



THE CURSE OF CARNALITY.

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When we speak of carnality, we are talking about believers who are immature, living in and for the flesh. God says: **“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ...are ye not carnal and walk as men.”** I Cor.3:1-3. Every Christian ought to be living a life that is separated unto the Lord; walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the desires of the flesh. But unfortunately, that is not the case with many. Vance Havner said, *“Let it be observed that the marks of carnality Paul had in mind here were not card playing, dancing, and theater-going (we might add TV). They are indeed marks of carnality, but Paul was concerned with sins we overlook while we lambast other forms of evil. “Whereas there is envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?” Some who have long prided themselves that they do not smoke or haunt the movies seem not to have discovered that in their partyism and church strife, they are just as carnal as the worldlings they censure...They are all the more deceptive because such carnality looks so much like zeal for the truth....”* When we live in the flesh and concentrate on having our own way, you can mark it down, we are carnal. As cute as they are, there is nothing more selfish than a baby. When they are hungry, they want to be fed - right now...even if it’s three in the morning.

One of the great drawbacks in God’s work is many professing Christians are carnal; they are babies and if they do not get their own way, they create a fuss. One attribute of a baby is his constant need to be amused, entertained. Tozer said, *“The most pressing need just now is that we who call ourselves Christians should frankly acknowledge to each other and to God that we are astray; confess that we are worldly, that our moral standards are low and we are spiritually cold.”* Spurgeon said, *“Our being so much like the world...this insisting that we must do as other people do - this is doing more mischief to the world than all our preaching can hope to effect good. Worldliness has gone a long way to destroy the Church of God. I judge it to be the worse cankerworm that assails us.”* The Church of Jesus Christ suffers greatly from believers who have been saved for years, but they are still babies, carnal. Replying to those who insist we must change our standards to meet the times, Tozer said, *“I’ve been told that I have missed the boat, but I reply that I wasn’t trying to catch that boat.”* We cannot lower the standards, they are not ours! It is high time for all true believers to make a full surrender to God through His Holy Spirit! You can’t accomplish anything with babies. We are in a war and it requires strong men to win a war. Some Christian parents are going to rue the day they allowed their children (even led them) to go in the ways of the world. If you are a *“baby”* Christian, they will be the same. Examine yourself! Be honest! Are you carnal? Do you always think of yourself rather than of the Lord or others? Are you more concerned with this life than with the next life? Do you act, talk and dress like the world? Do you have to be entertained? God says, **“Quit you like men.”** I urge you to forget yourself and grow up; get serious about prayer, Bible study (and memorization) and soul winning. If you love Christ, show it by serving Him. He said, **“If ye love me keep my commandments.”** (Cornerstone Challenge Reprint)

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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 these *Fundamental Baptists* also have a problem with our stand on the King James Bible. We believe it is the only true Bible in the English language. There are good reasons for this which I do not have space to elaborate on here. After all, how many Bibles did God write? My dear Christian you need to ask your self, "Why am I here? Am I going to obey God or am I just going to do my own thing?" Christ did not die for you so that you could do your own thing! *"I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."*

~ Romans 12:1.

YOUTH CORNER

CHRISTIAN: IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

If you have a work to do --- Do it NOW!
If you have a witness to give -- Do it NOW!
If you have a soul to win -- Win him NOW!
If you have an obligation to discharge -- Do it NOW!
If you have a debt to pay -- Pay it NOW!
If you have a wrong to right -- Right it NOW!
If you have a confession to make -- Make it NOW!
If you have a preparation to make -- Make it NOW!
If you have children to train -- Train them NOW!
"The night cometh when no man can work." -Anon.

