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**SEVEN DEADLY SINS OF BELIEVERS!**

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I am not referring to drunkenness, adultery, etc. There has been enough of that and it has caused great harm to the testimony of God and the ministry of the Church. The sins I am speaking of are often overlooked, but they have done more harm than all other sins of believers put together. The seven deadly sins are:

1. *That's his interpretation, but I don't agree with it!* This is deadly and I have heard my share of it. Of course, the person is speaking of the Pastor! This person never goes to the Pastor as the Bible tells him to do - in his arrogance, he just sets himself up as a greater authority and usually causes a church split.
2. *Don't tell anyone but...* In 54 years I have seen more injury to the Church through gossip than all other sins combined! This could be greatly minimized if God's people would just say to such a one, "Let's go to the person involved (usually the Pastor) and you can tell me in front of him." That's what the Bible says. Unfortunately, there are as many willing ears as there are loose tongues. God help them, because He is not happy with this.
3. *No one is telling me what to believe, what to wear, what to look at, etc.* No, that's right - not even God can tell some people. We are living in a day of unparalleled self will and arrogance. See II Tim.3:1-5. The Word of God still says, "**Obey them that have the rule over you.**" (All of these sins are related to self will.)
4. *I know the Bible is against it, but I believe the Lord led me to do it.* These people act as though they have a special dispensation from God to disobey His Word. You had better be careful! You are saying that God Himself is in complicity with sin and error! You are saying you are something special. You are very foolish!
5. *Times change and the church needs to change with them.* We are seeing this with a vengeance among Bible believing Fundamentalists with churches closed Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, contemporary music, come as you are dress, sensual dress, etc. This is how we got liberalism 125 years ago.
6. *God understands...* That is, what I am doing may not be just right, but my circumstances are different than others. Yes, He understands and He also understands you are going to have to pay for your sin and disobedience because "**Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**" There is no reason to disobey God!
7. *You have to be prudent and use common sense.* While this may have some legitimacy, these people only want to believe or do what their puny minds conceive. A step of faith is beyond them. They won't attempt anything out of the ordinary, anything that requires trusting God rather than themselves. I have seen people like this poison others with their unbelief and thus do great harm and hold back the work of God.

*Notice, all these sins have to do with the self life.* The greatest problem in the work of God is self. In fact, self cannot do the work of God - only hinder it. Christian, God is not happy with self will and sowing discord among the brethren! Is there a cure? Yes! "**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.**" The problem is getting these self-willed babies to take the cure!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

### FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE!

JULY 10-15, 2005

Great Preaching + Children's Meetings

Fellowship Time + Refreshments

Nursery

&

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children grades 1 — 6

Monday — Friday, 10:00 — Noon



## CHURCH SERVICES

### \* SUNDAY \*

Sunday School — 9:30

Church Service — 10:45

Training Hour — 5:30

Evening Service — 6:30

### \* WEDNESDAY \*

Prayer & Bible Study — 7:30

God says: "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Heb.10:25.

### AN URGENT CALL FROM THE PAST

About 50 years ago A.W.Tozer wrote: "So, it was understood that when you got converted and got filled with the Spirit you gave up the world's amusements. Then, there was a slow change, and in the name of fundamental Christianity, one by one, we met those amusements at the door and sprinkled them with holy water... We must have a new reformation. There must come a violent break with that irresponsible, amusement-mad, paganized, pseudo-religion which passes today for the faith of Christ and which is being spread all over the world by unspiritual men..."

