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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, "Well, 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. Most Christians don't win souls because they do not work at it!

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."** ~*Matthew 4:19*. If we are not fishing for men, we are clearly not following Jesus. He said He would make us fishers of men! Now, I never heard of anybody catching fish without going fishing. A man who wants to catch fish must go where the fish are and then 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 is a command 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 way to hell for all 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 with 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 in our churches. If you are saved and you are not seeking the lost, you are surely backslidden! How can we with good conscience fail to give the soul saving message to lost souls? -Reprint from 1995 *Challenge*

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WHEN WE MUST PART COMPANY! A.W.Tozer said: "I must confess as a pastor and minister that I have had to say 'Goodbye' to people in some instances when they have said, 'We cannot worship here. You are too strict. Your standards are too strict for this day and age. Your message is too strict...' We cannot afford to let down our Christian standards just to hold the interest of people who want to go to hell and still belong to a church." It is amazing to me how many *Fundamental Baptists*, who after visiting our website and seeing what we stand for, attend our Church but do not return because we have Biblical standards of dress. God help "Christians" who are more interested in going to Church sloppily or sensually dressed, than they are in correct doctrine or godly living. Is it right to "dress down" rather than "dress up" to go to worship God? We also find that some of these *Fundamental Baptists* also have a problem with our stand on the King James Bible.

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A JUDGE SPEAKS OUT! "TV has provided the greatest blow yet struck at Christian homes in America. TV could be a powerful source for better morals and a closer walk with God throughout life, but let's face the truth. TV is simply not doing the job of building America as it could and should be built. I have seen the effect in Juvenile Court cases. I have seen it in Probate Court, at home, at church and on the streets. I have even recognized it in my own thoughts and notions, in moments of self analysis. As long as the advertising is dominated by alcohol, cigarettes, and frivolous interests and as long as TV shows and motion pictures glamorize sin and make idols out of drinkers and gamblers, and even humanize crooks and prefer types of people who have no inner fire for God, TV will remain a threat to the Christian ideal of an inspired home." –Judge Milford E. Anness. The above was written many years ago – before the advent of the internet, home video movies, freedom of pornography. No wonder America (and the rest of the world) is so morally decadent and sinking lower every day! Christian, how can you justify before a Holy God the watching of the average TV fare to say nothing of pornographic material available. God says, "**But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy.**" ~1 Peter 1:15,16

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

Note the improvement in the world's entertainment: At first movies could be seen, then heard, now they smell.

In order to do business with God, you must sever your relationship with the world and the devil. If your Christianity doesn't change your morality, it isn't likely to take you to Heaven.

It's not that people don't understand in the Bible; it's what they do understand that bothers them.

An ounce of heart knowledge is worth a ton of head knowledge. – Spurgeon

Many people think big until it comes time to give.

BETTER HEED THE COUNSEL OF GOD! "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the father, but is of the world." ~1 John 2:15,16

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

VATICAN CALLS FOR GLOBAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

“The Vatican called Monday for radical reform of the world’s financial systems, including the creation of a global political authority to manage the economy. A proposal by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace calls for a new world economic order based on ethics and the ‘achievement of a universal common good.’ It follows Pope Benedict XVI’s 2009 economic encyclical that denounced a profit-at-all-cost mentality as responsible for the global financial meltdown. The proposal acknowledges, however, that a ‘long road still needs to be traveled before arriving at the creation of a public authority with universal jurisdiction’ and suggests the reform process begin with the United Nations as a point of reference.” –AP (10/24/11). Ed. Indeed, a one-world political system and a one-world religion are surely coming (and no doubt a one world currency). However, it will not be the solution but the greatest problem that man has ever known. Concerning that time, Jesus said, **“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be.”** ~Matthew 24:21.

EGYPT’S REVOLUTIONARY ISLAMIC GOV’T SAYS: “NO ISRAEL.”

Although Egypt’s newly elected Islamic-majority parliament has yet to take office, it has already given an indication of how it may govern -- members of the Muslim Brotherhood say they will never recognize Israel’s right to exist, CBN News reports. Rashad Bayoumi, the deputy chairman of the Brotherhood, reportedly said his organization would not recognize Israel “under any circumstances,” calling it an “occupying criminal entity.” He also said the Brotherhood would take steps to cancel the 1979 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, although the U.S. State Department said he told them privately he wouldn’t. Middle East analyst Walid Phares said, “The Muslim Brotherhood’s aim [and] final goal is to establish an Islamic state like Iran, or like Sudan, or ultimately like the Taliban.” Those elected to parliament are expected to be seated by the end of February. –*Religion Today* (1/11/12). Ed. I am no prophet but last year when the U.S. Administration was backing the rebels in Egypt’s revolution, we said that the radical Muslims were behind it and this sort of thing would happen. This is not the first time such a thing has happened. It seems Washington never learns. Praise the Lord, our hope is not in man but in the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. It seems to me His coming for the saints cannot be far away. Jesus said, **“...Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus.”** ~Revelation 22:20

SUPREME COURT REAFFIRMS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN HIRING PRACTICES.

