

The PROJECTOR

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

Preeminence in Practice

by

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Paul, the Apostle, wrote in Col. 1:18 that Jesus Christ is to have the preeminence. This teaching was not



original with Paul, for we are given clear instruction from Jesus Christ Himself that those who follow Him must be single minded in their dedication.

This truth is forcefully shown in Luke 9:57-62: And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his

head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

These are strong words! Jesus Christ never spoke weak, sentimental words, puffing up His

hearers as we often do, for He is perfectly honest with no hypocrisy in His heart. His instruction is not framed to tip toe around our

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Beware of Leaving Your Little Ones in Egypt!

or

"Thou and Thy House"

By

C.H. Mackintosh
(1820-1896)

If there is one point above another in which Christians have failed, it is in this very point of commanding their children and household. **A man who knows how to command his house is worthy of God's confidence.** This is a stupendous truth. God looks upon a man's house as a part of himself, and he cannot, in the smallest degree, whether in principle or practice, disregard the connection without suffering serious damage, and also marring the testimony.

Now, I would affectionately, yet faithfully, suggest the question, whether much of the failure in practical testimony for Christ is not

justly traceable to the neglect of the principle involved in the expression, "Thou and thy house." I cannot but think it has much to do with it. One thing is certain, that a quantity of worldliness, confusion, and moral evil has crept in amongst us through our little ones having been left in Egypt. We see many who, it may be, ten, fifteen, or twenty years ago, took a prominent place in testimony and service,

and seemed to have their hearts much in the work, are now gone back, lamentably, not having power to keep their own heads above water, much less to help any one else. All this utters a warning voice for Christian parents having rising families; and the utterance is, "Beware of leaving your little ones in Egypt." Many a heart-broken father, at the present moment, is left to weep and groan over his fatal mistake in reference to his household. He left them in Egypt, in an evil hour, and under a gross delusion, and now when he

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EDITOR'S DESK For Ladies Only

Guest Editorial
by

"Aunt Carolyn"

Teacher Pre-Planning the week before school begins each fall is a very important time. In addition to teachers preparing their classrooms, curriculum, lesson plans, schedule, etc., we also hold meetings to outline the purpose, philosophy, and standards of Santa Rosa Christian School. These meetings are designed to challenge and inspire teachers for the great mission before them. One meeting on the pre-planning schedule is for lady faculty and staff only. It goes something like this:

Pre-planning is a time of "getting ready for school," preparing spiritually for the opportunity and task ahead, and getting in the right frame of mind and attitude for it. A Christian teacher stands before or is with students approximately seven hours a day, more waking time than some children have with their parents. We have a great responsibility in every area, not only academically, but also spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Part of that preparation comes in our presentation of ourselves before our students. I Timothy 4:12 - "...Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." What a challenge!

We begin the school year with a change of mentality from the relaxed atmosphere for fun and play of Summer Day Camp to the serious atmosphere for learning, study, self-control, self-discipline and character training of school.

SOME THINGS THAT MATTER AND AFFECT LADY PERSONNEL

Dresses - We always wear dresses. During camp modest culottes, slacks, or pedal pushers are allowed, but school requires dresses or skirts and blouses. Girls dress out for P.E., but they change back into uniform and dresses before they return to the school building; so should teachers.

Length - Mid-knee or below. (No fudging. If in doubt, it's too short.)

Slits - If a skirt has a slit in it, be sure the slit does not open above mid-knee. Some skirts found in dress shops

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feelings, distorting the truth. He knows that primary care and concern for feelings will clothe one's mind in soothing platitudes of error.

On these occasions where the response of Jesus Christ to men is diametrically opposed to the way of men, His deity is most revealed. This is one of those occasions, for what He says here would never be spoken by a natural man, whose heart is full of divided interests.

So, knowing the hearts of these men, Christ's response to each surprises and even astonishes us! Jesus always shines forth the light of truth regardless of whether or not men follow Him. He does not hide light in order to attract darkness as many of us would do.

