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**TRASH THE TV! (CHALLENGE Reprint)**

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I do not expect a lot of "Amens" to this article, but that is not why we write this paper. It is called the **CORNERSTONE CHALLENGE!** Primarily, we are trying to be helpful in enlightening and challenging God's people. Most of them are asleep. We hope to *challenge* them; wake them up! We are not interested in the make everybody feel good, "self esteem gospel" which is so prevalent today even in Fundamental circles. Surely there is a need for moving God's people away from the world and self. Even some worldly individuals agree that a great deal of TV is trash. Most of what is left is hardly necessary. I read of someone who, because TV programming is so bad, has started a campaign to get people to turn off TV for one month and let stations know that you are not listening so they will wake up. To my way of thinking, that is a waste of time, though no doubt well-intentioned. *I think I have a better solution - trash the TV.* Others will label you a fanatic, or worse. I should say right here, we are not writing for the general public; we are writing for believers, Fundamental Bible believers. The unsaved don't know any better; they like garbage and have no appetite for wholesome food, for spiritual food. While my suggestion would also do them good, it is for true Bible believers. Sad thing is, few believers are ready to do this. Few Christians seems to realize we are in a war - Ephesians 6:10-18.

In the first place, TV is pure entertainment - most of it is bad, even wicked entertainment, and the rest has little redeeming value. You say what about the News and Weather? I say, how much news do you need; three hours a day? Do you really need all those color charts, etc. to get the weather? Do you need the sensuous women who are sometimes used to give it to you? You can get the same news and weather on the radio, four or five days' worth every ten minutes. Do you need the commercials which often have bad language and sexual innuendoes? What about all the Christian sports fans? In the first place, God is not at all interested in sports! What about the violence that is evident in some sports? Most of the sports heroes are hardly someone you would want your son to emulate. Many of them boast about their illegitimate sexual escapades (one boasting he had slept with 2,000 women). What about the obscene gestures, half-naked cheerleaders, beer commercials, etc. Should a Christian look at this? I was visiting a Fundamental Church and the pastor was illustrating something when he said, "I was looking at a football game and when the commercial came on I was so embarrassed by the way the women were dressed (undressed) I felt like putting my hands over my fourteen year old son's eyes." It never occurred to him that he shouldn't be sitting watching that worldliness and wickedness with his son. I ask you, would Jesus sit down with you and watch this stuff? Listen, only babies need to be entertained all the time. How can believers in Jesus Christ justify wasting hours on that which is at best of no value and at worst down-right sinful? What is TV doing to your children? I will tell you what it is doing, it is doing the same to them that it is doing to you, desensitizing them to worldliness, sensuality, wicked human reasoning. I have heard Christians say they control the TV. That's right, you do and there is not one in a hundred that is doing a good job! Many Scriptures could be quoted but one will do here; Phil.4:5: "**Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever** (page 3)

**IT'S FRIEND DAY!**  
**EVERYONE BRING ONE!**  
**September 11, 2005**



**Bible School- - - 9:30**  
**Church Service- 10:45**  
**Dinner under Tent**  
 (after morning service)  
**Singspiration - - 1:30**  
**Evening Service- 6:30**

**Your friends need Christ!**  
**Do your best to bring them.**  
**We have a gift for each friend.**

**BAPTISMAL REGENERATION - ACTS 8:37.**

That is what modern versions allow but not the KJV!

**KJV:** "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

**NASV:** See marginal note. (Quite a verse) The note says, "Late Mss. insert v.37..." *The significance here is that according to this version, Philip baptizes the man without any profession of faith!* (read Acts 8:35-38 without v.37). This appeals to those who believe in infant baptism and baptismal regeneration, etc. - Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Cults and many Protestants.

**NIV:** There is no verse 37. Footnote: some mss add v.37.

**NKJV:** Basically as in KJV with Footnote: NU-text and M-Text omit this verse.

**RSV:** Verse omitted from text. Footnote says, some ancient authorities add v.37.

It's very interesting to note that all the Fundamentalists I know of reject the RSV, which was put out by the very liberal National Council of Churches. Yet the bible(s) many Fundamentalists prefer agree almost entirely with the bibles of the Romanists and unregenerate Protestants, etc. We wonder why they cannot see it - maybe they just don't want to see it!

