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IMPROVING SCRIPTURE

Modern bible versions are supposed to be an improvement over the true Word of God - the King James Bible. What Spurgeon wrote more than one hundred years ago is still pertinent. He said, "Our reverence for the Great Author of Scripture should forbid all mauling of His words. No alteration of Scripture can...be an improvement. The gentlemen who see errors in Scripture may think themselves competent to amend the language of the Lord of hosts; but we who believe God, and accept the very words He uses, may not make so presumptuous an attempt..." What arrogance it is for mere mortals to presume they can improve the very Words of God!

CROWDS-AT-ANY-PRICE-MANIA

A. W. Tozer said: "The crowds-at-any-price-mania has taken a firm grip on American Christianity and it is the motivating power back of a shockingly high percentage of all religious activity... Our constant effort should be to reach as many persons as possible with the Christian message and for that reason numbers are critically important. But our first responsibility is not to make converts but to uphold the honor of God in a world given over to the glory of fallen man...They who degrade or compromise truth in order to reach large numbers, dishonor God and deeply injure the souls of men."

ONE OF THE WORST SINS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

In my years in the ministry (over fifty), I think I can safely say that the greatest sin among God's people is gossip, slander of others. Yes, adultery, lying, etc. are great sins, but they have not done the damage to God's people and His cause like gossip. And sad to say, it is little thought of. Some years ago, Evangelist Bud Robinson was conducting a series of Gospel meetings. A lady came forward who he knew to be the church gossip. He asked why she came forward. She said that she wanted to lay her tongue on the altar. He said, "Well, the altar is only sixteen feet long, but lay as much of it as you can." Christian, be sure of this - God is going to deal with your gossip unless you honestly deal with it.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

D. L. Moody said, "I remember hearing of a blind man who sat by the roadside with a lantern near him. When he was asked what he had a lantern for, since he could not see the light, he said that it was so that people would not stumble over him. I believe more people stumble over the inconsistencies of professed Christians than for any other cause. What is doing more harm to the cause of Christ than all the skeptics in the world is this dead, cold formalism and conformity to the world."