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WANTED: MEN OF GOD WORTHY OF THE NAME!

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“Neither count I my life dear to myself...that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.’ Acts 20:24. The Church at this moment needs men, the right kind of men, bold men. The talk is that we need revival, that we need a new baptism of the Spirit - and God knows we must have both; but God will not revive mice. He will not fill rabbits with the Holy Ghost. We languish for men who feel themselves expendable in the warfare of the soul, who cannot be frightened by threats of death for they have already died to the allurements of the world. Such men will be free from the compulsions that control and squeeze weaker men...These free men will serve God and mankind from motives too high to be understood by the rank and file of religious entertainers who shuttle in and out of the sanctuary. They will make no decisions out of fear, take no course out of a desire to please, accept no service for financial considerations, perform no religious act out of mere custom; nor will they allow themselves to be influenced by the desire for reputation. The true Church has never sounded out public expectations before launching her crusades. Her leaders heard from God, they knew the Lord's will and did it! Their people followed them - sometimes to triumph, oftener to insults and public persecution - and their sufficient reward was the satisfaction of being right in a wrong world!” - A.W.Tozer

Where are we going to find men of God like this? Most fundamental preachers are afraid of their own shadow! That's why they let immodest dress and sloppy, casual clothing that is not fit for attendance at Church, go unchallenged. To preach and warn against TV is a No, No! If you do it, you stand to lose some "good" Church members; or maybe your pastorate. More Baptist churches are run by a "Diotrephes" type Deacon (or a whole board of them) than you can number. Pastor after Pastor comes, stays two, three years only to leave rather than face these self-willed rulers; little wonder churches languish and die. There is a lot of talk about revival, but that's all it is. Few Christians want revival! Where are the believers who will be "**crucified with Christ.**"? *If they wanted revival, they'd give up the TV, spend time in prayer, go after souls with a passion, support the Pastor rather than run him down.* They'd desire Church services that promoted holiness and edification - not entertainment. We're not going to have revival with worldly Christians and weak-kneed preachers who will not take a stand on anything that will jeopardize their popularity or position. We have too many preachers who give the people what they want instead of what they need. God's people need some pretty strong measures today, and it will take some brave men to give it to them. These are the last days and the conditions described in II Tim.3 are widespread in the Church. We have a form of godliness, but where is the power of the Holy Spirit? Note: the HOLY Spirit! God says: "**Preach the Word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears...**"

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PRAISE GOD FOR THE THEE'S, THOU'S, ETC.

One common criticism of the KJV is the archaic words. How many times I have heard someone complain about the *thee's, thou's, ye*, etc. They are so hard to understand. Really? Many, including some professing Fundamentalists, will do anything to put down the KJV. Actually, the *thee's, thou's*, etc., help make the Word of God understandable. They were used by the translators because they represent what was very clear in the originals - is the word singular or plural? Personal pronouns in the original languages are quite distinct, but that is not so in modern English. In modern English "you" is both singular and plural. In the English of 1611 there was a distinction. In the KJV *thee, thou, thine, thy* are always singular; *you, your, ye* are always plural. The KJV is easier to understand than modern versions and it has no rival for accuracy - it is inerrant.

GOD ONLY WROTE ONE BIBLE

Make sure that's the One you have - the KJV!

GOOD ADVICE FOR TEENS.

A teenager was arguing with his father, trying to get permission to drop out of school. "But, Dad," he protested, "There are a lot of geniuses today who were high school dropouts!" "That's true," said the father, "But before you drop out, you need to make sure that you are a genius!" Young people, you need to realize that in all probably, your father knows a whole lot more than you do. Besides, God says, "**Children obey your parents...**" You will certainly be sorry if you go against God's Word!

THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO!

Never wrestle with a pig - You will both get dirty, and the pig likes it.

Never pass a snow plow on the right.

Never say never, because that means in all likelihood, you will.

"Never do wrong in order to get a chance to do right."

Never give anyone a piece of your mind - you probably don't have any to spare.

"Never approach a goat from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any side." -Yiddish Proverb

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

Someone has said, "The greatest of all sciences is the science of decision." Life is full of decisions; you cannot avoid them. The important thing is to make the right ones. An important consideration is: what is your goal in life? That will determine your decisions. As a young man, the Duke of Wellington was a performer on the violin, and after giving a lot of thought to it, he began to fear lest the liking for it would get the better of him. There is nothing wrong with good music, especially, that which would glorify God. But the Duke realized that his primary calling was that of a soldier, and so, one day he decided to lay aside his instrument and never touch it again. Though he did not realize it at the time, the real issue was whether he was to become a clever musician or the victor at the momentous Battle of Waterloo.

We are always talking about priorities. It seems few, even few Christians, have a proper sense of priorities these days. How often something good takes the place of the best! Young person, what are you going to do with your life? The decision you make (or fail to make) today may set the destiny of your life. Will you put Christ and His will first? "**Choose ye this day...**" Read Rom.12:1,2 and make the right decision today!

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

TEEN BIBLE INCLUDES PERVERTED SEX!

While the above article is bad, here is one that is worse for it brings that sort of ungodliness together with the bible (not the true Bible, the KJV). Listen to this trash: "A bible crafted especially for girls age 13-16 includes profiles of fictional teenagers discussing oral sex, lesbianism and 'dream' guys is drawing criticism from some parents. *The True Images Bible*, published by Zondervan promises on the dust cover to 'strengthen your relationship with God, family, friends, and guys.' It is based on the NIV and includes over 1,000 notes and articles. An *In Focus* story highlights the experience of Trish in 'Am I Gay?' Trish says, 'All my friends are wondering if this guy or that guy likes them. I don't like any guys right now. I wonder if I have a crush on Sierra. She's one of my best friends...' In the pages of Jeremiah, 'Lorraine discusses finding *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines belonging to her father.'" -S/L (7/15/05)

BILLY GRAHAM SAYS POPE IN HEAVEN.

