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THE CURSE OF CARNALITY.

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When we speak of carnality, we are talking about believers who are immature, living in and for the flesh. God says: **“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ...are ye not carnal and walk as men.”** ~*I Corinthians 3:1-3*. Every Christian ought to be living a life that is separated unto the Lord; walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the desires of the flesh. But unfortunately, that is not the case with many. Vance Havner said, *“Let it be observed that the marks of carnality Paul had in mind here were not card playing, dancing, and theater-going (we might add TV). They are indeed marks of carnality, but Paul was concerned with sins we overlook while we lambaste other forms of evil. “Whereas there is envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?” Some who have long prided themselves that they do not smoke or haunt the movies seem not to have discovered that in their partyism and church strife, they are just as carnal as the worldlings they censure...They are all the more deceptive because such carnality looks so much like zeal for the truth...”* When we live in the flesh and concentrate on having our own way, you can mark it down, we are carnal. As cute as they are, there is nothing more selfish than a baby. When they are hungry, they want to be fed - right now...even if it's three in the morning.

One of the great drawbacks in God's work is many professing Christians are carnal; they are babies and if they do not get their own way, they create a fuss. One attribute of a baby is his constant need to be amused, entertained. Tozer said, *“The most pressing need just now is that we who call ourselves Christians should frankly acknowledge to each other and to God that we are astray; confess that we are worldly, that our moral standards are low and we are spiritually cold.”* Spurgeon said, *“Our being so much like the world...this insisting that we must do as other people do - this is doing more mischief to the world than all our preaching can hope to effect good. Worldliness has gone a long way to destroy the Church of God. I judge it to be the worse cankerworm that assails us.”* The Church of Jesus Christ suffers greatly from believers who have been saved for years, but they are still babies, carnal. Replying to those who insist we must change our standards to meet the times, *Tozer said, “I've been told that I have missed the boat, but I reply that I wasn't trying to catch that boat.”* We cannot lower the standards, they are not ours! It is high time for all true believers to make a full surrender to God through His Holy Spirit! You can't accomplish anything with babies. We are in a war and it requires strong men to win a war. Some Christian parents are going to rue the day they allowed their children (even led them) to go in the ways of the world. If you are a “baby” Christian, they will be the same. Examine yourself! Be honest! Are you carnal? Do you always think of yourself rather than of the Lord or others? Are you more concerned with this life than with the next life? Do you have to be entertained? God says, **“Quit you like men.”** I urge you to forget yourself and grow up; get serious about prayer, Bible study (and memorization) and soul winning. If you love Christ, show it by serving Him. He said, **“If ye love me keep my commandments.”**

YOUTH CORNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

S is for Sunday - a new week begins.
U are expected to gather with your friends.
Not just for laughs, amusement, or fun, but
Down to earth lessons, no matter how young.
And no matter how old you are or may feel,
Your place is in Sunday School for a spiritual meal.

Sure, there may be excuses, reasons, and stuff,
Considered by some are important enough.
Health is essential and sleep is a must, but
On the Lord's Day let "First things be first."
Oh, my friend, may God's Spirit speak to your soul,
Let it never be said that you missed Sunday School!

ARE YOU A WORKER OR A SHIRKER? A sign at the entrance of a great manufacturing plant reads: "*If you are like a wheelbarrow - going no further than you are pushed - you need not apply for work here.*" A Christian should not have to be pushed, but he should be a self starter. God says, "**Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...**" If you are a lazy young person, a lazy student, you will be a lazy, worthless adult. Do your best for God, in everything.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them

WORST PROFANITIES PERMITTED ON TV.

The Federal Communications Commission said that it does not prohibit the most vulgar profanities, as long as the words are used "in context." FCC spokesman Norman Goldstein said that "...subject matter alone does not render material indecent." A subsequent phone conversation with an FCC official revealed that there are no words that are forbidden on network television. Asked point-blank if the worst possible profanities... could be used as long as it was "in context" the answer was an unequivocal "yes." -*AFA Journal*. The words under discussion here are absolutely obscene. As we have been saying, it is time for Christians to trash the TV! We don't believe there is anything on worth watching although some readers will no doubt write us to defend something. If Christians would spend as much time in their Bibles and on their knees as they do with TV and the internet (with its one million porn sites), we would certainly see some wonderful spiritual results. "**Be ye holy for I am holy, saith the Lord.**"

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LIFE?

