

# The PROJECTOR

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*"Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day"*

## THE MOST INTERESTING STORY I EVER HEARD

**"IT WORKS. I KNOW IT WORKS!"**  
A STORY FROM THE AMERICAN CIVIL  
WAR

By Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.  
(1883-1968)

The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountainside in Arkansas. Here's the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, of course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the

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## LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER

By Ludwig Opager

MATTHEW 19: 4-6, *Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

The word *asunder* has always impressed me as a word of power, sounding much like the word *thunder*. Thunder blasts its way across the sky, and I have never associated subtlety of meaning with thunder. Thunder is produced by lightning violently separating air molecules from one another, thereby creating a vacuum. The great noise of thunder is caused by those molecules closing the gap, colliding together in great force after their violent separation.

I have long associated the word *asunder* with something that comes in and forcibly separates that which should be together. In the wedding ceremony as the preacher warns "let not man put asunder", does he not look to the witnesses as if they were the ones who might do the

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## MINISTRY FOCUS: POLLUTION CONTROL OR CORRUPTION REMOVAL

PART II

By Tod Brainard

*"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:4).*

*"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (II Peter 2:19-22).*

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## The Editor's Desk

### NONE OTHER NAME

The effort today among Neo-evangelical and evangelical Christians, as well as some who like to be identified as Fundamentalists, (yet whose credentials have a great deal to be desired), is to reduce to the very minimum the differences between traditional biblical Christianity and Catholicism, Mormonism, Seventh-Day Adventism, the Church of Christ (Campbellitism), Charismatics, and other cults. The thinking is to stress the things about which we agree and avoid any discussion or reference to the most fundamental and basic truths that make biblical Christianity the only way of salvation; the only creed that assures the believer of eternal redemption through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father. Some of the fundamental doctrines are:

1. Jesus Christ is God. He is God manifest in the flesh. The God-Man, perfect God and perfect man.
2. Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father. *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).*
3. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only way to have your sins washed away. Christ's blood alone cleanses from sin.
4. Jesus Christ will rule this world for a thousand years, sitting on the throne of His father David.

### Hatred by the World

These doctrines make true biblical Christians hated by the world. Eventually these compromising Evangelicals, New-Evangelicals and Fundamentalists will be backed into a corner; they will have to deny Christ totally or come out of the closet and join the ranks of the rejected and hated Fundamentalists. — The time may be near!

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### The Projector



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recently I happened to pick up a copy of The Projector in the library of the Southern Methodist College in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and was impressed (pleasantly, with some surprise) by your strong stand on the Word of God, in its inerrancy, and for the special need in our day for its faithful exposition. The copy of The Projector that I picked up was for the summer of 1999, and I especially appreciated The Editors Desk concerning Dr. Ian Paisley's change of heart, with reference to his current view of the King James Version of the Bible.

I would like very much to be put on your mailing list for The Projector, and if you could send me the issues dating back to and including the summer of 1999, it would be appreciated.

SC

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this find you well. Thank you for sending The Projector. I am enclosing a check for it. God bless and guide you in every way.

OH

Thank you and bless you for The Projector. Publications that tell the truth are few and far between. I'm so thankful to receive this fine news and articles of encouragement and information. May you know God's guidance, power and provision.

CO

The winter copy of The PROJECTOR arrived in today's mail. . . I appreciated and applauded the article by A.W. Tozer. He is so correct, and I must plead guilty as charged. The Lord bless you. . . as you continue on the firing line for Him. All the hate pouring out of the media against BJU shows so clearly how true Bible Believers are hated in this godless age in which we live. A good witness like yours has never been so desperately needed. God bless.

PA

Greetings to you in the worthy name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My wife and I are Church Planting missionaries. We are working in Northern part of Karnataka State, India. We are also involved in training men and women for the significant ministry. We have been serving the Lord Jesus Christ in Belgaum, India since October, 1997. The Lord has blessed us in our ministry. May I request you to send us your magazine entitled The PROJECTOR on regular basis so that we can richly be blessed by it. I am sure that our students and our church members will be blessed immensely.

INDIA

I recently received a copy of the Winter issue of The PROJECTOR. I don't know how I was added to your mailing list, but I do appreciate this issue. Would it be possible to get a copy of a previous issue? I was greatly encouraged by Dr. Hobbs' article on "Handling Face-to-Face Confrontations." This is part two, and I would like to get a copy of the first part. Please let me know if it is possible to acquire part one. I'll be happy to send a check for this article. Thank you for including me on your mailing list. This kind of publication is needed in Christian education today.

