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**STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN.**

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The title is from Revelation 3:2. Many things need strengthening, but I want to speak of the Bible, the Word of God. That's the foundation! We can't strengthen the Bible itself; it has God's power behind it. But we can strengthen our conviction concerning it. We can strengthen our proclamation of it. It seems the voice of true Bible believers is growing weaker and weaker. One reason is the adoption of modern versions. We need to strengthen our commitment to the pure, unadulterated, inspired, *preserved* Word of God, the KJV. We're not ashamed of it, in spite of what the scholars say. Let me give a few reasons for our stand on the KJV; God's Holy Word.

**I. THERE MUST BE FINAL AUTHORITY SOMEWHERE!** You cannot find it in modern versions for they are all different. We have proved in these pages and in our book on the subject, that all modern versions contain error. My friend, we must have "THUS SAITH THE LORD!" Not thus saith Westcott and Hort; not thus saith the scholars, not even Christian ones. Only the KJV is without error and can be traced to the original manuscripts. Modern versions are like Napoleon's sword; the handle was full of gold and precious jewels but the blade was essentially made of tin, worthless in battle. We have been born again of "**...incorruptible seed...**"

**II. IT IS A MATTER OF FAITH.** I'm not talking about "blind" faith. Faith is not blind; it has its eyes open! One of the supposed benefits of modern versions is that everyone will be able to understand them. What nonsense! The unbelieving can not understand God's Word (I Corinthians 2:14). Scholars have destroyed much truth trying to reduce God's Word to the level of human reason. Do you believe in inspiration? - That God has given us His infallible, inerrant Word? That's a matter of faith (see Hebrews 11:6). I believe it! That inspired, infallible, inerrant Word tells me that God will preserve His Word for ever! See Psalm 12:6,7; Isaiah 40:8; Luke 21:33; etc. I believe that! I don't have all the answers, but I believe God. *Inspiration without preservation is meaningless.*

**III. MODERN VERSIONS REEK OF MODERNISM.** It was modernists who produced the first modern version in England (The W & H Revised Version) and America (the American Standard Version, essentially the same as the RV). Most Fundamentalists rejected them! But with passing generations (as is usually the case) Bible believers have weakened and "scholarship" has taken over in many Fundamental circles (like BJU, etc.) Humanism is very pervasive. Few are willing to "**contend for the faith**" today. They want to be with the majority, even though the majority is wrong. I want to be with God; the true majority!

**IV. MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY.** I was saved at the age of twenty five. I knew nothing of the Word of God. I grew up in a liberal church, never hearing the Gospel. I never went to Church after age fifteen. I became very worldly and sinful. Nobody witnessed to me, but through certain circumstances (I was not looking for God) I began reading the Bible...the KJV. In spite of all the *archaic words and other supposed difficulties*, I was gloriously saved by the "**incorruptible seed of the Word of God...**" I believed it was the very Word of God then, and I believe it even more today! I have my infallible authority - the KJV! -*From 1994 Challenge*

# YOUTH CORNER

## WHERE TEENS GET THEIR ADVICE.

A Gallup survey asked 48,000 teenagers, "What influences most?" Their answers were as follows:

Friends.....	87%
Home.....	51%
School.....	45%
Music.....	41%
Television.....	32%
Religion.....	13%

This poll was taken some time ago and I believe that home influence is a lot lower today and music is probably much higher. Young people this is all wrong. We all know that peer pressure (what your friends think) has the strongest pull on young people, but it ought not to be so. Teenager, what do your friends, other teens, really know about right and wrong and the real issues of life? How much experience have you had? You all have only begun to live and are really in need of learning - not just Math and English, etc. You need to learn things like the value of hard work, the consequences of wrongdoing, that spiritual values are the most important and a host of other things that do not come from books and which can only be learned over time. Let me tell you what ought to influence you most if you expect to have a life that comes out right. The Church, if it is a sound fundamental one ought to have the greatest influence upon you. Some may say the home, and that is extremely important, but few parents are as strong spiritually as they ought to be. The home should obviously be second. If you are going to amount to anything and keep out of trouble, you had better not pay too much attention to those your age. Let them call you "chicken" or whatever else they say today; if you want to avoid the consequences of poor judgment and sinful actions, OBEY GOD AND HIS WORD!

