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WHY MOST CHRISTIANS DON'T WIN SOULS.

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Two men were returning from India. One was a sportsman and the other was a missionary. "I've been in India for twenty five years, and I never saw one of the natives converted as you Christians claim," said the sportsman. "That's odd," said the missionary. "Did you ever see a tiger?" "Sure, hundreds of them;" was the reply, "and I have shot dozens of them." The missionary answered, "I've been in India for many years, but I have never seen a tiger. But as I have preached the Gospel of Christ, I have seen literally hundreds of natives turn to Christ and live new lives." All of life is like that; you are pretty much going to find what you are looking for. The one man went looking for tigers and he found them. The other one went looking for souls and he found them.

Sad to say, few Christians are looking for souls. That's why they never find them. Jesus said, "**Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.**" **Matt. 4:19.** If we are not fishing for men, we are clearly not following Jesus. He said He'd make us fishers of men! I never heard of anybody catching fish without going fishing. A man who wants to catch fish must go where the fish are and he must fish! I never heard of anybody catching fish while sitting home watching television. A man who goes out to play golf, doesn't expect to come home with a bag full of fish. If you are going to get some fish you have to GO after fish. It's the same with souls. If you want to "catch" souls you have to GO after souls! Jesus said, "**GO YE into all the world and preach the Gospel...**" **Mark 16:15.** This command is for all of God's children! It is not just a good idea! It is not merely a suggestion! Jesus said, "**GO...**" If you are not fishing for men, if you are not preaching the Gospel, witnessing to others, you are disobedient to the Lord Jesus Christ. You must have a cold heart! It doesn't bother you, that Jesus gave His life to save you. *What others might think of you, that bothers you, but not how the Saviour feels.* It doesn't bother you that multitudes, probably some of your own family, are lost and on their well to hell for eternity. Many Christians are busy, but they major in minors; they do a number of things, but the one thing they fail to do is GO fishing for men. They neglect the most important thing. Do you think Jesus will be happy about this?

Christian, do you expect that "fish" will just jump into the boat? If that were so, the Lord would not have told us so many times to GO! "**GO out into the highway and hedges and COMPEL them to come in.**" It is not enough to provide a church building, advertise and hope that somehow "fish" will come in of their own accord. I read of a poor scrub woman who was wonderfully converted and lost no time telling others about Christ. One day a friend heckled her saying, "Aren't you carrying your religion too far?" "Maybe I am, but most don't carry it far enough," she replied. "But," said the other, "yesterday I saw you testifying to a wooden Indian." Her answer was ready! "Maybe so, for my eyes are getting dim, and I take no chances; but *talking to a wooden Indian about Christ ain't half as bad as being a wooden Indian who never speaks of Him.*" We have too many "wooden Indian" Christians. If you are saved and you are not interested the lost, you are surely backslidden!

FRIEND DAY!!!**Sunday, September 10th****SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30****CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45****DINNER UNDER THE TENT**
(Free! Those attending above)**GOSPEL SONG TIME - 1:30****EVENING SERVICE - 6:00**

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE!**October 4 – 8, 2006**

- *SEVERAL MISSIONARIES
- *FLAGS OF MANY NATIONS
- *COLOR SLIDES
- *SPECIAL MUSIC
- *NURSERY OPEN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday – Friday...7:00pm

Saturday...3:30 - 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

Sunday...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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GOD & COUNTRY RALLY!**October 28, 2006 – 2:00****SEVERAL SPEAKERS****SPECIAL MUSIC****FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS****NURSERY OPEN****BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY***Let's raise a standard for truth and righteousness!***GOD DOESN'T LOOK UPON YOUR DRESS!**