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# HANDLING FACE - TO - FACE CONFRONTATIONS

Part III  
by Dayton Hobbs

## Principles of Operation

*"The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with" (Proverbs 17:14).*

## Principles in Resolving Problems

There are some principles that I consider to be of great importance in order to be successful when we must go eyeball-to-eyeball with another person in order to resolve a problem.

1. **Pray About It.** Pray, pray, pray. Pray before; pray during, and pray afterward. Prayer is the number one secret of success in living with, working with and ministering with others. Prayer is the most potent weapon we have in the battle for a quiet and prosperous working relationship with other saints. The truth is that we often do not behave like saints, which makes it vitally important that leadership take prayer as their first priority. The Lord must prepare the hearts of all concerned if confrontations are to be the means of maintaining unity within the ministry instead of only increasing the discord. Prayer will prepare your heart to be tactful as well as sensitive to the position of others.
2. **Keep it objective.** It is important to keep the eyeball-to-eyeball meeting as objective as possible. Problems are not solved on an emotional level. Objectivity is the handmaid of reason; whereas, subjectivity is the handmaid of confusion. If you find a mother who evaluates her children in an objective manner, you have found a treasure; hold on to her; do not let her children drop out of your school, for you have found the rarest of treasures: A mother who can look at her children out of eyes of reasonableness. You can accomplish much with those children! Probably the one thing that hinders our success with children the most is the inability to get past a mother's subjectivity concerning her children in order to deal honestly and frankly with the child's problems.
3. **Solve it.** Remember, problems are for solving. See them through to a conclusion. God does not expect you to live continually with the same problem; He has some larger one's for you to work on! Problem solving is the great activity of those in authority. Don't look at them

as a task to be avoided but as a challenge to be accomplished. We may not enjoy confrontations, but when we have successfully resolved some potentially serious problem there is a great feeling of satisfaction. Fear of going face-to-face with another human being is natural and understandable; however, failure to deal with another in a face-to-face manner when it is necessary is inexcusable and detrimental to a ministry. If you cannot overcome your fear in order to do the job, then you should avoid any position of responsibility including those of pastor, administrator, or teacher. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Every problem I ever got into was from being too soft, never from being too hard."

## Possible Reasons for Confrontations

Let me quickly give some grounds for confrontations.

1. **Misunderstanding.** Clear communication with those with whom we deal is vital. I find that quite often I am at fault in misunderstandings. I go through instructions in a rapid or confusing way and am then upset if those instructions are not carried out accurately. I remember one occasion when I had a seventh grade boy helping me in my yard. I instructed him to clean out a particular flower bed. When I returned some time later, he had done exactly what I said; he had cleaned out that bed! Flowers and all were neatly piled outside the bed. My first reaction was to choke him; however, it hit me that he had done exactly what I had said. The blame was all mine. I learned right away to be more precise in my instructions.
2. **Authority Structure and Its Use Not Understood.** All employees should have a clear understanding as to whom they are responsible and how to handle problems they may face. Clear chain of command responsibilities are important for smooth operation of a ministry.
3. **Weakness or Softness of Leadership.** There are a lot of very good people who can be very weak when enforcing the rules and regulations of a ministry. Sweetness and weakness are not assets when they interfere with the operation of God's work. There are those, I fear, who look upon their weaknesses in these areas as assets and signs of spiritual achievement, because they love everybody too much to deal with their shortcomings. They fool themselves, for softness precedes rotteness and is a curse when it appears in ministry leadership.

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# Stars of the Morning

## THE BIG BULL

A True Story  
by "Aunt Carolyn"

It was a mystery, all right, and it just kept growing! Whether for deer, wild turkeys, wild hogs, 'possums, squirrels, or foxes, hunting is serious business with men down south, and when a man's best hunting dog is missing it is a critical matter! A man might give up his boat or truck, but never his hound dog! The puzzle seemed small at first when Sam Conner's dog was first missing. Sam and his boys combed the woods, whistling, calling, and beating the side of the pick-up truck, but no dog came. After a couple of weeks with no results, they quit the search but hoped the hunter would come home after a while. Maybe he got lost. He would surely find his way home in time. But he didn't!

