, neither should the mother have an agenda of her own for the son. Her law is built from the word of the father as she reinforces and amplifies his agenda, not altering, changing, softening, or ridiculing the given law. If she is truly one with the father then there can be no manipulation of the law.

The Fear

It is to work this way in the home if the fear of the Lord is to be learned by the son. The husband's love of his wife and the wife's reverence for her husband is the standard. Any deviation from that standard tends to lessen the son's fear of the LORD. The Bible very carefully spells out the responsibility of each parent and a letdown by either one will weaken the process.

The word reverence means to fear. It is good fear: it is a fear that produces in the wife veneration or respect for her husband. It produces a wholesome dread of displeasing him. It is also the kind of fear that produces what the fear of the Lord produces. This fear (produces a desire for knowledge of her husband and, therefore, she studies him that she may know his word and thereby become what they are declared to be, ONE FLESH.

The Fruit

Godly fathers instruct, godly mothers carry out those instructions as they are the law of the household. The child will have a healthy fear of the father and the mother which is the first fruit of the fear of the Lord. Is it possible to fear that which the child cannot see if he is not taught to fear that which he can see? And he observes this fear in his own household as he sees his own father fear the Lord and his own mother fear her husband and his father.

This is the practical teaching of the Word of God. There are no shortcuts nor easy ways around it. God knows our heart, He knows our frame, but he also shows us the way.

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3. Getting a biased report from another teacher or supervisor concerning an adult or a child that it has become your opportunity to teach or otherwise supervise. It has been my observation that a great deal of the time it was the previous teacher or supervisor's problem or weaknesses that caused them to give an evil report. Don't get down on an individual child or adult because of another's report. Give the person a fair and unbiased opportunity. You may have a pleasant experience with the maligned individual. At least give them the same opportunity to succeed as others under your authority.

4. Spending recess time talking to other personnel rather than having a single eye on those for whom you are responsible. Scenario: Children playing at recess: Child falls during chase and breaks a permanent tooth in half; Teacher busy talking with her fellow teacher and neither of them see the accident. They suppose what probably happened, but neither actually saw it. Accident report has to be filled out for insurance purposes; No one can positively testify as to how the tooth was broken; Insurance company refuses to pay for such an expensive accident; Parents sue insurance company and school; names of negligent teachers also included in the newspaper account causing, at least, bad publicity and loss of students for such carelessness. Impossible? I can testify that it is not impossible. Save your teacherteacher chats for some time when you do not have children to This failure, teachers supervise. talking together on the playground when they should be with and watching their children, is one of the things that concerns me most as a principal. It is often the one bad practice of otherwise excellent teachers. Remember: Break up the Pow-Wow and keep your eye on your charges!

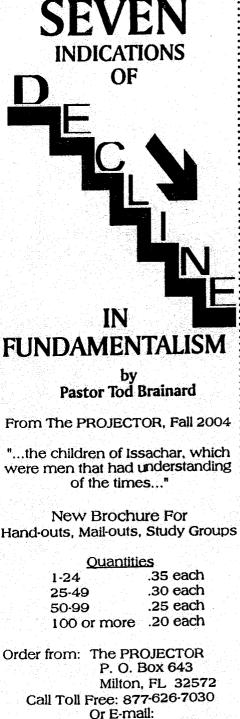
5. Neglecting small problems in the hope that they will go away. The loving hand of the Lord, Who allowed the problem to come your way, is not likely to let you neglect taking care of the problem until you have learned the lesson involved. I remember well a young man on our staff some years ago who packed up and went back home because, as he said, "I'm tired of Mr. Jones riding my back; he always gives me the worst jobs." I said to that young man before he left, "You can run if you want to, but God will always have a 'Mr. Jones' waiting for you until you learn to work for a 'Mr. Jones'." The problem, you see, was his, not Mr. Jones.' I'm assuming that this young man was, indeed, a born-again Christian, which he professed to be. Remember, things don't settle; they get settled!

6. Don't assume or hope that everything under your domain is all right; see that it is! "People don't do what you *expect* but what you *inspect*" (Dr. Henry Brandt).

7. Solve all your problems! Resolve them at the lowest level possible as quietly as possible. Pray, learn all the facts, pray, seek advice from someone who is wise enough to give advice, pray. When you know what to do, do it and stick with it.

8. Don't do the important while the urgent goes undone. This constitutes sloth. Do the tough jobs first; in the process, smaller tasks may be taken care of automatically.

9. Work for Quality, and Quantity will take care of itself. God will not do for you what you can do for yourself. If you do not put Quality into your work, it will not be there. Quantity, how large or how extensive your ministry will become, is God's responsibility. How pure and excellent, as well as how true your work is to the Word of God, is up to you. You can be satisfied with the Quality of wood, hay, and stubble, or you can build with gold, silver, and precious stones. Fire is (Continued on page 7)



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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 not as man seeth. His thoughts are "God saw not as ours. 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.

