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HOW TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11TH.

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If someone would have predicted fifty or seventy-five years ago the current state of public (and much of private) education in America, no one would have believed it! One of the latest indications of the problem is educators' suggestions on how students might remember September 11th. Betsy Hart, columnist and news commentator writes: "The University of North Carolina...told its incoming freshmen to read and be ready to discuss 'Approaching the Quran: The Early Revelations,' a generally sympathetic portrait of Islam...The National Education Association (Perhaps 75% of all public school teachers belong to the NEA) suggested that 'teachers of sixth to eighth grades have their students write poetry about the anniversary.'" A research group, Public Agenda, found that only 7% (that's right, 7%) of *education professors* think teachers should be "conveyors of knowledge who enlighten students with what they know. Ninety-two percent believe teachers should only enable students to learn on their own." Now, you know why Johnny can't read, write, or do math! He has to learn it on his own. Many have written in recent years about the lack of serious teaching and learning in the public schools. The above study tells you how we got into this mess from which the nation will probably not recover - it is taught in the colleges and universities where teachers prepare to teach(?). Long ago, the liberals took over the education establishment and thus the entire country. You also see here why the NEA and most all teachers are adamantly opposed to teacher and student testing. I have an article in front of me from the *Teacher Magazine*. There is a large picture showing a teenager in stocks (as they used to put criminals in 200 years ago) with large letters on it saying: "Standardized Testing." The article is all about how bad it is to test students to find out what they know before graduation, and not to grant a diploma to those who do not pass. One of the reasons given for dropping the test is the appalling increase in the student drop-out rate. Why do so many more drop-out? Because they don't know enough to pass a simple test. The tests are not the problem but the educational establishment's failure to teach. It also tells the story of one teacher's crusade to eliminate testing; he has organized "Students Against Testing."

For years, we have documented the pathetic situation in the public schools. We are not talking about a few isolated places but the problem is national in scope. The lack of discipline, the low-level of learning (often non-learning), the humanistic and "politically correct" agenda (which permeates the *learning* process), lurid sex education, promotion of homosexuality and every other form of sexual perversion, etc. I believe I could write a book with the information I have gathered over the years. Many secular writers have documented these things. The amazing thing is, no one seems to care; few parents seem to be concerned though their children will have to go through a life of mediocrity and perhaps misery. What is most distressing is the unconcern of many Christian parents. Most have time and money for everything else they desire, but they are not willing to invest serious time and money in their children's education. We have said it many times - Dad and Mom, your child is only going to get one education! What does God think of your indifference to these things?

FUNDAMENTALIST DUPLICITY!

There are many fundamentalists who only use the KJV publicly but otherwise use modern versions and fellowship with men who preach from them. Here is an example from *Victory Baptist News & Views*: “We are not ‘King James Only’ but we use the King James. The difference is that we use other good, conservative translations that agree with [the] King James Version, but we do not recommend them for public use. Also, we will not break fellowship with fundamental men who use a conservative translation instead of the Authorized version.” -Rod Bell, Sr. “I am not ‘Real Money Only’ but I only use real money. The difference is that I use good counterfeit money that looks a lot like real money, but I don’t recommend it for public use. Also, I will not break fellowship with others who use good counterfeit money instead of real money...” -George Shafer

YOUTH CORNER

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE BEST OF ALL!

Young people, I believe in a *good* education - much of what you find today is not good. However, I also believe that you are ill-educated unless you have a working knowledge of the Bible. A hundred years ago or so, William Lyon Phelps of Yale University - called the most beloved professor in America - said, “*I thoroughly believe in a university education... but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible.*” Perhaps you have heard the statement: *Educated beyond his intelligence.* That is true of all too many (See preceding article). The Bible is not out-of-date and never will be; it is more up-to-date than anything else you can study. One of the sad things in our day is how few professing Christians have a working knowledge of the Bible. That is, not very many know it well enough to apply its truths to everyday situations and problems. I urge you to read, to study, your Bible every day and to stay connected to a good, Fundamental Baptist Church. Believe me, it will be of more value than a college education - especially in these difficult days!