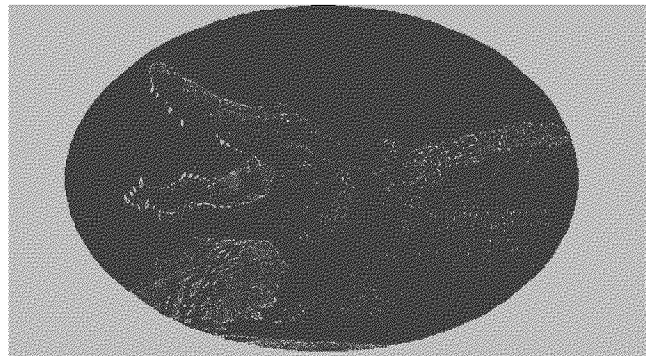
Bill Stokes got all out of sorts when his dogs disappeared the next year, and so did a couple of the other boys. Within a few years there must have been twenty or so dogs missing! No trace of them could be found. Early figuring was that they were just plain lost in the woods, but it began to seem unlikely when so many really good hunting dogs turned up missing. Those beauties were too smart not to be able to find their way home.

Before long it became obvious that there were slick, conniving thieves skulking through the woods. They had to be smart to lure the dogs off the trail and into a dog box on a strange truck. Good dogs brought big money! Somebody, no doubt, was stealing the dogs and hauling them off somewhere else to sell them! The men were convinced of it when Crowder Brown's five hundred dollar dog, Sal, vanished. And there was more kindling for that fire when Bugler and Tracker came up missing. Stub Stabler paid over a thousand dollars apiece for those beauties. Stub was smart though. He bought electronic beeper collars for them. The expense was worth the assurance that he could keep track of his dogs. But it was a hopeless cause. Hunters combed the forest, woods, and swamp. They notified the law, so game officers were on the alert for any sight of the dogs. But every idea, every trail, every plan was thwarted. There wasn't a trace of those prize hounds anywhere!

Within ten years at least twenty-five valuable hunting critters disappeared. The fiendish puzzle was maddening. It baffled the law and the hunters! The whole business reached its peak, though, when Ol' Blue, Rapp Rawson's \$5,000. six-year-old registered purebred Walker disappeared from the hunt. That was the limit, the absolute limit! This craze had to be stopped!

Rapp walked the woods for days calling, leaving no leaf unturned, searching for Ol' Blue. There was no sign, no trace of the dog! Nothing turned him up! Suddenly one afternoon, Rapp caught a slight signal from the dog's electronic beeper collar! His heart skipped a beat as he moved quietly through the woods toward the sound. His heart began to beat fast, and as the sound got louder, Rapp was sure he had found his dog! Rapp called, "Blue! Ol' Blue!" Then he put his fingers between his teeth and gave a loud, shrill whistle, "Threecet!" That would bring Ol' Blue if anything would!

The beeps gradually grew louder, but Rapp's heart nearly stopped when the beeps drew him nowhere but to the edge of the river where the bank made a sharp drop-off fourteen feet straight down into a dark, black watery hole. The collar was beeping from the depths of Blackwater River! A hill ran down Rapp's



spine. He had surely traced his dog to a monster-size bull alligator in his dark den at the bottom of the cold river!

It was spooky! It was scary! It was mind-boggling! All the time the men thought their dogs had been stolen, they had been fine fare for the River King. That big bull gator had discovered four-star dining on the hunting trail. Smart as he was, he had learned the increasing beeping sound meant a gourmet meal at hand. Out of his dark hole he rose and crawled stealthily the 250 yards to the game trail to grab the unsuspecting hunting dogs racing by on the chase. Expensive dogs they were - \$500., \$1,000., \$2,500., even \$5,000! Expensive suppers were much to his liking! At first Rapp was infuriated, then he felt sick. He knew that gator had caught his cherished hound! The beeper was knocking loudly, but the thought of the

