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THOUGHT PROVOKING THOUGHTS

Did you hear about the fellow who said, "I have my faults, but being wrong is not one of them."

It is impossible to make anything fool proof these days because fools are so ingenious. If everything is coming your way, you need to realize that you are in the wrong lane.

Don't serve for appreciation - if you do, you will always feel that you have been underpaid. Men and rivers are crooked for the same reason; they both follow the path of least resistance.

You don't have to be listed in "Who's Who" in order to know What's What!

LUTHER'S WARNING

No greater mischief can happen to a Christian people than to have God's Word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear. God grant we and our descendants be not witnesses of such a calamity." Well, Luther's sound advice has largely been ignored by God's people down through the ages. Just think of the mischief that has been done to the Word of God and the people of God through all the modern bible versions, which certainly are not "pure and clear." While it is very unpopular, let us stand upon the pure Word of God - the King James Version. May it be said of us: **"For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God..."** ~II Corinthians 2:17.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

A.W. Tozer wrote this more than fifty years ago: "Any objection to the carryings on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, "But we are winning them!" And winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world and its treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love of God? To total committal to Christ? Of course, the answer to all these questions is No." Ed. What would Tozer, and many Fundamentalists of earlier times say if they saw what is going on these days? It's ten times worse and that is not only true of the Evangelicals but also Fundamentalists. Finding a believer who is truly "crucified with Christ" is not easy. What about YOU? We are reminded: **"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."**

A BIG DIFFERENCE

There is a big difference between the early Christians and we modern day believers in Jesus Christ. In spite of great persecution, here is how they prayed: **"Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word... And when they had prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the word with boldness."** It is commonly reported that not more than 5% of modern day Christians seriously try to win someone to Christ. I believe this is true; it may well be less. Two causes strike me: There is not sufficient love for Christ to motivate us (II Corinthian 5:14) and we do not have compassion on poor lost sinners like our Savior does. We need revival, but it will not come without repentance.