Guard Truth

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

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Lord, help Brother Jones to use more tact," "Help Brother Jones to be more dignified in the pulpit." Another prayed, "Change his mannerisms, and give him more respect for the cleray."

It was not until the last one prayed that they realized Sam Jones was present in the room. That was when Sam Jones began to pray. "Lord, I hope You won't listen to a one of these preachers. They don't preach against sin, they don't weep over sinners and they don't win souls. They want You to change me until I'm like them! O Lord, help these preachers to have sense enough to realize that if You were to answer their prayers I would be just as worthless and no account as they are! Please God, don't make me like any of these fellers."

These embarrassed preachers listened as Sam Jones went on to pray for a spiritual awakening during that meeting - a prayer which the Lord answered, Those preachers wanted to pass the buck for their own sin over to Sam Jones. He is the problem, they thought. Sam Jones, however, had a sense of responsibility to God to preach against sin and exalt Christ and His righteousness. He knew, in spite of his lack of handle polish. how to responsibility and be accountable to God!

What the Bible says about the reality of Responsibility and Accountability

Matthew 12:36 "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Luke 16:2 "And he called him, and said unto him. How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest

be no longer steward."

Romans 14:12 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with iov, and not with arief: for that is unprofitable for you."

I Peter 4:5 "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."

All humanity is going to have to give an account to God. No one is exempt.

RESPONSE - ABILITY

Keep in mind that the Bible does not use the word responsibility. Scripture uses the word account. account according to An . Webster's 1828 Dictionary "is a reckoning, verbal or written; it is an assignment of reasons; explanation by a recital of particular transactions, given by a person in an employment, or to a superior, implying responsibility." The godly Noah Webster recognized that accountability implies responsibility.

The word *responsibility* comes from two words: Responsewhich is the state of accountability; and Abilitymeaning power to perform, the free exercise of the will, the mind or the body. Responsibility is, therefore, the ability to make proper responses relative to the issues of life.

Today's permissive society is stripping away from our children, young people and adults the abilities to make proper responses to life's tough issues. Young people for the most part make decisions based upon feelingoriented foundations rather than upon Biblical principles which are sound and objective. The result is horrible lack of personal 8

responsibility and accountability and the inability to grow up in a timely fashion.

There are many reasons for this.

Subjectivity Wins Over **Objectivity In Our Culture**

Parents have a tendency to teach their children (through carelessness or perhaps on their purpose) to make subjective decisions. That is, we make our choices on what we like rather than what is right. Notice the difference. Many parents think that if they make enough good decisions for their children that the child will catch on and start making good decisions on their own. This mentality is based on the assumption that children will like their parent's decisions and emulate them. There is just one problem with that, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9). Children and young people have to be taught to make objective decisions based upon what is right from the revealed Word of God rather than what is liked naturally.

Shift Away From Biblical Absolutes

Our society cannot abide by absolutes. The Bible is not viewed to be the absolute authority for faith and practice. Even in some Christian homes the moral, spiritual, and Biblical absolutes are not promoted in a consistent manner. Dad makes his stock picks, conducts his business and plans his schedules with little thought of how God might want that money to be appropriated or how that time should be best used. Mom carries out her complex daily routine with little care of the eternal nature of the training she should be giving to her children. The result is that Biblical absolutes are not followed

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Instant Gratification Preferred Above Waiting

Cell phones and e-mail have just about ruined us in America. Their convenience is wonderful when used properly; however, in my opinion, our dependence upon their instant gratification is wrecking our ability to wait. It used to be that when Bible college students went away from home there was that traditional loosening of the apron strings and the oldfashioned stepping up to the challenges because home was a long way off. Students today face a different challenge. Learning dependence upon God and standing on your own two feet rather than immediate dependence upon family is extremely difficult when the miles are reduced to seconds because of technology. Calling mom and dad rather than calling on God seems to be the trend.

This instant gratification cannot be healthy. One of the by-products of technology has been the ushering in of a nanny-state in America. We have become like toddlers sucking our thumbs because we are so dependent upon each other and our gadgets.

Without a doubt, instant gratification is the sister of irresponsibility. Learning to wait on the other hand is needful in building the foundation of responsibility. Lamentations 3:26-28 is still in the Bible, "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it (that is, the yoke) upon him."

Yoke-bearing in the youthful years is still God's way of rearing godly servants. Parents should consider these things with their own children and create situations for the development of responsibility and cultivate the proper settings for teaching the value of waiting in order to build character.