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Our text in II Peter 2 gives us a startling thought. It is possible to have a head knowledge of Christ, escape the pollutions of this world for a time, yet not be a genuine child of God. Two philosophies of ministry are therefore presented. The first emphasizes a better moral society supposedly improved by infused gospel principles. The other is that presented by Peter, corruption removal. I recently spoke with a friend who attends and teaches small groups in a Southern Baptist church. He was commenting to me that his church had a wide ranging ministry focus and that too many churches were narrow minded. He then went on to tell me of the group ministries of the church such as the chemical dependency group, the single mom group, the dysfunctional family group, the sexually abused group, the teen intervention group, and so on. My friend went on to say that his church was *"actively seeking Christians who are chemically dependent in order to bring them from destructive behavior to meaningful life."* These groups were all created to help segments of society that were disenfranchised or involved in destructive behavior to cope. I mentioned to my friend that the greatest need of the majority of those who were experiencing tragic problems was an old fashioned conversion from sin unto Christ, not just learning how to cope. There was little agreement with my position. The majority of the work of his church was pollution control, not corruption removal.

There seems to be a serious misconception in our day about the power and purpose of the Gospel among good Bible-believing men of our time. In the last issue we laid out the biblical purpose of the Gospel in this dispensation - **"the taking out a people for His name"** (Acts 15:14). This purpose, settled at the Council of Jerusalem and written down for our understanding, is clear. Two important points are made clear by James, namely:

**1. "To take out of them" - We preach a taking out Gospel!** Does this "taking out" sound like a societal change message? Hardly, this is the transformation of individuals by the gospel, a *taking of a people out of* society and putting them in Christ Jesus. Now as individuals are transformed by the gospel there will be change within the home and to some degree the work environment as a result of the new birth. However, there is no indication of an effort to infuse gospel principles into the Gentile world in order to produce societal change.

**2. "A people for His name"** - The issue is a taking out of society *"a people for His name"*. Christ's very name is at the heart of this gospel undertaking. The praise and glory of Christ is the taking out a people for His name. Dare we read more into the gospel message and work? It is obvious that the gospel was never intended to change society, it was to call out from society a people for Christ's name.

Our disdain of pagan culture, our detestation of open homosexuality, our outrage over the murder of innocent babies does not give us the right to give the gospel message a purpose beyond the purpose God has given in His Word. Christ will deal with these issues when He returns to this earth in glory, conquers His foes and establishes His glorious kingdom here upon the earth. Our job is to proclaim the gospel of the Grace of God with the invitation to come to Christ and be transformed into a new creature, "Having escaped the corruption that is in the world..."

#### **An Honest Appraisal of the Gospel Effect in the Last Days**

Erich Sauer, in his book *The Triumph of the Crucified*, nearly a half century ago wrote a clear, honest appraisal of the last days based upon his knowledge of the Scriptures. This writer could not say any better what Mr. Sauer wrote: *"The final goal of Christianity is Jesus Christ; the end of nominal Christendom is the Antichrist. It is the unmistakable*

*teaching of the Bible that the goal of history is not the product of history, that the kingdom of God does not reach sovereignty through growth and ascent but only after world-wide collapse and catastrophe. Lawlessness will take the upper hand, the love of many will grow cold (Matt. 24:12), and when the Son of man comes He will find but little faith on earth (Luke 18:8). Not Christianizing of the world with consequent Christianizing of civilization, but increasing enmity of the world unto the expulsion of Christianity by civilization-this is the path foretold by Biblical prophecy.*

*Therefore it is not because the world is not Christian enough that Christ has not yet come but He has not yet come because the world is not unbelieving enough (II Timothy 3:1-4; 4:3,4; II Peter 3:3; I Timothy 4:1-3). It is a basic principle of the Divine government of the world that all things, the good as the evil (Matt. 13:29,30; Rev. 14:15,18), must reach ripeness; only for the evil the patience of God leads to the severer judgment. 'Let no one mislead you, for the day of the Lord will not come except the apostasy comes in advance, and the Man of Sin be manifested, the Son of perdition, the opposer, the Wicked One, whom the Lord Jesus, when he comes, will destroy by the breath of his mouth' (II Thess. 2:3,4,8). English Translation from German Bible.*

*Thus not by reconciliation but by intensifying of the conflict to the end, not by the glorifying of human development but by its collapse, not by a compact between God and civilization, but by the shattering of the kingdom of the world by the kingdom of God (Dan. 2:34-35; Rev. 19:11-21)-this is the manner by which the affairs of the Lord will triumph."*<sup>1</sup>

By and large this truth is not being preached today. There is a tendency within the rank and file of Fundamentalism to reject the truth that we are in the midst of the final apostasy. Many good men believe the apostasy is yet in the future. However, the perilous times of which Paul spoke to Timothy are all about us. Need we

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sundering? In other words, he warns an outside force not to enter and separate.

