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IMPROVING UPON SCRIPTURE

Modern bible versions are supposed to be an improvement over the true Word of God - the King James Bible. What Spurgeon wrote more than one hundred years ago is still pertinent. He said, "Our reverence for the Great Author of Scripture should forbid all mauling of His words. No alteration of Scripture can...be an improvement. The gentlemen who see errors in Scripture may think themselves competent to amend the language of the Lord of hosts; but we who believe God, and accept the very words He uses, may not make so presumptuous an attempt..." What arrogance it is for mere mortals to presume they can improve the very Words of God!

ALWAYS MAKING AN OFFERING

"We are always making an offering. If we do not give to God, we give to the devil. It is a continuous process going on all the time." -Vance Havner. **"...Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat but have not enough; ye drink but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."** ~*Habakkuk 1:5,6*. In Malachi God asks: **"Will a man rob God..."** (by not bringing Him tithes and offerings). Robbing God doesn't seem like a very good idea to me.

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 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.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

George Matheson was engaged to a Christian young lady. He came down with a disease and the doctor said you will go blind. Matheson wrote to his fiance and told her saying, I will release you from our engagement if you wish. She replied that she could not marry a blind man. Shortly afterward he wrote the song: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."