Have you ever heard of John Paton? He lived one hundred and fifty years ago in Scotland. He came to know the Lord early in life and endured much hardship even as a young person. He went to the South Seas where he experienced incredible trials, opposition and hardship. His life was often in danger. But he won thousands of savages to Christ. Here is something he said: "*I have often been touted as being a man of one idea. Sometimes this has come from those who do not even have one idea - unless it is how to kill time or save their own skins. Seriously speaking, is it not better to have one good idea and to live for that and to succeed in it than to scatter one's life away on many things and leave a mark on none?*" He had but one aim - take the Gospel to sinners! What are you going to do with your life? Will you waste it on yourself and this life or, will you use it for Jesus? "**I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**" ~Romans 12:1,2.

Ephesians 5:11

TEEN MANUAL FOR GIRLS. Pocket Book is marketing a "frank" manual for girls as young as ten; telling them how to become feminist, lesbian, and pro-abortion activists. *Deal With It: A Whole New Approach To Your Body, Brain and Life as a Girl* is popular among teens and a top seller. The book is also finding its way to plenty of public school libraries. *Publishers Weekly* gave the book this glowing report: "In a frank, non-judgmental tone, they discuss topics and details that more conservative guides might skip: lesbianism and bisexuality receive respectful and thorough treatment." - *World* 12/11/99. It is absolutely unbelievable what the liberals are allowed to get away with. Imagine someone trying to put out a book on the dangers of homosexuality (which are many and very serious). Remember, though most hope you have forgotten it, AIDS is a homosexual disease. Most young people in this country are being fed this sort of thing day in and day out under the guise of "sex education." Parents, you had better be aware what your children have access to and with whom they are associating. Truly, "perilous times" *have* come!

STRENGTHEN THY STAKES

“Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.” ~Isaiah 54:2. Vance Havner said, “If we are going to lengthen our cords we had better strengthen our stakes. The church today is intent on expanding borders and taking in more territory. That is good if we strengthen what we have... The Christian and the church need an intensive as well as an extensive ministry. Vast ingatherings of believers bring peril if we do not teach, indoctrinate, build up in the faith. To use A. J. Gordon’s illustration, the average church is often like a congested lung with only a few cells doing all the breathing. There is usually a faithful nucleus surrounded by a mass of nominal Christians. We are in tremendous need of a ministry to strengthen our stakes that we may go further as we go deeper.” Many do not like this sort of message; the reason is obvious, they’re still living for self after years of salvation. I doubt if you could draw a more apt picture of Fundamental churches; *a lung with a few cells working*. We have people who have been saved (we hope they are) for years who do little or nothing effectual in the church. They do a lot of complaining while others do all the work. Is it not true in fundamental churches that a few do all the soul winning, praying, giving, etc.? If this bothers you, you must be guilty. Instead of getting angry with me (I’m only trying to help you grow up) why don’t you repent and get going for God? You are the problem, not me! Paul called the Corinthians “babes” but some grew up. You aren’t fooling God! He’s not happy with retarded children.

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THE SWEETEST SOUND

This story is told of Dr. John A. Broadus, the scholar, homiletical professor, etc. In his younger days, he was converted to Christ in the small town where he lived. The next day he went to one of his schoolmates, Sandy Jones, and said, “I wish you would be a Christian. Won’t you?” Sandy said, “I don’t know. Perhaps I will.” A little while after, one night in the little Church, Sandy accepted Christ. He walked across the building and held out his hand and said, “I thank you, John; I thank you, John.” Dr. Broadus later went out from that small town to become a great Christian scholar, theologian, and University President. Every summer (he rarely missed one) he would go back to that little town where he grew up. It wouldn’t be long before an awkward, red-haired old farmer, in his plain clothes, with red sand on his boots, would come up, stick out his great bony hand, and say, “Howdy, John. I will never forget you, John.” When Dr. Broadus was dying, with all of his family about him, he said, “I rather think the sweetest sound to my ears in Heaven, next to the welcome of Him whom having not seen, I have tried to love and serve, will be the welcome of Sandy Jones, as he will thrust out that great hand of his and say, “Howdy, John. Thank you, John; thank you, John.” Christian Friend, what about you? Will there be any like that to greet you? Perhaps you have been saved for years; have you ever brought anyone to the Savoir? Will you go to meet the Lord who died for your sins without having introduced one other soul to Him?