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WANTED: RIVERS OF LIVING WATER!

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"...Jesus stood and cried saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive...**" ~John 7:37-39. These are the last days and we need some strong meat for the few who are able to digest it. God always expects His people to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Did He not command us: "**...be ye filled with the Spirit.**"? Could He have a lesser standard? I am not just being negative; merely criticizing. Just look around in our Fundamental Baptist churches and see how many truly Spirit-filled Christians you can find? One problem is many professions in our churches are false professions. Some of you will recognize the name David Otis Fuller, that strong defender of the King James Bible. He went on to Glory a few years ago. In his later years, he preached all over this land, mostly in Fundamental Baptist churches and he said he believed that at least fifty percent of the people in our churches were not saved. I believe he was right! Then, anyone with spiritual discernment can see that most of the others are certainly not Spirit filled but carnal. The Apostle says that carnal Christians are babies - some are twenty or thirty years in the Lord but still babies. Babies are cute (not when they are 20 or 30 years old), but there is nothing more selfish than a baby. He only thinks of himself. He has got to be the center of everything. Many years ago, Dr. Shelton said he took some Pastors out to dinner and also took his little daughter. She just prattled away in spite of the adults that were there. Finally, he said, "Hush, Marjorie." She replied, "But Daddy, Marjorie must speak." How true of many *baby* Christians. Dr. Ironside said, "*The carnal (baby) Christian is delightful - as long as he gets his own way!*"

The greatest need of the hour is Spirit filled believers! We will not admit it, but our churches are Laodicean - lukewarm, worldly! Revelation 3:17 says, "**Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...**" Oh, Yes, we have large budgets, fancy buildings, etc., but where is the Holy Spirit power? What are we accomplishing without Him? What does God say? "**...and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.**" How many professed believers think more of sports and TV than the Sunday or Wednesday night services. Many Fundamental Baptist churches have begun to give those services up because it is all they can do to get a handful out. Where are those whose lives have been radically changed by the Spirit of God. Doesn't the Word say, "**If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.**"? Spurgeon told of a new boy in Sunday School. He was from a poor neighborhood and not too bright. But he learned his memory verse, John 3:15. He recited it: "**That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have INTERNAL life.**" Spurgeon said it was not quite right, but he had a lot of truth. I do not believe it is possible to have the Holy Spirit within and be the same old person except you go to church now and then. I challenge you to grow up, repent and ask God to help you to be done with self and to fill you with the Holy Spirit. It will cost something, but I warn you that God is not happy with carnal, worldly Christians!

YOUTH CORNER

YOUNG PEOPLE - STAY AWAY FROM YOGA!

Yoga, transcendental meditation, etc. are extremely dangerous. These are not simply to relax the mind, body builders, etc., but in fact they are basic elements of Hinduism. People say, well I don't get involved with the religious aspect. That is impossible! Yoga is the heart of Hinduism. It is worthless without the mantras (which are names of Hindu gods), etc. It is amazing how many public schools use yoga though it is a religious exercise. I am appalled by the number of Fundamental Baptists, including Pastors who think that yoga is all right! Some even have yoga classes in the church - how stupid or deceived can they be? Yoga is not incidental but fundamental to Hinduism; it's the means of bringing one into perfect harmony with the "Universal Divinity." While many may escape *seemingly* unharmed, others have been scarred for life. Dave Hunt testified: "I have interviewed people who became demon possessed through yoga." (*Berean Call* 8/98). Young person, shun this as you would the plague. Many ecumenical leaders believe when we do get one-world religion, it will be a combination of Christianity and Hinduism.

GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL AGES.