That's what some preachers and others claim. They quote I Samuel 16:7: **"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."** But this has nothing to do with clothing! It had to do with looking upon the appearance and stature of David's brother. One of the fundamental rules of Bible study is to make sure you understand the context. What is the subject involved. *God does care how you dress* (though few in Fundamental churches do). Let me briefly give you God's Word on the matter. First a woman ought not wear that which pertains to a man, Deuteronomy 22:5. Women are to dress **"modestly,"** the word modest means *decorous or appropriately,* I Timothy 2:9; as **"women professing godliness."** I Timothy 2:10. Beloved, shorts, short skirts, slit skirts, tight clothing, clothing that reveals every body movement, low-cut clothing is not modest; it is not appropriate for those who profess to belong to Jesus Christ. We are not merely nit-picking! I am simply giving you what God has said in His Holy Word! We are Bible believers; we say we go by the Bible! God does care about how you dress! We need to do what God has said in His Word; even though it's going against the tide today. We care for your souls, Hebrews 13:17. You'll have to face Him someday, not me. Here's another verse we should all take to heart: **"Whatsoever ye do... do all to the glory of God."** I Corinthians 10:31. This one takes in everyone, and everything! *Does your dress glorify God or the flesh? Christian, God is watching and He does care!*

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

A great Church requires not only great preaching but great listening, great praying and great giving.

If you belong to Jesus Christ, you have no right to do whatever you want to. (See I Cor.6:19,20)

To be all out for God,

you don't have to look like you are all in.

The reason things don't go according to plan for many is they don't have a plan.

If you are going to make mistakes,

don't keep making the same old ones.

Everywhere I go, I am asked if the university stifles writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them. -Copied

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

SPYING ON U.S. BIGGER DEAL THAN EVER.

“According to the U. S. government, spies from over 140 (out of 190) nations are working overtime in our exceedingly open society to pinch U.S. defense and commercial secrets... U.S. high-tech firms are a target. China, by far, constitutes the greatest threat, according to the FBI. As many as 3,500 Chinese ‘front companies’ operate here with the express purpose of gathering intelligence. The FBI claims that the number of Chinese spy cases in Silicon Valley increases 20 to 30 percent each year. But Beijing is also using espionage to support its unprecedented military build up... Russia is no post-Cold War pal on the spy front. Moscow ranks a No. 2 on the threat list. Former KGB colonel and current Russian president, Vladimir Putin, is keeping his former comrades plenty busy. Russian spies aren’t as much taken by high tech but are more interested in gathering military secrets.”-Peter Brookes of Heritage Foundation in *Boston Herald* (5/31/06). Ed. I have read elsewhere that China and Russia have been in a massive military build-up. *If you don’t think that is significant for these days read: Ezekiel 38,39; Daniel 11:36-45; Revelation 9:12-19 (especially v.14 - this 200 million man army comes from the other side of the Euphrates. Revelation 16:12, recounting the same event, says they are from the “East.”)* Christian, it is **“high time to wake out of sleep”** and get busy about your Father’s business!

ANOTHER NEW DISEASE! To you, that angry, horn-blowing tailgater is suffering from road rage. But doctors have another name for it - intermittent explosive disorder... A new study says IED affects up to 16 million Americans and it appears, on average, at age fourteen. Treatment is with antidepressants (so what else is new?). The study was funded by the National Institute for Mental Health. -Lindy Tanner, *AP Medical* writer (6/5/06). Ed. It seems to me that the mental health profession is itself mental. The psychiatrists have just about wiped out anything like right and wrong or guilt! Of course, they don’t believe there is any such thing as sin. Little wonder bizarre behavior is becoming more and more in evidence. After all, you are not guilty; you are sick. Therefore, you can go on with your ego-centric behavior, because you really can’t help yourself - you have a disease. That is what man says, but God has a different diagnosis. God says your problem is sin! **“Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil, that put darkness for light and light for darkness...”** Isaiah 5:20. Jesus said, **“If your light be darkness, how great is that darkness.”**

MORE HOMOSEXUAL INTOLERANCE. Repent America, a Philadelphia - based Christian ministry led by Michael Marcavage, peacefully protested and preached the Gospel at the huge annual homosexual pride event in Philadelphia. Homosexuals with the Anti-Racist Action group shouted profanities and even threatened Marcavage with physical violence in the presence of city police officers who refused to enforce state laws against harassment and disorderly conduct. While being shouted down by homosexual activists he continued to preach the Gospel saying the “only hope we have is in Jesus Christ.” All of this was recorded on video tape. -*Crosswalk*