**INTELLECTUAL & SCIENTIFIC DISHONESTY.**

(George Caylor interview with a molecular biologist - identified as "J"- "The Biologist," 2/17/2000, on *The* (Lynchburg, VA) *Ledger*.) J - "To be a molecular biologist requires one to hold to two insanities at all times. One, it would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself. Two, it would be insane to say you don't believe in evolution. All government work, research grants, papers, big college lectures - everything would stop. I'd be out of a job, or relegated to the outer fringes where I couldn't earn a decent living." Caylor - "I hate to say it, but that sounds like intellectual dishonesty." J - "The work I do in genetic research is honorable. We will find the cures to many of mankind's worst diseases. But in the meantime, we have to live with the elephant in the living room." - *TBC Today* (3/21/05). Evolution is a "white elephant," a hoax, though few like this scientist will admit it.

**WHERE ARE ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS?**

- 10% - You can't find them - they're GONE!
- 20% - Never attend Church.
- 25% - Never pray!
- 45% - Never tithe. (I think that figure is very low)
- 60% - Never study their Bibles.
- 70% - Never attend Sunday night Church.
- 75% - Never assume any responsibility.
- 85% - Never invite anyone to attend with them.
- 95% - Never lead anyone to Christ.
- 100% - Expect to go to heaven. - Copied

*Do you fit into this picture somewhere?*

**D.L.MOODY SAID:** "If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, you have more business on hand than God intended you to have." What does God think of all the time you have for TV, computer games, the newspaper, magazines, sports, yet you do not have time to read His Word and pray everyday? God's Word says, "**Ye have not, because ye ask not...**" You'll never be a spiritual Christian nor accomplish anything for God, without serious daily Bible reading and prayer! Dr. A.J. Gordon said: "The greatest thing anyone can do for God is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of the earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, nor those who say they believe in prayer. I mean people who take the time to pray. They do not have the time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important, very important and pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer." **"Lord, teach us to pray."**

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

(Cont'd from p.1). **things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.**" We are not against all recreation, but there is too much recreation and not enough study and prayer and work today. Whatever happened to families doing things together? Your children would be far better off without TV, bring them to all Church services and activities, have family time each week, read more good books, etc. What about family devotions, prayer, Bible study, visit the unsaved, the elderly, etc.? I read of one Dr. (not a Christian) who was fed up with TV and what it was doing to his family. He threw it out, had family times, etc. He said it dramatically changed his family and the children did much better in school! *Remember, you are going to reap just as you sow!* Gal.6:7,8. Yes, there is life after TV! And it is much better! I say the best thing a Christian can do is *trash the TV*. While I am at it, I should say a word about the internet also. Some may need it for business, but I think the number is not that large. Some believers are wasting more time - and looking at more garbage on the internet than they did on TV. What does God think of the hours you spend on these things and the minutes you spend in prayer, Bible reading, soul winning - if you spend anytime at all on these things? Compare the hours you spend in Church and related things in a week with the hours you and your family spend on TV and the internet, sports, etc. It is no marvel most Fundamental Baptist churches are struggling and there is so little spiritual power! It would do us all good to read Rev. 3:14-22 and take it to heart! Remember, the Judgment Seat of Christ is coming up!

### BILLY GRAHAM'S NEW YORK CRUSADE.

This past June Billy Graham held what was said to be his last meeting. Former Pres. Clinton was present one evening and spoke briefly praising him. Graham called the Clintons "wonderful friends" and a "great couple" (They don't even live together). Graham also said that Clinton should become an evangelist (not surprising when we remember Graham once said the Pope was an evangelist for Christ) and allow his wife to run the country." God forbid on either count! He only preached about 15 minutes and according to Associated Press, "peppered his speech with pop-culture references from Madonna to Bono to MTV. He wove a parable about bad decision making from the plot of Star Wars..." It is hard to believe that anyone who can promote Mr. Clinton and also help build the Harlot Church could be saved.

**SOME ASTOUNDING STATISTICS!** They are not only astounding but sickening and shocking. These were taken from *The Legal Alert* (March 2005).

