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SPURGEON'S ADVICE

“I have taken a deep interest in the struggles of the orthodox brethren, but I have never advised those struggles, nor entertained the slightest hope of their success. My course has been of another kind. As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then, my counsel has been, **‘Come out from among them .’** I have felt that no protest could be equal to that of distinct separation.” In our day one of the saddest sights among Bible believers is the lack of separation from the world. Many of God’s people talk like the world, act like the world, dress like the world, frequent worldly places. Does not God say, **“Love not the world, neither the things of the world...”** Furthermore, we are admonished: **“Be not conformed to this world...”**

TRUTH ABOUT MANY SERMONS

The story is told of a gathering of some church folks after a morning church service several years ago. The preacher wandered far and wide in his message. It seems he was apparently more than a little egotistical. He asked one of the ladies, a regular attendee, what she thought of his sermon. Her response was more than forthright and would be a help to a good many preachers if they would but listen. She said, “Sir, if the text had had the small pox, no one would have caught the disease.”

SINCERE BUT WRONG

In Ohio an oxygen system mix up resulted in two deaths and eight others hospitalized. It seems that an oxygen system was accidentally hooked up to a nitrogen tank. The two tanks looked very much alike. One fire official said that it was a sincere mistake. Sincerity did not keep the incident from causing death and illness. We have a Gospel tract entitled “Sincerity Is Not Enough.” It tells of a mother and infant who perished because of a sincere mistake. Multitudes think that as long as they are sincere, they will safely arrive in Heaven. Not so! There is one way to be saved. Jesus said, **“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”** Of course, you must be sincere – but you must also be right! Trust Christ as your Savior NOW!

MOODY'S TEST OF SPIRITUALITY

It was common for D.L. Moody to have testimonies in his services. In one of his meetings a man got up and testified as follows: “I have been for five years on the Mt. of Transfiguration.” “How many souls did you lead to Christ last year?” was the sharp question that came from Moody in an instant. “Well, I don’t know,” was the astonished man’s reply. Mr. Moody persisted, “Have you won any to Christ?” “I don’t know that I have won any,” answered the man. “Well,” said Moody, “We don’t want that kind of mountain top experience. When a man gets so high that he cannot reach down to save poor sinners, there is something wrong.” If there is one thing every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is to do, it is to seriously seek the salvation of souls. But it is a well known fact that most Christians do not earnestly seek to win souls with any regularity. Even if everyone just won one, what a difference it would make. **“Go YE into all the world and preach the Gospel...”** Jesus also said, **“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me...”** ~Acts 1:8. Let’s begin NOW!