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday unanimously affirmed the right of churches to make employment decisions without government interference, according to the [National Religious Broadcasters](#) (NRB). In *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC*, the court ruled that religious groups have a “ministerial exception” from the application of discrimination laws, and that the exception applied to clergy as well as church employees in ministerial positions. NRB president and CEO Dr. Frank Wright said: “[The Supreme Court] has affirmed the constitutional rights of autonomy for religious organizations regarding the employment of their leaders, a reminder that government must refrain from interfering with leadership decisions made by churches. ... Second, it did so in a unanimous decision, a rarity in Washington.” –*Religion Today* (1/12/12) Ed. It is nice to have a little good news in a day when most news is not very good.

MAKING MORMONISM MAINSTREAM.

The year 2011 has seen many LDS efforts put forth in making Mormonism a “main-stream religion” and known to the nation in all possible ways, regardless of the cost. Early this past summer, the Mormon Church sank a million dollars or more in advertising in the “Big Apple” for “the Book of Mormon Musical.” It was described by viewers as vulgar and obscene, sexually suggestive, having references to rape and homosexuality and using --- (*the “most offensive explicative”*) as many as 49 times in addition to other expletives. *Newsweek* even commented, “...the Book of Mormon musical may be the most obscene show ever brought to a Broadway stage.” Mormons were promoting it and even claimed that writers of the show (Trey Parker and Matt Stone) were under divine inspiration when they wrote it -- and they gave credit for their inspiration to their founding prophet, Joseph Smith! ---This was hardly a show demonstrating Mormons’ godly behavior or giving an example of morality that Mormons have touted as their virtues. How could this show credibly proclaim the Book of Mormon as the Mormons’ Holy Book? But advertising worked and brought masses to see it and view Mormons as “common sinners,” not as “stiff” and “righteous,” as they have been thought to be...Mormons can now be seen just the same as average vulgar Americans are seen by the world. (H.I.S. Ministries January 2012 Newsletter, January 1, 2012, Sandy, UT). –TBC (1/10/12).Ed. This is not all that surprising since the Book of Mormon teaches polygamy is approved of God along with many other doctrines contrary to the Bible.

EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY

A man lived a long way from a department store, and so would send for his clothing by mail. At the bottom of the order form he would always see the words: "If we have not the item you ordered in stock, may we substitute?" He recalled that once when he wrote "Yes," they sent him something which was double the price of what he ordered. There was a note: "We are sorry we have not the article you ordered in stock. We are sending you something better at our expense." After that, he always printed out the word "Yes" in bold letters at the bottom of the order blank for he knew that he would not be disappointed. So too, when we pray to God, we had better put on our request that we are willing for Him to change over our poor prayers according to His Divine will, for we know that every time, He will send us something far better, yes, He will do **"exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."** ~*Ephesians 3:20*. –Copied. One is reminded of the time that Abraham prayed that God might not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. He started out by asking God to spare it if there were fifty righteous there. He finally got down to ten. And when God said he would not do it if there were ten righteous there, Abraham stopped. As we know, there were not ten righteous men there – the truth is there was only one – Lot! There is no doubt that Abraham's chief concern was his nephew, Lot. Was Abraham's prayer for naught? No. Lot was delivered. We read in Genesis 19: 29: **"And when it came to pass that God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow..."** It was God's will to destroy wicked Sodom, but He honored Abraham's prayer by delivering Lot.

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FRESH FISH FOR SALE

I believe it was Spurgeon who related this article on trying to please everyone: Have you heard of the man, who upon starting a fish business hung out a sign which read: Fresh Fish For Sale Today." He invited all his friends in for the Grand Opening. They all congratulated him on his new venture. Then, one of them suggested that his sign might be improved. "You don't need the 'Today'. Of course it's today, not Yesterday or Tomorrow." So the man took out that word. Later another one made a suggestion: "Why the 'For Sale'? Everybody knows that, you wouldn't have a store here otherwise." Down came the words 'For Sale'." Someone asked why he needed the word 'Fresh.'? Your integrity guarantees that your fish will be fresh." So down came the word Fresh. Only one word was left, "Fish." There was one more objector. He said, "Why the sign? I smelled your fish two blocks away." This sort of thing happens all the time in the realm of spiritual things and the Word of God. There are many who would like to eliminate this or that from the Scriptures or from longstanding useful practices. There are many who think nothing of removing the "old landmarks." One sad scenario is Bible believers trimming their sails to have a larger fellowship or ministry. Then, there are those who correct God's true Word with the use of a modern version. This often results in the elimination or watering down of the truth of God. Does it sound like a good thing to you to displease God while you are seeking to please others? Let's resist the urge to seek to please others; instead, let us seek to please God! Our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ is our great example. He said, **"...I do always those things that please Him."** ~*John 8:29*