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DON'T MOVE THE FURNITURE!

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Many years ago, when I first came to the pastorate of Cornerstone Baptist, we had we had a young man by the name of Russell. Russell was totally blind and got around with the help of a seeing-eye dog. In spite of his great handicap (he never complained) he, along with his wife and son, went away to Bible College and served the Lord on the missions field in South America. He once said something that I thought was a very interesting comment and which had a real spiritual lesson. In an interview, he was asked a question along these lines: Considering your handicap, how difficult is it for you to get around? For example, moving about in the average house? This is what he said: "I pretty much know what the average house looks like and what furniture the average living room, or bed room contains. The only time that I might run into trouble is when my points of reference are changed – without my knowledge. – like when someone moves all the furniture around." Don't Move The Furniture.

Now, there is a very important spiritual lesson here if we will have it. Psalm 11:3 we read: **"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"** My, how our old spiritual and moral standards are being shifted around and in many cases even completely removed in these days. It is no wonder that many people, including those who profess to be Christian, are confused and that they stumble around and often fall. Sin not only abounds but gross forms of immorality have become common practice, being led by well known personalities. Evil is called good! But God says, **"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."** ~Isaiah 5:20. Even among Bible believers, we must be very careful these days for many things have been moved around. There are those who believe that we need to move some of the furniture. They would reexamine basic doctrines and disregard proven standards set by our spiritual forefathers. The most important "piece of furniture" relates to the use of modern Bible versions in place of the true Word of God, the King James Version. No one can calculate those who have stumbled and fallen over this tampering with the Word of God! I believe it is arrogance to think you can improve the true Word of God! God has a severe warning for those who dare to tamper with the Scriptures: **"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this Book."** ~Revelation 22:18,19. There is the replacing of the old spiritual hymns with modern, worldly music. But God says, **"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..."** ~Ephesians 5:19. There are other things that are being changed, too numerous to all be mentioned here. Let us keep to the **"old paths, wherein is the good way..."** as we are admonished in Jeremiah 6:16. Let us heed the admonition in I Corinthians 15:58: **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."** This desire to always have something new or different is accursed. Don't move the furniture!