**Study to show thyself
approved to God, a
workman that needeth not
to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 2:15

THE FEAR OF THE LORD...

The Bible says, “**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**” In the days when the lines were clearly drawn between the Protestants and the Roman Catholics in England, that fearless man of God, John Knox approached the court of Mary Queen of Scots. She was a rabid Roman Catholic and caused the death of many Bible believers. As Knox approached, someone said it might be better to postpone his visit because the Queen was in one of her angriest moods. Knox continued on his way replying, “Why should I be afraid of a queen when I have just spent four hours with God?” If you truly fear the Lord, you do not have to be afraid of anyone. Of course, if you are going to go with confidence in God, you will have to spend some serious time with Him as Knox regularly did.

**Be careful for nothing; but in
every thing by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made
known to God.**

Philippians 4:6

SOME ADVICE WORTH TAKING.

- ❖ There's never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering.
- ❖ If you aspire to be a leader, you had better make sure you know where you are going!
- ❖ The secret of happiness is not to do what you like but to like to do what is right.
- ❖ Nothing is opened more by mistake than the mouth.

GOD'S METHOD IS A MAN

Tozer said, "John's (the Baptist) greatness was this – '**He was a man sent from God.**' You cannot deny the life and vitality of the Christian Church lie in the spiritual leadership of men anointed of the Holy Ghost. I dare to tell you there is a danger in too much democracy in the life of the Church... I do not believe that God expects the Church to thrive and mature and grow just on plain democratic principles." Most Baptists think the Church is a democracy, but that is because they never bothered to study the Scriptures. God has always called a man and used him to accomplish His work. God sent a man, Noah... Abraham...Moses...Peter...Paul, etc. God never sent a board or committee. Well, what about Elders and Deacons? Didn't God ordain that the Church have such? Yes, but it is pretty difficult to get much accomplished with a group of individuals where there is no leader. God always has a leader! Few realize that Elders and Deacons and other committees have been called to help the man God has called! Did the 70 elders lead Moses? Many times the problem is people are not content to follow...they want to do their own thing. In the local Church, God has called a man, a Pastor, and He gives others to help that man get the job done. He is not a dictator, *but he is God's appointed man to lead the sheep!* He's God's man who leads the way! The sheep are to follow - not lead! Some of you don't like this teaching because you don't want to submit! Most Church problems would be over if God's people took this to heart. **Hebrews 13:17.**

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NUMBER ONE KILLER!

Our country has fought in eleven wars...Casualties from war have been heavy. There were 26,000 casualties in the Revolutionary War; 600,000 in the Civil War; 126,000 in World War I; 407,318 in World War II; 33,692 in the Korean War and 57,684 in the Vietnam War. War is a terrible killer! Do you realize that in the past 29 years 36,672,856 Americans have been killed by abortion? In spite of these facts, there is yet another killer in America that takes more lives than any preceding mentioned destroyers. Tobacco and drugs take a great toll in lives each year, but the greatest killer by far is still the Demon killer of Alcohol! That's right! Liquor, wine, whiskey and beer has caused more deaths in America than any other killer among us. Of our annual 50,000 highway deaths each year, over half, 26,000 are caused by drinking drivers. That is nearly 70 persons a day, or about one every fifteen minutes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration drunken driver crashes are the greatest single killer of people under 34 years of age. Alcohol is responsible for 80% of all home violence; 60% of all child abuse; 30% of all suicides. In 80% of all crimes committed in America, alcohol is a leading factor. **"Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging: and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise."** ~Proverbs 20:1 - Baptist Reporter. Ed. Amazingly, even in Fundamental circles, one almost never hears alcohol condemned. How can God bless America when we license this great evil and other gross wickedness?