- ❖ More than one million children are victims of abuse or neglect each year.
- ❖ One in three girls and one in five boys will be abused by the age of eighteen.
- ❖ Every ten minutes, five children are abused.
- ❖ Approximately 80% of child abuse is committed by a known and trusted adult.
- ❖ One in five children between ten and seventeen have received sexual solicitation over the internet.
- ❖ One in four children who use the internet are exposed to unwanted sexual material.
- ❖ Forty-two percent of boys and thirty-three percent of girls between 15 and 17 have had intercourse.
- ❖ One in twelve children is no longer a virgin by age eighteen.
- ❖ Sexually active girls are three times more likely to attempt suicide than girls who are not; boys are eight times more likely to commit suicide.
- ❖ Nineteen million teens are infected with Sexually Transmitted Diseases *every year* in America.

Certainly sex education in the public schools and the easy availability of pornography over the internet, immorality on TV, etc. are largely to blame. One wonders when the judgment of God will fall upon this land which, for the most part, has turned its back upon God. **"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."** Proverbs 14:34. **"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."** Psalm 9:17.

### A SURPRISING ANNOUNCEMENT ON CHINA.

China's threat to the world is no surprise to me, but this announcement is surprising after the way we have given China "favorite nation" status, etc. A Cal Thomas article in *World* (6/15/2006) said: "At an Asian security conference, Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld delivered what some have called an unusually blunt critique of China. He noted that Beijing's military spending threatens Asia's delicate security balance. He said, 'Since no nation threatens China one wonders why this growing (military) investment.' Rumsfeld's remarks reveal China's commitment to expanding its empire by intimidation and force and how the United States had better take China seriously..." Could this portend of Rev. 9:13-16 and 16:12? I certainly believe it could be! Many years ago Mao said China could field an army of two hundred million men.

## THE SHAM ROCK

A street preacher in London was preaching at the time of the well known Shamrock races, and everyone was talking of the event. A ruffian at the edge of the crowd said three times, "Mr. Preacher, what do you think of the Shamrock?" Each time the preacher ignored him. Not to be ignored, he said a fourth time: "Preacher, what do you think of the Shamrock?" The preacher paused and the crowd became very quiet. Pointing upward with one hand he said, "*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other rocks - are sham rocks!*" Jesus said, "... **a wise man built his house upon a rock (Christ)...a foolish man built his house upon the sand.**" My friend, upon what are you building your life? Money? Pleasure? Fame? Religion? These are all "sham rocks"! You will surely fail! There is only one place to build for time and eternity - on Jesus Christ! There is only one Rock - Christ! You are either building on sand or upon the Rock! The hymn writer put it well: "*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness...I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus name.*" **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** Acts 4:12. You may think everything is all right now, but what will you do when the storm comes, God's judgment? If your life is built on the sand of this world, you will surely perish. It may come sooner than you think! God says, "**NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.**"

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## HAVE IT YOUR WAY?

The only thing most people want, including many Christians, is their own way. It causes much trouble and grief among God's people. They usually tell you it's God's will and produce a misused verse of Scripture to back them up. When they don't get their way, they either create a fuss or go somewhere else where they are "more appreciated." I once preached a sermon on "*Right Words but Wrong Conduct.*" There are many examples in the Bible and I see it all too often. What a tragedy, for most of these people go on their own willful way as though God was with them, when in reality He is not, but they are as Samson of old: "**He wist not that the Spirit had departed.**" I recently read a sermon preached about sixty years ago. The preacher said, "*Many people find it easy to believe that they ought to do what they want to do.*" Many Christians are doing what they want to do - of course, they ask God to bless it. Little do they realize, He cannot bless it! One of the great drawbacks in God's work is Christians who are wasting their lives doing what they want to do instead of what God has called them to do. I have had believers come to me for counsel, but their real purpose was not to get my advice but to get my confirmation of *their* plans. God often lets people have their own way, but it is always the wrong way and sooner or later one will have to pay for it. God allowed Israel to have their own way but it says in Psalm 106:15, "**...He sent leanness into their soul.**" The Bible says, "**Remember Lot's wife.**" Yes, and remember Lot, a believer who had his own way and lost his family!