The word *asunder* in English expresses this action, for *asunder* is composed of “a” and “sunder” which means “in sunder” or the state of being separated, parted or severed. Shakespeare, in his play the *Comedy of Errors* used the word this way: “Gnawing with my teeth my bonds *in sunder*, I gained my freedom.” By the violent act of his teeth, the ropes were broken.

### Room Between

This is *asunder* in the English. But visit the Greek library with me and we will find that *asunder* in the Greek is *chorizo*, (*kho-rid'-zo*), which means to place room between. Placing room between is an act of separation, and *asunder* may be the best English word to choose, but the Greek word indicates a subtlety of meaning that the English *asunder* may not express.

### Subtle Sundering

Lightning places room between molecules in a spectacular and violent way, but placing room between can also be done in a quiet, careful manner without attracting attention or any violence being involved. This happened in the Garden of Eden when the serpent placed room between God and Adam. Do you think he came violently and placed room between? His deceitfulness was first expressed to Eve when he questioned God's Word by saying, “Hath God said?” Perhaps he said it with a smile pretending love and concern for Eve. He was placing room between, eventually placing room between God and Adam and between the first couple and the beautiful garden prepared by God. Satan's main purpose is to keep that gap of separation wide made by his sundering between God and man.

The pattern of subtle sundering was established by the serpent in the garden, and that is what our Lord warned about when he said: “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” This is a statement warning those who are married, those who are always to be in a united state, to beware of that which places room between.

### An Inside Job

*Let not man put asunder* means not to permit room to come between. It is up to those who are united not to permit this to take place. Sundering can come from the outside, but most likely it will be allowed to come by those on the inside. Isn't this usually the case? We usually look to the outside of the fortress to find the enemy, but most times the enemy is within the fort.

The man and woman, therefore, are to be united on the front lines of this defense in order to prevent sundering. There must be a unity in anti-sundering defense measures. There are no helpers to prevent sundering from taking place, for the

battle to disallow room between can only be fought and won by those who are ONE, those who are united. The man and wife are to be constantly on guard against that which places room between, for there are many pressures to put space between those who are declared by God to be ONE.

### The Devil's New Math

If God makes ONE, the devil tries to make two. God says the answer to the equation is ONE, and the devil says, “No! It's two.” That is the devil's way! That is the devil's New Math. Whatever God desires, the devil intensely desires otherwise and will set up his world system to counteract God's way. Just expect it! If God says this, the devil says, “NO, it's this!” Most of the world listens to the devil and his instruction, and he has strategically placed in the world his underlings in the sundering business.

### Relatives

Relatives are very capable sunderers! Jesus Christ said: *For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?* Here again we see separation as God's defense. If you want to sum up God's defense, it is separation, not joining together with the world but separating. In this case it is a man separating himself unto his wife. After marriage a man and woman's loyalties are to be to each other over and above their loyalties to their parents. That is what *cleave* expresses. They are certainly to honor their mother and father, but this is ultimately done through their devotion to each other and their allegiance to their marriage vows. If a couple wants to honor their father and mother, they do this by being faithful to their mate. Only by continually being ONE will they honor their parents in the biblical sense. They are never to permit their parents to place room between or asunder their marriage.

### Super Glue

Jesus used the word *cleave* to express this in no uncertain terms. *Cleave* means to glue to, to adhere, to join. It expresses the qualities of super glue. A man and woman are to be so joined together that parents cannot do anything to place room between. Mother may come around saying this or that, and Daddy may do likewise. Do you allow a crack, do you allow room between by listening to disparaging remarks about your spouse?

*Cleave* means that you don't have any cracks, or if there are any cracks you close them up quickly. This is, of course, up to the man and the woman for Jesus said to permit no man to *put asunder*. *Permit* is a *will* word. It is a matter of the *will* of the marriage partners. Am I going to permit this; am I going to let this sundering happen?

Do they desire to be what Jesus Christ said they are? ONE? Have they entered into this vow with that understanding and mental attitude? “Yesterday we were two, but today we are ONE.” It is a totally different mental attitude. The vows say

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that you are ONE, but now it has to be proved by living it out.