EVANGELICAL DUPLICITY. Fuller Seminary is one of the premier Evangelical schools. *World* (July 1/8/06) spoke with a young lady who just graduated from Fuller. She said, “I went out of my way to find a school I thought would give me a Christian preparation for my work as a counselor, and I went \$50,000 into debt.” She said she kept asking herself, “Couldn’t I have gotten the same education at Arizona State... and saved a whole lot of money?” She said the school goes “out of their way to defend and show understanding to those who want to go on living a homosexual lifestyle.” Also, “Practicing homosexuals are given platforms in various classrooms. One guest lecturer derided heterosexualism... Using the story of the prodigal son, he likened the older brother to heterosexual Christians in their unjust treatment of homosexuals, whom he likened to the younger brother.” Students were allowed no feedback. *World* spoke with a professor about these things and was told, “Even though we hold to the model of heterosexual, lifelong monogamous union, our compassion brings us to support all persons as they move in the direction of God’s ideal for their lives.” Ed. Homosexuality is not God’s ideal for anybody. This is modern day relativism. The philosophy is “I’m OK, you’re OK.” It is pure psychology, and it is contrary to what we read in the Bible! See Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25.

SUPREME COURT LETS CROSS STAND! The U.S. Supreme Court has intervened to stop, at least for the present, the removal of a 29 foot cross from city property in San Diego, CA. A lower court judge had ordered the city to remove it or pay a \$5,000 per day fine. Judge Anthony Kennedy, acting for the high court, issued a stay while supporters continue their legal fight. The cross, which was dedicated in memory of Korean War veterans, has been there for decades (since 1954) but has been contested by an atheistic Viet Nam War veteran. Three years ago, the Supreme Court had refused to listen to arguments in the long-running battle.

LOVE NOT THE WORLD

C.H. Spurgeon said, "I believe that one reason the Church has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the Church. Nowadays, we hear Nonconformists pleading that they may do this and they may do that, - things which their... forefathers would rather have died than have tolerated. They plead that they may live like worldlings, and my sad answer to them is...Do it if you dare! It may not hurt you much for you are so bad already. Your cravings show how rotten your hearts are. If you have a hungering after such dog's meat, go dogs and eat garbage. Worldly amusements are food for mere pretenders and hypocrites. If you were God's children, you would loathe the very thought of the world's evil joys, and your question would not be 'How far may we be like the world?' but your one cry would be, 'How far can we get away from the world?' Your temptation would be rather to become sternly severe, and ultra-Puritanical in your separation from sin. Brethren, the use of the Church in the world is that it should be like salt in the midst of putrefaction; but if the salt has lost its savor, what good is it?... Come ye children of God, you must stand without the camp. Jesus calls you today and says, '**Follow Me.**' Was Jesus found at the theatre? Did He frequent the sports arena? Was Jesus seen at the amusements of the Herodian court?" Ed. What would Spurgeon say today of Christians who spend hours each week watching sports, carnal (lewd) shows on TV and other sinful activities? Suppose he saw the worldly music, sensual dress, carnal church programs, the self esteem gospel in *Fundamental* churches?

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I CANNOT DO IT ALONE!

Dan Crawford had the very difficult task of following in the steps of David Livingstone, the missionary who gave his life in preaching the Word of God in Africa. Obviously, Crawford was not in the mold of the then famous Livingstone. Even his church back home was not sure that he would be able to carry on the work. However, with determination and God's help, he did a magnificent job. When he died, a well-worn copy of the New Testament was found in his pocket. A poem, evidently his own, handwritten on the inside cover, revealed the secret of his success:

I cannot do it alone! The waves dash fast and high;
The fog comes chilling around. And the light goes out of the sky.
But I know that we two shall win in the end --- Jesus and I.
Coward, and wayward, and weak, I change with the changing sky.
Today so strong and brave, Tomorrow too weak to fly.
But -- He never gives in! -- So we two shall win -- Jesus and I!

We too can win when we look to our all-sufficient Savior. We can do all that He wants us to do with His help! Does not the Word of God say, "**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**" Philippians 4:13. Instead of throwing up our hands in defeat, let us go on "**looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.**"