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ARTIFICIAL PREACHERS.

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Dr. A. W. Tozer wrote many years ago: "When I was young and first beginning to observe the human scene, one thing that struck me forcefully was the artificiality of preachers....They were men, obviously, but they lacked completely the candor and downrightness I knew so well in other men. The bold man-to-man approach was missing. They seemed to be afraid of something...No one seemed to pay attention to them anyway. They spoke so gingerly and apologetically that one got the impression that they would rather remain silent forever than offend anyone... Now, I am all for preachers and I do not expect them to be perfect, but I am all for downrightness too. I think it highly improbable that anyone who speaks cautiously can speak effectively. Every man that stands to proclaim the Word of God should speak with something of the bold authority of the Word itself. He must be totally committed to Christ and deeply anointed with the Holy Spirit. He must be delivered from the fear of man. The focus of his attention must be God and not man." Charles Finney said: "Ministers generally avoid preaching what the people before them will understand as addressed to them. They will preach to them about other people, and the sins of others, instead of saying 'You are guilty of these sins...' They often preach about sinners instead of preaching to them. They studiously avoid being personal." We are told: "**If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...**" The man of is God is to speak for God and as God would speak! Unfortunately, there are many Fundamental preachers in our day like the ones Tozer and Finney describe. They preach the truth, and they believe in the King James Bible, but they never convict anybody. You could not sit under the prophets nor the apostles very long without being convicted about something. It seems to me that the apostle Paul made far more enemies than friends. Certainly Jesus did!

Listen to me please, those of you who sit in the pew. A man who is afraid of you, a man who pussy-foots around the truth but never declares boldly exactly what you need, will never do you any good. You may like him because he is as comfortable as an old shoe, but he will not benefit you. Furthermore, he is not being honest with you! Take the prophets for example, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc. The people were religious but cold and indifferent to the truth. But the prophets did not cater to them but boldly preached against their sins and proclaimed a message of repentance. That is the kind of message we need today! Most of God's people are just like the Israelites of old: nominally religious, but cold, carnal and careless about the true things of God and spiritual worship. Beloved, we are in a day of worldliness and spiritual decline among the saints of God and we need bold men of God who will call us back to a close walk with God. That is one of the purposes of the Word of God: "**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.**" What good is it to fill your head with "sound doctrine" and all while you are living in sin and facing the certain chastisement of God? If you're wrong, there is only one proper and safe course - get right! Repent! One thing is certain, you are not fooling God.

MORMONS (ALL CULTS) ARE DECEPTIVE.

The Mormon Church leaders are upset over a *Newsweek* article that stated the Mormon Church is trying to appear more Christian. They have tried that all along. I never yet had one of those 20 year old "elders" (and I've dealt with a few of them) who didn't tell me he believed basically what I believed. That is a monstrous lie! The article said, "The basic Mormon doctrines do seem strange to the ears of traditional Christians. For example, God is a finite being - He's married. Yes, and according to Mormonism, he had {has} a number of wives. Then, the 'Heavenly Mother,' as they call her, produces spirit children in the 'pre-existence' - that's you and me - so that we take bodies when we're born into this world." The author stated that they emphasize Jesus more and Joseph Smith less. He also said, "In their prayers and many other ways, they are beginning to sound like evangelical Christians." My experience for many years is they only talk about Jesus; they try to get you to believe that they believe what you do with a few minor differences. I've never, in 50 years, been told that Jesus was a polygamist, etc. Like their father

the devil, they are very good at deception; they don't want anybody to know where they are coming from. Few would listen if they began talking about Joseph Smith's (and Brigham Young's, etc.) 70 or more wives, that Jesus himself had many, that he never died on the cross, that Mormonism owes more to the Masonic Lodge than to the Bible, etc. God says, "**Be not deceived...**"

QUOTES THAT MAKE YOU WONDER!