NO ALLOWANCES

In today's language of soft "politically correctness," this conversation may have been cushioned with flattery and vague requests. It may have gone something like this:

And it came to pass, that a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow You anywhere. And Jesus said unto him, You are wonderful and bold to make that commitment! God will surely bless us, and things will go well as we serve Him. He said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Certainly, for family matters are important and must be seen to. Do that, clearing your heart and mind, and then come and follow me. We certainly intend to make allowances for family.

And another also said, Lord, I will follow You; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at my house. Jesus said unto him, I'm happy that you intend to join my team. I commend you for knowing that farewells are important. Go ahead, and when done, carefully re-examine your decision. If you still want to follow Me, I'm sure we can make a fine place for you in my ministry.

By this comparison with Scripture, we see how far man's thoughts are from God's thoughts, for our thoughts are of accommodation and inclusion while God's thoughts are exclusive.

Don't you suppose that many volunteers, if not received in the warm manner

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FOCUS ON RELIGION

The Magnetism of New Evangelicalism

by
Pastor Tod Brainard

We are witnessing in our day a resurgence of grass roots New Evangelicalism. With the re-election of President Bush and the addition of Republicans in the Senate, there has been a resurgence of New Evangelical figures into the public arena due to their conservative stance on many issues. Billy Graham, now 86 years old, has just held his last crusade in the United States. He ended his long ministry of crusades by including Bill and Hillary Clinton on the stage. His ecumenical appeal and open view of salvation has made him a popular figure over the past 60 years. Now Rick Warren, the heir apparent to Billy Graham, is now recognized worldwide by the news media and political circles as a rising star. George Barna released a poll recently that placed Rick Warren near the top of the list when pastors are asked who they feel is the most influential evangelical leader. In Time magazine's list of the 25 most influential evangelicals, Warren is listed first, before the more traditionally political evangelical leaders such as Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals.¹

Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Life* book became the best-selling book for 2003 and 2004, and the best selling non-fiction hardback book in history, with sales of more than 22 million copies. This conservative, evangelical, and widely accepted self-help book has touched every corner of America and beyond. Unlike Warren, Graham did not have such a wide populous base from which to operate in the 1950's. Graham had to build a base of followers through his crusades

and the *Christianity Today* publication which promoted him heavily in the 1950's. There is no question that Rick Warren is a New-Evangelical and is adored as such. His surge to notoriety is part and parcel of the New-Evangelicals' resurgence in the national spotlight. Rick Warren is a Southern Baptist pastor who promotes the same message that Billy Graham promoted in the 1950's with a modern twist.

The Modern Twist

Graham's ministry in the 1950's and 60's was coat and tie, conservative music, and the ecumenical appeal to all faiths. Warren has succeeded in losing the coat and tie, losing the conservative music while keeping the ecumenical appeal with little or no fall-out among conservative evangelicals and even some who claim to be fundamentalists. Warren does not have the pulpit presence of Graham but has his message in a 21st Century populist style. His message is global and geared to the same philosophy that birthed New Evangelicalism.

It's Poverty and Ignorance, Stupid!

Warren says there are five giant problems in the world today. *"Billions of people suffer each day from problems so big no government can solve them. The only thing big enough to solve the problems of spiritual emptiness, selfish leadership, poverty, disease and ignorance is the network of millions of churches all around the world. The Scripture shows us that Jesus shared the Good News, trained leaders,*

helped the poor, cared for the sick and taught the children," Warren said. *"Our P.E.A.C.E. plan will just do the five things Jesus did while He was here on earth."*²

P.E.A.C.E. is an acronym that stands for *"Plant churches, Equip servant leaders, Assist the poor, Care for the sick, and Educate the next generation,"* Warren said. *"The emphasis calls for church-based small groups to adopt villages where spiritual emptiness, selfish leadership, poverty, disease and ignorance keep people from experiencing the kind of life God wants them to have,"* he said. *"There are thousands of villages in the world that have no school, no clinic, no business, no government — but they have a church."* Warren said, *"What would happen if we could mobilize churches to address those five global giants?"*³

