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ACCEPTANCE BY COMPROMISE

A. W. Tozer wrote this over fifty years ago. He said: "The rise of a new religious spirit in recent years is marked by disturbing similarities to that earlier 'revival' under Constantine. Now as then a quasi-Christianity is achieving acceptance by compromise...It is offering Christ at bargain prices... The sum of all of this is not transforming the people; rather it is being transformed by the people..." It seems to me that Tozer was speaking about Evangelicalism for that is exactly what has happened since the *New Evangelicalism* came in back in the 1940's. However, sad to say, the same thing has been at work in Fundamental circles for some time also. For example, there is the widespread use of modern versions, contemporary music, lack of dress standards, association with New Evangelicals and worse, etc.

WHY PEOPLE MISS CHURCH

A preacher decided to check up on absentees. This is what he found: The O. Kasional family said they would probably be back next month. Mr. and Mrs. Faint Hearted have given up again. The Plez R. Seekers were off on one of their pleasure trips. The Spineless Sisters had someone drop in and just couldn't leave for Church. The Weather Watchers said it was raining too hard. Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Addict had to see a certain special TV show. Mr. Luke Warm said he it's not necessary to go to Church all the time. Mr. Spaz Motic just didn't feel like coming. Do you fit in here somewhere, or do you have another excuse? Wouldn't it be great if everyone was like Mr. I. M. Faithful who is present for all of the services and helps out wherever he can? - Adapted

HUMAN OR DIVINE?

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people; to drift with the tide; it is godlike to follow a principle to stem the tide. It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty. "No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred Apostle describing the incident in which he had to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world. -Copied

THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY

"Alcohol is a far greater killer than all the opiates. You can buy alcohol on any street corner throughout the world. It gets your brain, your liver; it destroys your morals, destroys your vitality... It is a great pity that prohibition failed (*It didn't fail - man failed because many simply wanted to have alcoholic beverages*)... Drinker that I am, I think essentially I am a victim of an addiction that is here in the world, revealed to all, exposed to all. It is here. We who are weak take to it and are destroyed by it. It is essentially a weakness of governments everywhere to allow this poison to circulate like a river through the bloodstream of the human race. As one of the heartiest drinkers in the world, I speak with a voice of authority." - Errol Flynn. I would especially caution young people; if you never take the first drink, you will never be an alcoholic or problem drinker. Read Proverbs 23:29-32.