Or does their heart express another purpose of the union? Will they permit room to come between by opening up weaknesses to others or do they only open up weaknesses to each other, depending upon one another to provide strength? Where do you go to display your weaknesses? God has given you a mate to go to, not your neighbor or your mother. Are you, as a husband or wife, the one to whom your mate goes for solutions, revealing her or himself as weak and needing help? The Bible calls the woman the weaker vessel, but that simply points out that the other vessel is also weak, perhaps just a little less weak. So marriage is two weak vessels joining together for strength.

In the biblical sense the marriage is composed of two weak vessels joining into one vessel, exposing their weaknesses to each other and to no other. A marriage ought to project itself as strong to the outside, so that others don't see those weaknesses. Others many times like to come in and play up those weaknesses in the promotion of the sundering business.

### Children

Children also in their sinful nature have a natural dedication to come between a mother and father, for they see that gap as an advantage to themselves. They will find a weakness in their parents' defense and use it for their own benefit. They will look for a division of that ONENESS and insert a pry bar to make the crack as big as necessary to make their own life easier or to obtain their own selfish wants. Understanding a child's nature to sin is a must if the ONENESS of marriage is to be upheld. Children must never be allowed to make room between or be allowed to see the cracks. If you must have a fuss or an argument, go out into the woods where the children cannot hear. Repair your cracks privately!

If a man and woman are truly ONE, they are to have one mind concerning their children. To be otherwise minded is to cater to their children's sinful

nature, and the ONENESS of marriage will be weakened or destroyed.

### Money

The Bible says *the love of money is the root of all evil (I Timothy 6:10)*, and the devil also uses that to put room between. The love of money is one of the major causes of divorce in this country. There must be contentment in the matter of *things*, always relying on God as the provider and being thankful for His provision. A man or woman who always has to have *things* to provide happiness will place room between and permit sundering to take place in the marriage. It is nice to have new things in the home, but be patient, God will provide in His time. In His time He considers all things. If things are relied upon to provide happiness in a marriage there is very likely already much space driven between. Major repair work is needed to mend the cracks before the whole structure comes apart.

### Career

A man's or woman's work can also place room between, and that includes their work in the ministry or church. The Lord expects the foundations of life to be kept strong if His work is to advance. Excessive time spent at work or inordinate absorption of thought about work can rob a man and wife of the proper time to spend together strengthening the integrity and wholeness of their marriage. God expects marriage and work to be in balance.

Marriage is like a fortress. The walls of a fortress as well as a marriage must not only be guarded from outside attack but must also be constantly maintained and repaired from within. Constant attention and upkeep is needed for any structure if it is to give long service. The marriage vow is "until death do us part." That may be a long time or short time, but whatever time God grants requires a biblical maintenance plan if the fortress is to be kept strong. That vital plan is to be carried out by the ONE, who was made from TWO. Ω

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look further into the future for an apostasy to come? We are deep into that apostasy foretold, and the days are darkening. The conflict is intensifying, the world is collapsing about us, and Christ, when signaled by the Father, is about to accomplish His most mighty work foretold by the Scriptures.

### Another Great Awakening on the Horizon?

God is sovereign, but it is my opinion from what God has revealed concerning the last days that there will be no encompassing return to God for America or any other nation that has had the light of the truth of the Word of God and rejected it. There will be no grand and glorious last days revival. It is simply not in the Word of God. Pollution control is not in God's agenda for this age. Infusion of gospel principles into society is not in the Scriptures for our days, only decline, collapse and judgment (Luke 18:8). It is time that we get back to proclaiming the Gospel in all its purity, longing and looking for Christ's return. There is no pessimism here. There is no burying the head in the sand here. To know God's Word for the last days is to be optimistic, for our Lord will come soon. "Even so come Lord Jesus," has long been the prayer of the redeemed.

We have lost to some degree, however, that longing for Christ's return, and in the void we have placed a frustrated interpretation of the gospel purpose in this present corrupt world. Let us not seek to proclaim a pollution control gospel that cleans up the outside and makes the world a little nicer place to live but has no power to transform. Let us proclaim the Gospel of transformation, the Gospel of Christ, that alone has power to remove the corruption and give life everlasting. That is our purpose!

