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NO PROGRESS

A man was standing on the shore watching a pretty little vessel with it's white sail shining in the sunlight. He said to a seaman standing nearby, "How is it that ship doesn't seem to be moving? Her sail is spread and there is plenty of breeze, but she seems to be making no progress." "She's anchored," replied the sailor. That's just like some Christians, they appear to be fine but they make no progress because they are anchored to this world by some sin, some worldliness.

POLITICALLY CORRECT IS BAD

Politically correct ideology says that multi-culturalism is a wonderful thing. It is promoted in America by many politicians and others. However, in reality it is not good but bad. During the First World War, Teddy Roosevelt thundered out against what he called hyphenated Americans, people who had a divided loyalty. He said, "America is not a polyglot boarding house. If you are an American and something else, you are not an American." No nation can long tolerate, much less promote the idea that people can have a divided loyalty. By the way, no Christian can long survive if he is trying to be loyal to Christ and His Church and some other philosophy or organization. **"Ye cannot serve God and mammon."**

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

William Booth once had an audience wit King Henry VII of England. His Majesty highly commended the salvationist for his unflagging zeal and work among the poor. Booth said, "Some men's passion is for gold. Some is for fame. But my passion, Your Majesty, is for souls." What is your passion? I cannot conceive of anyone having a passion for souls who does not witness regularly. **"The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."** ~II Corinthians 5:14.

PUT IT TO THE TEST

We are sometimes asked by Christians whether a certain activity or philosophy is right or wrong. Here is a simple test: Can you kneel down and in the presence of God, ask His blessing on it? If God can't bless it, it is wrong. **"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."** ~I Corinthians 10:31. You may say, that's too narrow. Well, kneel down and ask God about that; it's His rule not mine! Why is it so many Christians want to know how close they can get to the world rather than to see how close they can get to God?