## YOUTH CORNER

**EVERYBODY'S DOING IT!** That is the cry one often hears to justify some sin or worldly habit. It is heard in the Church and outside the Church. The truth is, Everybody is not doing it! But just suppose they are. That makes no difference to God; right is right and wrong is wrong, no matter who or how many are doing it. Everybody (except Noah and his family) no doubt thought the talk about a worldwide flood and judgment was more than a little absurd. Everybody (certainly many and probably most) was participating, or at least sympathetic, to homosexuality in Sodom in the days of Lot. The judgment of God came anyway! When the 12 spies came back from spying the land, Everybody (just about) agreed that it was an impossible venture and voted not to go. You can follow the crowd, do what Everybody else is doing - then you will have to take the consequences along with them. Personally, I don't think that is a very smart thing to do! It would be pretty hard to find a time in the history of this old world when Everybody was right as far as God was concerned; No, the truth is, the majority is just about always wrong when it comes to God and truth. Better make up your mind to do right, because that is going to be the basis of God's judgment. I plead with you to trust Christ and base your decisions upon His Word. You won't be like Everybody and you'll not be liked by Everybody, but you'll be right; you'll be saved from the wrath to come!

### **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.

### **IT'S UP TO YOU.**

**"Eight souls... saved by water." I Pet.3:20.**

The same water which drowned the unbelieving,  
preserved the believing.

What was light to Israel was darkness to the  
Egyptians.

The same sun which melts wax, hardens clay.

To those who believe, Christ is an elect stone...To the  
unbelieving, He is a stone of stumbling and Rock  
of offense.-Copied

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### **EDUCATIONAL NONSENSE!**

A group of high school students sits tensely, about to take a required test before graduating. The first question: "Which 1913 dance was the first to incorporate a combination of slow and quick steps: waltz, flamenco, or fox trot." Many educators are pushing this sort of thing. Former Sec. of Education, Rod Paige wrote that art is considered a core academic subject under the No Child Left Behind Act. -*Teacher Magazine* (Jan.-Feb. 2005). Sadly, most children in public schools are being left behind when it comes to a meaningful education. (See article left)

### **WASHINGTON JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!**

Dec. 29, 2004, right after Mahmoud Abbas was installed as head of the Palestinian Authority (PA), the U.S. State Dep't sent \$23.5 million to the PA. According to assistant Sec. of State Wm. Burns it shows a mark of "confidence in the direction of the PA's reform program." One day later, Abbas, who spent decades at Arafat's right hand, brazenly campaigned with members of the al-Aksa Martyrs Brigade in Jenin. He was pictured riding on the shoulders of a notorious terrorist. Again and again, Abbas has expressed his solidarity with violent extremists. Last month he traveled to Damascus to meet with some of the region's most implacable terrorist groups. He has been explicit. In recent weeks, he has promised to shelter terrorists from Israeli arrest and vowed there will be no PA crackdown on Palestinian terrorism. - *TBC* - (1/12/05)

### **FEW IN ENGLAND BELIEVE IN GOD.**

According to a recent poll "the national mood (toward belief in God) is one of 'benign indifference,' saying most people seem to regard religion as a consumer good to be selected by those who happen to have a taste for it. Forty-six percent said they were agnostics, 35 percent claimed the atheist title and 18 percent said they didn't know... Today just 36 percent of Britons believe in heaven and 23 percent believe in hell." *Religion Today* (1/14/05). While the statistics would no doubt be much better in America, the truth is most belief in God here is at best nominal. Very few here have a belief in God that makes any difference in their everyday lives. We have probably never had so many people go to church, synagogue, etc. and never have we had so much immorality. The "do your own thing" philosophy seems to be all pervasive in the lives of the vast majority. This is what the Bible predicted - see I Tim.3:1-5, etc.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AMERICA.**

The following statistics are from *World* magazine (1/29/05).

- 51% of high school students think Germany, Japan or Italy was an ally of the United States in W.W.II.
- 40% of seniors in America's top 55 colleges do not know within 50 yrs. when the Civil War took place.
- 56% of seniors in the top 55 colleges don't know that Abraham Lincoln was Pres. during the Civil War.
- 40% of seniors in the top 55 colleges don't know that the document establishing the separation of powers in our government is the U.S. Constitution.
- 69% of voting age Americans think that Karl's Marx's principle of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs" either is (35%) or might be (34%) a quotation from the U.S. Constitution.
- Zero percent of America's top colleges have an American history requirement.