<sup>1</sup> Erich Sauer, *The Triumph of the Crucified*, WM. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Reprinted 1985. pg. 117. Ω

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*Doris Peppard*

## TEACHER'S INFLUENCE

A teacher's influence over his/her students is powerful and cannot be measured. We must seek God daily to direct our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit so that we can maintain the proper influence over our students. Our classes will be as good as we require or as bad as we allow them to be. The influence is ours, and it is a truly wonderful part of educating children. The standard is found in God's Word, *Let all things be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40)*. We should show our students that the rules and procedures we follow in our classrooms are a part of God's plan. For example, the way we arrange our desks, have students line up, put away books, pass in papers, even the way we answer questions in class should follow the Biblical standard. These influences help our students develop confidence and order in their own lives.

Our students will also be influenced by our Christian walk. We should not only *tell* them how they should live for Christ, we should also *show* them. The old adage, "Your actions speak so loudly, I can't hear what you say", is certainly true with young people. They should be able to "see" Christ in our lives. As we share our ministry with them, they will know if we are genuinely serving Christ or just doing a job. They "read" us quite well.

We can also influence our students by responding to their problems and successes. We should be aware of the subjects our students are talking about among themselves. Get close to them – especially during recess and lunch time. Keep a watchful eye to direct conversation in a proper manner. Look out for those who are too quiet, sad, or depressed, as well as those who may be having a "bad day." These students are looking for direction and help.

Our influence is also seen in our class' desire to serve. In this day, most people want to *be* served, but our students should be encouraged to find ways to serve – pick up trash on the playground, deliver messages, clean the classroom, clean lunchroom tables, etc. Our students can be of real help to others. This kind of training is good for all young people and will produce good results and rewards in their lives later on.

Unfortunately, our bad habits are the ones which most easily influence our students. Without effort they will pick up our weaknesses and bad traits. Teachers should be careful to set a good example – arriving on time, doing our best, being prepared, being faithful to duty, having a pleasant, happy attitude, being a servant, and relying upon God to meet our needs. Our influence will stay with our students a long time. We must not fail in our calling; too much is at stake! We should work with yearning and urgency in our heart to one day hear our Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

### A Teacher's Prayer

Each time, before I face my class, I hesitate a while,  
And ask the Father, "Help me, Lord, to understand each child.  
"Help me to see in every one a precious soul, most dear;  
And may I lead that child through paths of wonder -not of fear.  
"Dear Father, as they look to me for Christian guidance true,  
I look to Thee and humbly ask that Thou wilt teach me, too.

Nellie Pease Gorbett





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measles patients were located.

"One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday school just once. A woman taught the Sunday School class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man - I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?'"

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic - at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor and he came, mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He

thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead, but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe in it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So I said, 'All right, my son, I will get you the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain. I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing: I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a heaven I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me."

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak shaky voice slowly: 'For God so loved the world,' 'For God so loved the world;' 'That He gave His only begotten Son', 'That He gave His only begotten Son'; 'that whosoever believeth in Him', 'that

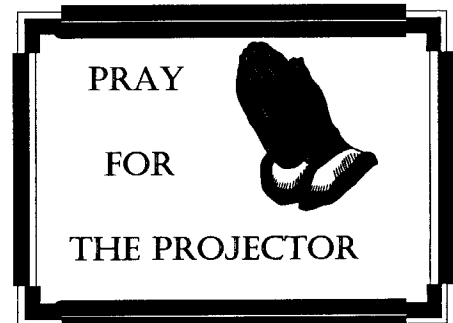
whosoever believeth in Him'; 'should not perish', 'should not perish'; 'but have everlasting life', 'but have everlasting life'. 'Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

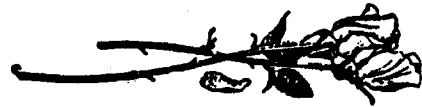
"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several times, 'For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, **whosoever** . . . whosoever believeth, **believeth** in Him, **believeth** in Him.' Then, he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, "It works".' I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, 'It works'."

The old man, wiping tears out of his eyes and out of the wrinkles of his face, said, "The lad was right. **It does work.** Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has now everlasting life. **It works. I know it works!**"

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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What if she does sit without talking much; she watched you for months when you knew not how to talk at all.

What if she has ailments to tell about; during 15 years you ran to her with every little scratch and bruise, and she doctored your little finger as carefully as a surgeon would bind the worst fracture.

