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HUMAN DEPRAVITY

Vance Havner said: "I heard of a preacher who preached a wonderful sermon on 'The Depravity of the Human Heart.' Some fellow came down the aisle and said, 'I just can't swallow the depravity of the human heart.' The old preacher said, 'You don't have to swallow it, it's already in you.' Brother, we have it whether we believe it or not." I don't know how anybody can look around, look at the world and not believe in the depravity of the human heart! **"There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no not one."** ~Romans 3:10-12. **"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it."** ~Jeremiah 17:9.

THE EARLY CHURCH VERSUS TODAY!

Someone has said that two of the distinguishing marks of the early Church were POVERTY and POWER. Today it is PLENTY and POWERLESS as per Revelation 3:17: **"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art poor, and blind, and naked."** The next verse gives God's counsel: **"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see."** We hear talk of revival but wonder if any of God's people really want it. There is a price to be paid! It is called Repentance!

WHEN WE MUST PART COMPANY

A.W.Tozer said: "I must confess as a pastor and minister that I have had to say "Goodbye" to people in some instances when they have said, "We cannot worship here. You are too strict. Your standards are too strict for this day and age. Your message is too strict... We cannot afford to let down our Christian standards just to hold the interest of people who want to go to hell and still belong to a church." (It is amazing to me how many "Fundamental Baptists," who after visiting our website and seeing what we stand for, attend our Church but do not stay because we have Biblical standards of dress. God help "Christians" who are more interested in going to Church sloppily or sensually, than they are in correct doctrine or godly living.)

THE BIG BOOK WE LOVE

A new Pastor was visiting one of his members. Before leaving he asked for a Bible to read from. The father said to his little son, "Bobby, go and get the Bible - you know the big Book we love to read from so much." In a few minutes Bobby came back carrying the mail-order catalog. I wonder what a similar scene at your house would reveal?.