

# BITS & PIECES

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### HUMAN DEPRAVITY

Vance Havner said: "I heard of a preacher who preached a wonderful sermon on, 'The Depravity of the Human Heart.' Some fellow came down the aisle and said, 'I just can't swallow the depravity of the human heart.' The old preacher said, 'You don't have to swallow it, it's already in you.' Brother, we have it whether we believe it or not." I don't know how anybody can look around, look at the world and not believe in the depravity of the human heart! **"There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."** ~Romans 3:10-12. **"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"** ~Jeremiah 17:9.

### 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 they spake the word of God 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 Corinthians 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.

### IT DEPENDS HOW YOU LOOK AT IT

There was a sudden explosion, a flash of fire, and a man fell back against a wall blinded and faint. At the hospital, they treated his eyes, but when the bandages were removed, they found that he had lost sight in his right eye. Friends came to express their sympathy and bemoan his loss, but he said, "Stop it! Stop it! Praise the Lord instead!" His friends could not understand his attitude. He said, "Oh, how I praise the Lord that I still have one eye left." It all depends on how you look at it; his friends looked at his blind eye, while he looked at the good one. **"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** ~I Thessalonians 5:18.

### DON'T WORRY

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere! God says, Don't worry! Philippians 4:6: **"Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**