LOOKING FOR AN EASY PATH? A student once wrote to Henry Ward Beecher asking the preacher for "an easy berth in life." The wise Mr. Beecher replied: "Young man, you cannot be an editor; do not try law; do not even think of the ministry; let alone all ships and merchandise; abhor politics; don't practice medicine; be not a farmer, soldier, or a sailor; don't study; don't think. None of these are easy. Oh, my son, you have come into a hard world. I know of only one easy place in it and that is in the grave!" We are living in a day when

slothfulness - laziness, is almost like an epidemic. Sad to say, many professing Christians have caught the disease. Young people, life will be hard if you are lazy!

## WHAT GOOD IS A COLLEGE EDUCATION?

The "dumbing down" of public school is common knowledge. Obviously, the same thing has to happen in colleges across the land. When they get the "dumbed down" high school graduates, what can they do with them? Nothing, unless the standards are lowered. *World* magazine had an article on the sad state of the schools in this land. One of their readers wrote in the following: "Our son is a junior at a college that was recently rated one of the top 50 universities in the country. On paper, he is a political science major: I call him a 'debate major'. He has learned almost nothing about various government systems, major historical documents such as Hammurabi's Code, the Magna Carta, or the Constitution...(after three years in a top rated college). He spends most of his classroom time debating such topics as oil drilling, same-sex marriages, and world peace... He gained far more objective content in his eighth-grade civics class at our local Christian school."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA? It would be easier to say what isn't! While not a Christian nation, America once had a certain moral fiber, and it was derived from the Word of God. Now, all manner of wickedness is tolerated and promoted. *World* reported that TV news personality Dan Rather was on Fox news explaining why he finds Bill Clinton to be an "honest person". Rather said, "I think you can be an honest person and lie about a number of things." How can one be a liar and not a liar? And there was no bigger liar than Clinton! God says, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil..." ~Isaiah 5:20.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH  
A NATION: BUT SIN IS A  
REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.  
PROVERBS 14:34**

## OF DOGS AND CHRISTIANS

You say, "What do those things have in common?" Read on. There is a fable of the wolves and the dogs. It seems the wolves were afraid of the dogs because they were many and strong. So, the wolves sent out a spy to observe them. On his return, the scout said, "It is true the dogs are many, but there are not many of them that can harm us. There are so many kinds of dogs one can hardly count them, and as they came marching on I noticed that they were all snapping right and left at one another. I could see clearly, though they hate wolves, each dog hates every other dog with all his heart. They are so busy fighting one another, they cannot possibly overcome us." While somewhat exaggerated, this sounds like what goes on in your average Fundamental Baptist church. Believers are so busy fighting, biting and snapping at each other, they pose no threat to the devil and his "wolves". God says, "**For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.**" ~Galatians 5:14, 15. Fundamental Baptist church fights and splits are a positive scandal. Many know about them and won't go near the church. I have lived to see more than my share and rarely, if ever, are these ruptures over doctrine or some vital issue. They are over personalities, personal preferences and bent egos. You would think for the testimony of Jesus Christ and His Church, we could swallow our pride and learn to love one another.

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## A WORD TO THE WISE

Someone has said that nothing is opened more by mistake than the mouth. It is my observation, and I believe that is true generally, that more harm has been done to the cause of Christ by gossip, slander, lying tongues, etc. than all other causes put together. How sad that the majority of Christians have so little regard for the cause of Christ and His Church that they knowingly run down God's people and retard the progress of His Church. God says, "**Touch not mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm.**" ~Psalm 105:15. Dr. A. B. Simpson said, "*I would rather play with forked lightning or take in my hands living wires than to speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others to the hurt of their own souls and bodies.*" There is hardly any evil mentioned in the Word of God more than the sins of the tongue. No doubt, as Dr. Simpson suggests, many believers have physical and other problems because of their slanderous behavior. God says, "**But I say unto you, That every idle word that men speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**" ~Matthew 12:36, 37. Of course, the tongue only brings forth what is in the heart! Dr. Joseph Parker said, "*It is vain to attempt to tame the tongue until the heart is subdued.*" Mark 7:21: "**For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts...**" Please read Psalm 19:14.