FRANKLIN GRAHAM struck a bold new stance (on AIDS) saying: "We as the church have been too quick to pass judgment on this disease. Let us put this issue at the top of our agendas as individuals, churches, denominations, and Christian organizations."-*CT. Put AIDS above everything else? AIDS above evangelism?*

BOB JONES, III said: "Instead of Fundamentalist defining us as steadfast Bible believers, the term now carries overtones of radicalism and terrorism." He suggested we call ourselves "Preservationists." -*CT. One wonders if the Apostle Paul was troubled at being called a "Christian" since the name certainly called forth a great deal of hostility.*

YOUTH CORNER

DON'T QUIT! When you are tested or discouraged, one of the easiest things to do is quit. But quitting is only easy for the moment, in the long run it is hard. When you are down or defeated remember Abraham Lincoln. When Abraham Lincoln was a young man, he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly beaten. Then, he entered business which failed and he spent the next seventeen years paying off debts due to a worthless partner. He was engaged to a beautiful young lady but she died before they could be married. Later, he married a woman who was a constant burden to him. Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was defeated. He tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office, but failed. He became a candidate for the U.S. Senate and was badly defeated again. In 1856 he was a candidate for Vice-President and was defeated. Troubles, disappointments, defeats but as you know he went on to become President - perhaps the best one this land ever had. Someone has said, "When things get tough, the tough get going." Life is like running a race and sometimes the race course is uphill, rough and otherwise difficult. Don't quit - keep on keeping on! God's Word says, "**Let us run with patience (perseverance) the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus...**" ~*Hebrews 12:1, 2.*

JUST KEEP ON PUFFIN'!

A cigarette isn't very much,
Costs eight bits (?) or such,
Wrapped up tight in clear, white paper.
Light with a match, quite a caper.

Packed up nice from the tobacco maker,
Accelerates the trip to the undertaker.
Smoke curls out through mouth and nose,
Stinks like --- nobody knows.

A puff puff here and a puff puff there
Everyone in the room has to share.
Not a cough in a carload they say,
But you're hacking away like your final day.

It's what's up front, so they all say,
While cancer and emphysema heads your way.
You cough all night and wheeze all day,
But got to have another one anyway.

When you start spitting blood and get pains in the chest,
Won't be long before the coffin nails do the rest.



SERIOUS THINGS TOMORROW

Long ago there lived in Greece a ruler named Archias. Like many, he was a selfish man who lived only for pleasure and cared little or nothing for the needs of his people. Many people hated him and at length some plotted together to kill him. Archias knew nothing of the plot, but a friend of his in Athens heard of it. Immediately, he wrote a letter to the king warning him of his danger and pointing out a way of escape. When the messenger arrived, the king was holding a great feast, but the man was allowed in because he was from the king's friend. He said, "My lord, your friend earnestly begs you to read this message at once as it speaks of serious things." Archias, merry with wine and bent on pleasure laughingly cast it aside saying, "Serious things tomorrow." But the poor man never saw "tomorrow." Later in the evening, his gaiety and life came to an end as the men who had plotted his death rushed upon him and killed him." Maybe that is your philosophy - "Serious things tomorrow!" I have dealt with many who planned to get saved someday, but not today. After they get their fill of sin and worldly pleasure, they will turn to God - just before they die. Listen to this solemn warning: **"Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** God says, **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** You had better change your mind (repent) while you have time and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Today, right now, is the time for serious things, especially the salvation of your soul!

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PROPER DRESS FOR PRISON

The following was written by Thomas F. Eaves, Sr. in *Pulpit Helps*. "Several weeks ago I visited a youth development center (prison for young people) in Tennessee. Except for the guards and high chain link fence, one could envision himself on a college campus. The bulletin board had a bold notice: ***Visitors must be appropriately dressed. Underwear and bras must be worn, no halter tops, no shorts, no revealing clothing.***" No revealing clothing surely includes mini-skirts, slit skirts and tight fitting blouses, etc. That is a worldly institution, and they seem to have more sense than many Christians and Pastors. They know that "revealing clothing," etc. creates problems. How can Christians be so ignorant here? Or, are they ignorant? Maybe they are just disobedient! No one knows better than I do that it is extremely difficult to maintain Biblical standards of "modest" dress in our Fundamental churches. Some ask what is "modest"? The above covers much of it! The way some people dress for church these days, and we are talking about professing Christians, is not Christ honoring. Some folks say, "I don't think this is important, I don't think that..." Does anyone care what God thinks? Is worldliness among God's people all right now? **Beloved, we are under God's orders to have modest dress in God's Church**, and we are not of those who think you can pick and choose which of the Lord's commandments one will obey. You cannot be right with God and disobey any of His commandments.