Asking The Wrong Questions

It is important that we ask the right questions in The right question, when asked, life. generally will challenge you to move in the right direction. The wrong question, when asked, will most often challenge you to move in the wrong direction. For (Continued on page 8)

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Thank you for The PROJECTOR. I 100% agree with Pastor Tod Brainard's message, "7 Indications of Decline in Fundamentalism."It is hard to find a church that uses the old Hymns, preaches against Sin, and preaches Prophecy, let alone the Book of Rev. Thanks for hitting the nail on the head. Your article is Right On, sad to say. Thank you for your publication. MO

(Continued from page 4- Supervision) the true test of quality.

10. Don't resort to trying to handle people on a subjective level, the level of affections and emotions. You will think things are resolved only to have to resolve them again. Objectivity is the handmaid of Reason, whereas Subjectivity is the handmaid of Passion. Keep emotion out of the resolution of problems. (See my booklet, Handling Face-to-Face Confrontations.) There are some who have never had an objective thought in their life; however, emotion must the Lord Jesus to send be thoroughly drained from a discussion before any permanent progress can be made.

11. "Be thou strong and very courageous" (Joshua 1:7) was God's instruction to Joshua when it was time to take over the leadership of Israel after the death of Moses, as they were poised to enter the land of promise. God did not tell him to be brave, nor anyone else for that matter. Courage is higher than bravery. Courage is not being stopped by your fears; whereas, the brave man is a fool for he has no fear. The man or woman of courage fears but acts anyway. All of Gideon's 32,000 had fear, but only 300 had the courage that God required.

12. Don't ever let the enemy see you sweat. Cry in the closet, but smile before men. "Take it to the Lord in prayer," don't drag it in front of the congregation. You can't be a beggar and a child of God. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, his seed begging nor bread" (Psalm 37:25).

13. Don't listen to gripers. "It takes two to tango." That old adage holds true about destructive employees as well No one ever as dancers. gripes alone. Griping hearts will seek each other out, and the one who continues to listen is as guilty as the vocal griper.

Phil. 2:19-22 - "But I trust in Timotheus shortly unto you... for I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel."

Requirements For A Good Supervisor

1. A servant (v. 22).

2. Naturally care for the state of those you serve (v.20).

3. Full confidence in the one God has put over you in the Lord's work. "As a son with the father" (v.22).

4. God's glory first and foremost. (v.21).

5. Not "seek their own" -My humble and faithful service to others for the glory of God is always the best thing for me, my wife, and my children. 0

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SPECIAL THANKS SPECIAL NEEDS

Our Special Thanks goes out to some in The Projector reader family whose hearts were touched by the needs caused by Hurricane Ivan at The Projector Print Shop. Water came in from above and below damaging presses, folders, paper cutter, and other equipment. We were already in dire need of upgrading and replacing the presses before the storm because of their age and condition. Now the need is urgent. The need is also great for a folder with collating capabilities. So much of this work is presently being done by hand and takes a great amount of time, which could be used more effectively for other work.

We understand that this kind of equipment is very expensive. Please pray with us for the supply of these needs. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help in this cause, we will greatly appreciate your gift and investment in the ministry of The Projector. If you know of any available used equipment in good condition, please let us know. Thanks so much for your help and your prayers! $\mathbf{\Omega}$

(Continued from page 5-Editor's Desk) against. There can be no true union attained at the expense of truth. The true Christian's should ever motto 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. Ω

> Mackintosh, C. H., Genesis to Deuteronomy: Notes on the Pentateuch, 2nd ed. Loizeaux Brothers, Inc., Neptune, New Jersey, 1974, pp. 46,47.

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(Continued from page 7--Response-Ability) instance, in religious circles today many church leaders are asking, "How Many People?" instead of, "What Kind of People?" Some pastors ask, "What program should we implement?" rather than, "What Scriptural course should our church take?"

Our people have to be taught how to ask the right questions in order to elicit right responses.

Slothfulness Over Diligence

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and

gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man" (Proverbs 6:6-11).

No sleepy and/or lazy man takes responsibility seriously. Because of his laziness, the deck is stacked against the slothful man. He cannot succeed. Poverty and want are the companions of the sluggard who prefers to fold his hands and sleep rather than awaken to exercise responsibility. Sleep and Sloth are

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the sworn enemies of responsibility and success in the Christian life. Diligence keeps poverty and want at bay.

We must watch carefully that we do not fall into this catatonic spiral downward into sloth. It is while men slept that the tares were sown in the field. There is no bad time to teach and preach responsibility and accountability.

Our effectiveness as Christians is directly related to our taking of responsibility and the clear understanding that we must give May we an account unto God. have the courage to battle the things that are detrimental to the development of responsibility. Ω

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