In an interview June 27 with Chris Matthews on *Hardball*, Billy Graham said that the late Pope John Paul is definitely in heaven. When asked, "Do you think that you will meet him in heaven?" Graham replied, "Oh, absolutely. I'm looking forward to it." He added: "I've talked to him three separate times. I just love him... He taught us how to suffer. He taught us how to die. He taught us about Christian living. I never knew a more wonderful man than Pope Paul II." -FBIS (7/22/05). Ed. This doesn't surprise me for Graham has for many years been acting as though Roman Catholics are saved. What a great disservice and false hope to these lost multitudes of Roman Catholics and to the cause of Christ! I have said it before and I say it again (without any malice), how could this man truly be born again.

PEACE AT ALL COSTS.

This seems to be the case with Israel giving up the Gaza and parts of the West Bank to the Palestinians. Those places were settled years ago by Jews who paid a great price to occupy them and now they are being forcibly removed. Will it have the desired results? Most unlikely! An editorial in the *London Daily Telegraph* said that Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas and other Islamic leaders must be persuaded to give up their arms... Not much chance of this happening. A *TBC* article said, chants heard by Israeli soldiers (from Palestinians) were, "We will continue with the rest of Judea, Samaria and

Jerusalem. Senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar said, "We do not and will not recognize a state called Israel. This land is the property of Muslims...Let Israel die." What I don't understand is how the West (Pres. Bush acclaimed the move) can go on for decades thinking that the Muslims can be appeased. It just seems we do not learn lessons from the past - the past one hundred years.

MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR ALL!

In 2002 President Bush established the New Freedom n Mental Health Commission. The goal is to screen the entire population (beginning with school children) for mental illness. According to *School Reform News* (6/05), Illinois has passed their own screening plan. The study group said they are no longer assuming children are mentally healthy - "with this program, *it will be presumed that all children need mental health services unless tests prove otherwise.*" One parent said, "We are moving toward social training over academic training. Since psychiatric involvement in education (has increased) SAT scores have gone down the past few decades. Evaluating mental conditions is not based on scientific evidence - it is subjective." (Emphasis mine). There is hardly a more dangerous profession in the land than the mental health people.

OMINOUS SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

The recent decisions on displaying the Ten Commandments and on Eminent Domain have grave implications for all Americans and churches could be especially vulnerable - see below. *Legal Alert* (Aug. 2005) says, "CLA (Christian Law Ass'n) is already aware of one beach front church that was recently surprised to learn their current property is drawn as a shopping center on the city's future planning map. Our Founders recognized that governments were instituted among men to protect their God given rights...The highest court in our land has refused to recognize that God is Sovereign over the state in America. The Ten Commandments decisions are indicative of the fact that today's Supreme Court does not see God as either the Grantor or the Protector of our rights as Americans. The Eminent Domain case completes the circle by recognizing the state as the grantor and protector of our rights and freedoms." Ed. I assume most are aware of these cases. We have long had the instance of bigotry against religion - especially Bible religion. But who would have thought that one could have his property taken (paid for but there is no proof it will be equitable) simply because a government entity wants to obtain greater tax revenue.

GOOD CHURCH MEMBERS

It is said that Dr. Rowland Hill wanted to take his wife for a ride in the country. So, he went out to rent a horse and buggy. He said to the livery man: My wife deserves the very best. I want your best horse! As the man trotted out the horse, he said to Pastor Hill, "This horse is well-nigh perfect. He will obey every order you give him; he is willing, gentle, never balks, anticipates your every wish, and would die to please you." Dr. Hill listened intently and then said, "That's wonderful. Do you suppose that I could get him to join my Church? That is just the kind of members I am looking for." No doubt many a Pastor would say Amen to that! If you stop and think about the attributes concerning that horse, they would just about make a perfect Church member. How many are balky, easily offended, nasty if they don't have their own way, and if you try to correct them, they will surely bolt. Even in Bible believing churches it is common for **"Every man to do that which is right in his own eyes."** God says, **"And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice; And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."** Ephesians 4:30-32. If there is one thing a child of God ought to be, it is submissive. The Word says, **"...he is become the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."** Hebrews 5:9.

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YOU HAD BETTER GET IT RIGHT

John the Baptist's message was not, "Smile, God loves you." It was, **"Oh, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come?"** Jeremiah was not put in a miry dungeon for preaching, "I'm okay; you're okay." It was for crying out against adultery, idolatry, other sins and unbelief. Paul did not say, "I've come with a gospel of self esteem." He came preaching **"Jesus Christ and him crucified."** Noah's message from in front of the ark was not, "Something good is going to happen to you." It was, if you do not repent of your sins, something bad is going to happen to you! Jesus was not crucified for saying, **"Consider the lilies, how they grow,"** but for saying, **"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites...child of hell...fools and blind..."** It was for saying, **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** The message of the Bible is a message of judgment for sin and how to escape it. God says, **"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."** It doesn't matter how good *you think you are*, the truth is you are a sinner and you come short! You do not measure up! God says, **"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."** A message of love and sweetness may make you feel better, but it will not save you. You are under condemnation and the only One who can deliver you is Jesus Christ, God's Son, who paid for your sins. **"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."**