THE BIBLE HUMBLER OR HARDENS! The Bible humbles or hardens the human heart. **"He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already."** ~John 3:18. If we hear it and do not what it says, we deceive ourselves. It is not like Homer or Shakespeare. We do not go away the same after we have heard the Word of God. We have to do something about its message, for we cannot leave it alone. We may think we have done nothing about it but it will do something to us. -Vance Havner. How often have I warned folks about coming to Church, hearing the Word of God and going out without taking one thought or command with them. If we are not coming to be edified, built up in the faith, to be more Christlike, what in the world are we coming for?

WILL IT BE "I WON'T" OR "I WILL?" Quite a few years ago now, the warden in Sing Sing Prison in New York said that it made him tremble when he heard a boy say, "I won't," to his parents. He said it seemed to him that boy had already started down the road to the penitentiary. The spirit of rebellion was beginning to be the master of that boy's mind and heart. It is very serious for one to speak to his parents like this. Then, think how dreadful it must be to say "I won't" to Almighty God. Yet, this is what everyone is saying who refuses to repent and trust Jesus Christ as his Savior. God has done everything necessary for your salvation, but you must receive the gift of eternal life. If you are not saved, bow your head now and say, "Yes," to God. Trust Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin! You had better do it NOW! Tomorrow may be too late!

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

ALABAMA MEGACHURCH OPENS A \$26 MILLION ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Faith Chapel Christian Center near Birmingham, Alabama, has opened a \$26 million dollar entertainment center. The facility features a 12-lane bowling alley, a basketball court, a fitness center, a banquet hall and cafe, a teen dance club, and an adult alcohol and smoke-free night club. Pastor Michael Moore explains the name of the facility, The Bridge, as follows: "We believe we can really meet the needs of the community. It will bridge people from the world to the Kingdom" ("Alabama Megachurch Builds \$26 Million," *Christian News Network*, Aug. 27, 2014). This is beyond foolish and ridiculous. It is apostasy. There is no hint in Christ's Great Commission about entertaining unbelievers or bringing them to the gospel through an entertainment program. The command of Christ does not teach churches to entice sinners through worldly means; it commands the churches to go and preach to sinners. America is already entertained to death, and most churches are merely Christianized versions of the world. There are Christianized sports programs, Christianized social media, Christianized rock music. Whatever the world has, there is a Christianized version of it. The result has been less spiritual power and influence than ever. "If we win people with sensationalism we will need sensationalism to keep them. People who come for loaves and fishes have to be kept with loaves and fishes" (John Phillips). -Copied Ed. Yes, indeed, "What you win them with is what you win them too."

FEDERAL JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE AND STATE'S RIGHTS

The following is excerpted from "Federal Judge Becomes First to Uphold State Marriage," *Christian News Network*, Sept. 4, 2014: "A federal judge nominated to the bench by then-President Ronald Reagan has upheld Louisiana's state constitutional amendment enshrining marriage as being between a man and a woman. 'The court is persuaded that a meaning of what is marriage that has endured in history for thousands of years, and prevails in a majority of states today, is not universally irrational,' wrote Judge Martin Feldman on Wednesday. He broke a series of over 20 federal decisions striking down state bans on same-sex 'marriage,' opining that states should have the right to decide its own affairs, including allowing voters to have their say regarding preserving the institution of marriage. 'Must the states permit or recognize a marriage between an aunt and niece?' Feldman asked. 'Aunt and nephew? Brother/brother? Father and child? May minors marry? Must marriage be limited to

only two people? What about a transgender spouse? Is such a union same-gender or male-female? All such unions would undeniably be equally committed to love and caring for one another, just like the plaintiffs.' 'This court is powerless to be indifferent to the unknown and possibly imprudent consequences of such a decision,' he wrote. 'A decision for which there remains the arena of democratic debate.' Louisiana's Amendment 1 was passed during the 2004 November election with 78 percent of the vote. 'Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman,' it reads. 'No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall construe this constitution or any state law to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any member of a union other than the union of one man and one woman.' -Copied

LONDON HAS THOUSANDS OF TERROR SUSPECTS.