We have often documented the travesty of American public education. The average parent is tragically ignorant of what is being taught to his children; most of it is either bad or irrelevant. The truth is, he doesn't care as long as he can have the "good life." But that is coming to an end one of these days!

### **ARE HOMOSEXUALS BORN THAT WAY?**

That's what the homosexual crowd has been saying for years. In other words, it is in their genes and there is nothing they can do about it but accept it and everyone else should do likewise. Noted authority on this subject Jeffrey Satinover (see below) stated that many studies on the subject were in reality bogus, like the Kinsey reports 40 years ago. But there has been a great effort to indoctrinate people into believing that homosexuality was as normal as heterosexuality. Of course, that is not what the Bible says - God calls it sin and rebellion. Any number of secular authorities have agreed that is it not in the genes, though the psychological world continues to deliberately promote that false concept. In *World* (2/19/05) noted psychiatrist and law professor at Princeton University, Jeffrey Satinover said, "The notion that 'homosexuals' are in effect a 'different species' (different genes) is ludicrous beyond belief. There is not the slightest evidence for that as anyone who actually reads the studies (not reports *on* the studies) knows." It is not in the genes, but according to God's Word, it is a sin that needs to be repented of. That's the problem, these people will not repent!

## THE PRAYER OF DEMONS

In Luke 4:33, 34 it says a demon cried out at the presence of Jesus. The demon said, "**Let us alone...**" Not only is that the prayer of demons, but I find it is the plea of many human beings today. It's the prayer of demons and men: Let me alone, I don't want to be disturbed. A few months ago Mrs. Starr and I were knocking on some doors. At one door a young lady came and Mrs. Starr handed her our literature and a Gospel tract which asks on the front page, "*Why Should God Let You Into Heaven?*" Then, she proceeded to show the young lady her need of Christ. All of a sudden she cried out: "Why did you come to my door today? I was in for a good time, but you have ruined my day!" She wished we had let her alone! One of the most frequent responses we get when witnessing is, "I'm all set!" In other words, I am satisfied with my religion (or with no religion) - *just let me alone*. Maybe that's how you feel. I warn you, that is just what God may do and there will be no hope for you. In Matt. 8, Jesus cast out some demons from a poor soul and sent them into a herd of swine. Some witnesses went and told it in the city and it says, "**The whole city came out to meet Jesus...and they besought him to depart out of their coasts.**" They thought more of pigs than they did of Jesus! In Matt.9:1 it says: "**He entered into a ship and passed over...**" They said, "Let us alone!" He said, All right, I'll let you alone! I urge you to flee to Jesus right now, while you can! "**Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

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## THE MAXIMUM CHRISTIAN

Last month I had an article by Spurgeon entitled, "The Minimum Christian." I thought what about the Maximum Christian? Let's look at what such a man might be like. He is the man who puts his whole heart, the maximum, into the Lord and His work. He never thinks in terms of how little he can do! He thinks he can never do enough for Christ after all the Lord has done in saving his soul. He is in Church whenever the doors are open, unless it is humanly impossible to do so. He listens to the preacher and takes the message to heart because it is from the Lord, not just a man, and he applies it to himself, not others. Sacrificial giving is not a problem, for all he is and has belongs to God. His interest is not in ease but in furthering the work of Christ. Appeals for funds do not bother him for he wants to invest for eternity, not time. The theater, dancing, card-playing, and social drinking mean nothing to him for he has died with Christ. The world does not bother or entice him for he is not interested any longer in the world. The Maximum Christian understands what the Bible means when it says, "**Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new.**" His philosophy is: "**God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world.**" He doesn't measure holiness or right and wrong by what others are doing but by the Word of God! This is the kind of man that one does not have to wonder if he is truly saved. Are you a Minimum or Maximum Christian?