You say she is childish now; I wonder if she ever saw you when you were childish. You have no patience to walk with her on the street; she moves so slowly. I wonder if she remembers the time when you were glad enough to go slowly.

—T. DeWitt Talmage

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bull gator was alarming! This was no job for a novice! Rapp soon called the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, who sent their contractors to capture the monstrous reptile.

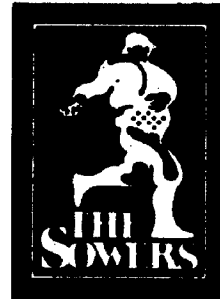
No, no! They wouldn't shoot him. They would take him alive! With some careful preparations, the contest between men and beast soon was on, and what a fight it was! For two days the catchers struggled and the bull alligator thrashed! Finally, they forced him to the surface and harpooned him. They reeled him toward the shore and, at risk of their very lives, taped his giant jaws shut. At last with the gator near the boat, Cap Johnson bailed out of the boat onto the



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gator's tough, scaly back and tied his front legs tightly behind him, while two men on the boat held onto Cap's belt to steady him. Tied up, taped up or not, Cap was no match for the gator! That gator swam right off with him! The others dove into the water for the rescue. It took four men to swim the old bull gator close enough to the bank to heave him out of the water! What a task, but what a victory at last! It was no wonder either. That big bull gator measured eleven feet, ten inches long and weighed in at five hundred pounds!

During the violent tussle, the gator spit up Ol' Blue's \$125. electronic tracking collar. Finally back at the Commission headquarters, they found tags and collars for *seven* other dogs in that gator's innards!

It was a strange sort of relief when the long, dark

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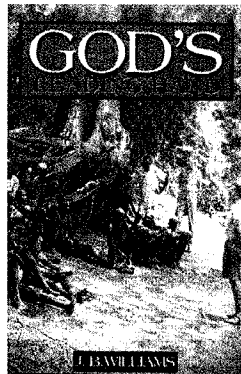


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mystery was ended. There had been an unknown, unseen enemy in the swamp. Who would have suspected such ominous danger? Much like the gator attacking and devouring the prized dogs, we, too, have an unseen, deadly enemy. The Bible says that we have an adversary, "the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). Satan moves unsuspected and unseen in the lives of boys and girls and young people. As they dash happily through life chasing their pleasures, desires, dreams, and their own way, the devil lurks in the dark, wayside shadows for just the time to lurch out and overpower them with his devices and swallow them up, to devour and destroy their souls, and to keep them from eternal life, from joy, from serving Christ, and at last from a home in heaven. Hell will be filled with reminders of the "protective collars" that were there to turn you to Christ - those times you heard the Gospel, someone talked with you concerning salvation, or someone prayed for you. Don't play games with your soul. Don't run the world's trail into the mighty jaws of the devil. Repent of your sins and believe the Gospel. "Christ died for our sins...he was buried...he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3,4). Don't let the devil drag you down to hell to dwell with him forever! Escape from his power by the blood of Christ. "The blood of Jesus Christ his (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Be saved today!

*(Based on a true incident and real bull alligator, 1995, Blackwater River State Forest, Santa Rosa County, Florida.)*      Ω

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4. ***Covering Up Small Problems.*** The thought here is often that problems will somehow go away; dissolve; disappear. It just doesn't happen that way. They only grow larger and involve more people, causing more hurt.
5. ***Rebellion.*** This likely involves someone who has become a part of a ministry who has never been converted. It is my opinion that "grace has a face" and that the recipient of grace produces the fruit described in Galatians 5:22,23: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.
6. ***Christ Prominent But Not Pre-eminent.*** This phrase was used by the late Dr. Sam Patterson of

French Camp Academy in Mississippi when speaking to groups of Christian School teachers. He said the people who had caused him the most grief over the years were not the unsaved of the world but the personnel on his staff who were Christians in whose lives Christ was *prominent*, but not *pre-eminent*. Those in whose lives Christ was prominent were faithful in church attendance, prayer meetings, tithing, and giving testimonies of a redeemed life, but were easily offended, often complaining, unhappy with their lot in life, and always creating problems brought about by their love for self. When Christ is pre-eminent, when He has the first place in our lives we become part of the answer, not part of the problem.

*(To be concluded next issue: The Confrontation.)* Ω