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WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS!

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I believe what the world needs most is Christians who are truly living for Christ! Jesus said, **“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor...it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and be trodden under the foot of men.”** The average Christian today offers no rebuke to the world, either by life or by lip. How many act like the world, talk like the world, dress like the world, and seek the same things world seeks. I have read of one fundamental (?) church (and I am sure it is not alone) where every once in a while they have “dress down” Sunday but now it's every Sunday. You come dressed any way you want to; in one church the people were invited to come and see the Pastor dressed in shorts. That may draw a crowd, but I tell you God is not happy when we mimic the world just to get a crowd! Multitudes have brought the filth of Hollywood right into their homes through TV. Jim Eliot who was a martyr for Christ in 1956, said a few years before that event: *“I went to my friend's house last night and looked at TV. God convicted me with **Psalm 119:37: ‘Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity.’ I sensed the powerful decentralizing effect of it on my mind and affections...Lord grant me a disciplined spirit and an obedient body henceforth.**”* TV is ten times worse that it was then and many Christians think nothing of spending several hours a day watching it. Over one hundred years ago D.L. Moody said: *“I firmly believe that the Church of God will have to confess her own sins before there can be any great work of grace. I sometimes think it is time to give up preaching to the ungodly and preach to those who profess to be Christians.”* He also said, *“If we had a high standard of life in the Church, there would be thousands more flocking into the kingdom.”* If we are ever going to be of much use to God and a blessing to lost sinners, we are going to have to get closer to God - not the world. The need of this hour is Spirit filled Christians!

It's time to confess our carnality and lukewarmness to the things of God and stand up and be counted for Christ. Jesus said, **“Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”** They are solemn words of the Lord Jesus Christ! He wants you cold or hot, but not lukewarm. No middle ground. Dr. Joseph Parker said of Spurgeon, *“The only colors Mr. Spurgeon knew were black and white. In all things he was definite. You were either in or out, up or down, alive or dead.”* Vance Havner told of a preacher who said, *“I used to take a stand about dancing, but I just made enemies. I'm going to go along with it.”* Praise God Luther didn't say, *“Things are bad and souls are being damned, but I just can't afford to stick my neck out.”* We talk about the final apostasy as though it were somewhere in the future. We are in the midst of it! It is time for God's people to repent; it is **“high time to wake out of sleep”** and love Christ as never before. Christian, will you get before the Lord, confess your sins and ask God to fill you with His Spirit? **“Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that he will not hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God...”** ~Isaiah 59:1,2. (1995 Challenge). P.S. It's gotten worse since 1995.

A TRUTH FEW WANT TO FACE!

Curtis Hutson said, “*The main trouble with Fundamentalists today is not that our doctrine is false, but that our experience is flat!*” Yes, we have a lot of head knowledge but little heart knowledge. O, Lord, “**Revive us again...**”

SOME VERY REVEALING STATISTICS!

World reported a recent survey of college students shows the liberal and unrealistic attitudes which are held.

- ◆ 37% of college students say that they would be “very likely to try to evade the draft.”
- ◆ 71% disagree with the statement that U.S. values are superior to the values of other nations.
- ◆ 57% believe that U.S. policies are at least somewhat responsible for the attacks of September 11.
- ◆ 79% do not believe that Western culture is superior to Arab culture.
- ◆ 61% say that they generally have a favorable opinion of Islam.

The liberalism of U.S. college campuses is a well known fact and these figures further reveal that truth. I have said for many years, that the “flaming liberals” in this country should be made to live in some foreign land for a couple of years. Which foreign land? Any one! Better yet, I say get them their own island and a one way ticket. I would gladly be the first contributor. As bad as America is, it still stands alone - at the top!

YOUTH CORNER

GOD’S ADMONITION TO ALL AGES.