LONDON — Britain's security services are monitoring thousands of terrorism suspects in London and are involved in operations on a daily basis, the capital's mayor Boris Johnson said in an interview published on Saturday. "In London we're very, very vigilant and very, very concerned," mayor Johnson told the Daily Telegraph newspaper. In August, Britain raised its international threat level to the second-highest classification of "severe", meaning an attack was considered highly likely, with Prime Minister David Cameron warning that Islamic State (IS) militants fighting in Syria and Iraq posed the country's greatest ever security risk. About 500 Britons are believed to have joined the fighting in the region and the authorities have long argued that radicalised, battle-hardened veterans would pose a grave threat on their return. However, Johnson suggested the danger was more widespread. "Every day - as you saw recently, we had to raise the threat level - every day the security services are involved in thousands of operations," Johnson told the paper. "There are probably in the low thousands of persons we suspect are terrorists. -NewMax 10/11/14. Ed. The report told of two Islamists who beheaded a man on a public street in broad daylight.

WHY WE PRINT "NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT."

We don't need to know everything, but there are some things we need to be aware of. Jesus said, "Watch..." How can you "Watch" if you do not have the information you need? Jesus gave many signs about present and coming events. The morals of this land have plummeted beyond imagination (look at the few articles in this issue of the Challenge). But who cares? Very few! One of these days it will be too late. Christian, you need to be awake and in the right place. Rom.13:11-12

WHAT IS GOD LOOKING FOR?

Some years ago, a young man went to Mr. Ridgeway, a business acquaintance, looking for a job. However, the business man said that they had no openings, but that he would recommend him to a friend. The friend had said to the other that he was having difficulty getting a young man who would do just what he told him to do. So, Mr. Ridgeway said, "When you apply for the job, tell him I sent you, and you do whatever he tells you to do. Don't put up any argument but jump into the Brandywine (creek, stream) if he tells you to." He took the advice and later when Mr. Ridgeway saw the other business man, the man said, "Bill, I have got a fellow at last who will do whatever I tell him to do." The young man advanced with the company and went on to do very well for himself in the business world. My friend, that is exactly what God is looking for: individuals who will just do what He tells them to do. It is said of Noah, **"Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him to do."** ~Genesis 6:22. The same was true of Moses, Joshua and others. However, I am afraid God too has a problem finding believers like that. Many will obey some of the Word but not all of it. Others will obey most of it, but they cut corners here and there. Remember: **"It is the little foxes that spoil the vine."** As I have often said, there are no short cuts to spirituality! If you want to be used of God you are going to have to be *fully surrendered*. *God is looking for some Christians who will do whatever He tells them!* Will you be one?

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REMOVING THE STOP SIGNS

Some years ago, one man was killed instantly, and two others were critically injured in the state of Florida. The assistant maintenance engineer for the State Road Department said it was apparent that the fatal accident was the work of misguided pranksters who had removed a STOP sign at the intersection. A check by the police revealed that several other signs were missing also. Such a report brings a shock to any sensible person. How could anyone be so heartless as to put people's lives in jeopardy. I think it is also strange that people who would not think of doing such a thing physically, have no problem doing it in the spiritual realm. Many who call themselves Bible believers do not want anybody to put up STOP SIGNS in the spiritual realm. They want to be saved and go to Heaven, but they do not want to have any restraints on what they can do, where they can go, etc. They don't want to hear about sin, separation, worldliness, etc. They want to be a Christian and go merrily along, doing their own thing. No restraints! If you happen to be one of them, I want to tell you that you are headed for an accident. People don't want anything that is considered negative. Just be positive...preach self esteem...no STOP signs. But I want to tell you, that is not reality! That is not what the Bible says! My friend, SALVATION MEANS SEPARATION! There are many do's and also don'ts. II Timothy 3:16 says, **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."** Did you notice there are two negative things there? You had better obey the STOP signs. One of the saddest things today is that many Fundamental preachers (so called) are removing God's STOP signs or just ignoring them.