If you open it, close it.
If you turn it on, turn it off.
If you unlock it, lock it.
If you break it, fix it.
If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
If you borrow it, return it.
If you use it, take care of it.
If you make a mess, clean it up.
If you move it, put it back.
If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
(*Many Church members need to heed this good advice!*)

Whether therefore ye eat,
or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do **all** to the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31

SENTENCE SERMONS:

- ❖ Many books may inform, but only the Bible, the Word of God can transform!
- ❖ What you love and what you have reveal a whole lot about what you are.
- ❖ No Christian should ask, "How close can I get to the world?" but "How close can I get to God?"
- ❖ Gladstone: "Tell me what the young men of England are doing on Sunday and I will tell you the future of England." (It wasn't good)
- ❖ When Athanasius was told: "Athanasius, the whole world is against you," he calmly replied, "Then I am against the whole world!"
- ❖ "Thinking is the hardest business there is, which is probably the reason so few do it." -Henry Ford

OFF THE WALL!

A good missionary while here on furlough observed that *Christian* young people are some of the most ardent consumers of clothing by Abercrombie and Fitch, whose ads and posters portray nudity and vulgarity. Some Christian colleges refuse to allow their students to wear A & F clothes. Students say they have the A & F posters on their walls at home and have whined in protest at having to take the erotic and suggestive pictures down from the dorm room walls. "Off the wall" should pertain to anything that dishonors Christ. -Hugh Pyle Ed. I believe the greatest problem with Christian young people is their parents, who let them buy and wear clothing that is sensual and provocative - clothing that is clearly unchristian. Should Christ appear before them, He would surely strongly rebuke them. The plain truth is that many in our Fundamental churches are simply not saved. For one reason or other they have made a profession of faith but it was empty. Many have grown up in a Fundamental Church, but there is no change in their lives and no fruit for God! Young person reading these lines, I urge you to repent and truly receive Christ as your Savior before it is too late! Remember Esau! He wanted his own way and he got it - God is not mocked!

KIND OF SOLDIERS WE NEED!

I am a soldier in the army of my God! The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer, the Holy Bible is my code of conduct, and faith, prayer and the Word are the weapons of my warfare! I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire. I have enlisted for eternity. I will either retire at the Rapture or die in the battle; I will not get out, sell out, be talked out or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable and dependable! If my God needs me to teach children, work with the youth, help adults or just sit and learn, He can use me because I am here. I am a soldier. I am not a baby! I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up or pepped up. I am a soldier! No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me or lure me. I am a soldier! I am not a wimp. I am in place saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name and building His kingdom. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, catered to. I am committed! I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. When Jesus Christ called me into this army, I had nothing.... My God will supply all my needs! I am more than a conqueror. I can do all things through Christ! Devils cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battle cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me and hell cannot handle me. I am a soldier! Even death cannot destroy me. For when my Commander calls me from the battlefield, He will promote me to a captain and then bring me back to rule in this world with Him. I am a soldier in the army and I am marching, claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around. I am a soldier marching Heaven-bound! Here I stand. Will you stand with me? - Unknown

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THE ROLE OF A MINISTER

A Pastor struggles with the same problems and trials that any of his people have; only he has even greater difficulties because of his position. Unfortunately, there are many believers who make allowances for themselves and others - but not for the Pastor. He is not allowed to have any weaknesses, preferences, mistakes, etc., though he is just as human as they are. The following was copied from *Pulpit Helps*. It might be entitled: *My Pastor, Then and Now!* "I have a minister. Time was when he was a good minister. I pronounced him great. This I did because I liked him. His sermons were wonderful; - as long as I liked him. He was a hard worker - as long as I liked him. He was the man for the job - as long as I liked him. But my minister offended me one day. Whether he knew it or not I do not know. Since that day my minister has ceased to be a good minister - he is just an ordinary one. His sermons are not so wonderful - since he offended me. His speech is of no account - since he offended me. He is not a hard worker - since he offended me. He's not the man for the job - since he offended me. In fact, I'm trying to oust him - since he offended me." The truth is, our churches are full of carnal people like this except they would never acknowledge it! I would like someone to tell me how you can lead a group of people according to the Bible, without offending anyone. In fact, in all probability, he will offend or cross everyone one of them over a period of time. God says, "**Judge righteous judgment.**" Remember, He does!