The following is from “Teen Talks” in *Sword of the Lord*: “**These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination to him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren.**” ~*Proverbs 6:16-19*. You no doubt have seen on TV *America’s Most Wanted*. Here you have the “Lord’s Most Hated.” God lists seven carefully targeted, specifically selected sins that make up His most hated list. They involve our eyes, our hands, our feet, our tongues and our motives. Now, for the million dollar question: Is there a single sin that makes us guilty of all seven of these sins? Wow! What sin could be that bad? murder? sodomy? robbery? abortion? No. The sin of seven abominations is GOSSIP! “**The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly...When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.**” ~*Proverbs 26:22,25*.

Strong’s Concordance defines talebearer as a “scandal monger,” or one who “slanders and carries tales.” Why spend your life being a walking, human manure spreader? The tongue could be used to encourage others, not wound them. Why would someone who claims to be a Christian want to spend his time fabricating or repeating hurtful tales that cause others hurt or embarrassment? The person who spends time digging up dirt on others and spreading it has a serious heart problem that exhibits itself in seven abominable acts: 1. *A proud look*: Talebearers believe they are better than others. 2. *A Lying tongue*: Talebearers deal in exaggerations and half-truths. 3. *Shedding innocent blood*: Talebearers are reputation assassins. 4. *Wicked imaginations*: Talebearers want to believe the worst. 5. *Swift feet*: They enjoy causing a problem. 6. *False witness*: They care nothing about the truth. 7. *Sowing discord*: Talebearers divide friends, families and even churches. Young people - shun it like the plague!

God hates the wicked sin of gossip! It is high time we all viewed gossip as the gross sin it is. The very title *talebearer* brings someone to mind. Everyone who reads this is thinking of someone who is a gossip. A fair question would be, Is anyone thinking of you?

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. ~Ephesians 4:29

TWO POSSIBILITIES!

I once heard of a man who was a heavy smoker. Everywhere he went he heard or read that smoking can cause heart trouble, lung disease and cancer. It scared him to see these things so, he gave up reading. While that sounds ridiculous, there are multitudes who do the same with the warnings about judgment. They get upset if they go to a Gospel preaching church or someone speaks to them about sin, hell, judgment, and the need for repentance. Instead of dealing with their sin the Bible way, they do all they can to avoid hearing about these things. Of course, they have a lot of help for few preachers today speak on those unpleasant subjects. Well, you can avoid these things and shut your ears to them, but you haven't changed one thing. Many give a deaf ear to the warnings about tobacco and end up with heart failure, cancer, etc. God says, **"It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."** The Word of God also says, **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** You don't have to prepare for judgment! You don't have to be born again; millions haven't been! The Bible warns: **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** There are only two possibilities: repent or perish. You don't have to repent; but if you don't, you will perish! You can keep your sin and pay the price - hell! But as the man above was a fool, so are you. **"(God) is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."** Repent and receive Christ as your Savior today.

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WHAT MUST HELL BE LIKE?

Jesus spoke of hell in no uncertain terms. To deny the reality of hell and hell-fire, one must call Jesus Christ a liar. He spoke of **"hell fire"** several times. He warned people about being **"...cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched."** In Luke 16 His words are very clear - there can be no mistaking them if we are honest! He told of a man **"in hell...being in torments."** Jesus recorded the man said, **"I am tormented in this flame."** Many other Scriptures speak of it. A Scottish preacher was passing a glass factory and decided to step inside. He soon stood in front of the large opening of one of the furnaces. He stared at the raging flames and exclaimed to himself, but out loud, "O, what will hell be like?" He did not know that a stoker was standing quietly behind him and heard his words. Several weeks later that workman appeared in church. Making himself known after the service, he reminded the preacher of the incident at the factory saying: "Every time I have opened the furnace since then, I have thought of your words. I have come tonight to take Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I don't want to find out what hell is like!" What about you my reader? Are you unsaved? Believe me, hell is no joke. Thank God there is a way of escape! Jesus said, **"I am come that they might have life..."** Repent of your sins and ask Him to save you before it is too late. John 3:36: **"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."**