Chuck Colson supports Rick Warren's initiatives and said the following, *"I have a burden for Christians to get out and do the Gospel,"* he said. *"I'm thrilled to go shoulder to shoulder with Rick and make this happen."*⁴

The purpose of Warren's P.E.A.C.E. plan is simple, **appeal to what most individuals think is a good thing to do for impoverished people and go out and do it under the guise of the gospel.** This universal appeal is the magnetism of New Evangelicalism. It is the same social gospel ecumenical package that has been promoted by Billy Graham and his ilk over the past 60 years. Rick Warren desires to

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expected, would quickly depart to their own interests? The man who said he would follow Jesus anywhere expected an excited and approving reaction from Him. But Jesus Christ knew that man's heart was wrapped up in the comforts of home as he reminded him that **the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.** Jesus Christ never downplayed or hid the real cost of discipleship or proclaimed that following Him was an easy path.

The basic understanding needed to enter that path of discipleship is that Jesus Christ is to have preeminence. He said in Luke 14:26, **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.** How high He must be in relation to one's family and, indeed, to one's own life! He uses the relational word, "hate," to describe how high above He is compared to those who demand our loyalty. The family is a wonderful institution if built upon the Word of God, but it is not to be worshipped by placing it ahead of Christ.

The question should be asked, "Who cares about my family more, God or I?" The immediate answer is, "God cares more!" We must learn that putting the Lord Jesus Christ first brings the greatest blessing to our family, but anything contrary ends up to their detriment.

RASH PROMISES

Volunteer One in this incident came to Jesus seemingly with a very sincere commitment: **I will follow thee whithersoever Thou goest.** One lesson we learn here is that unlimited statements are usually rash statements based upon excessive confidence in the flesh. Peter made a similar statement

when he said he would never be offended because of Christ. Was Jesus ecstatic about Peter's show of loyalty? No, for Jesus Christ knew that Peter lived in a house of flesh, and this cocky "absolute" originated from that house. That same house of flesh was the source of this volunteer's "sincere" commitment.

Christ's answer to this man reveals that his intentions were not honorable. Jesus clearly understood that he did not know the implications of discipleship. He compared his situation to foxes and birds, who have definite places of rest or home but Himself had neither a place of rest nor a home. Does your commitment to "follow Him anywhere" take into account the possibility of not having a home? Does your "follow Him anywhere" include possibly sleeping under the stars without a bed to call your own?

Christ's response reveals that the man's commitment to follow Him anywhere was limited by his desire for comfort. The quality of commitment of a true disciple is unconditional. A true disciple will go anywhere in spite of leaving behind all that he holds dear. Following Jesus Christ is obeying His Word, depending upon Him alone, leaving former things behind and pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

GOOD INTENTIONS

Volunteers Two and Three have intentions that also *seem* good, but their following must be delayed for issues that come ahead of full commitment.

Volunteer Two, whom we assume is the eldest son and responsible for family matters and customs, offers what appears to be a perfect reason for delay, one

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ventures, it may be in real faithfulness and earnest affection, to drop a word into the ear of those who have grown up around him, they meet it with a deaf ear and an indifferent heart, while they cling with vigor and decision to that Egypt in which he faithlessly and inconsistently left them. This is a stern fact, the statement of which may send a pang to many a heart; but truth must be told, in order that, though it wounds some, it may prove a salutary warning to others.

There is, I should say, a very serious error involved in a Christian parent's committing the training of his children to unconverted persons, or even to those whose hearts are not one with him as to separation from the world.

In the book of Numbers, "the little ones" are again introduced to our notice. We have just seen that the real purpose of a soul in communion with God was to go up with the little ones out of Egypt. They must be brought forth from thence at all cost; but neither faith nor faithfulness will rest here. We must not only count upon God to bring them up out of Egypt, but also to bring them on into Canaan.

Cause and Effect

But let us remember that the way to prove our entrance into the blessing is by fulfilling the responsibility. To say that I am counting upon God to bring my children to Canaan, and yet all the while educating them for Egypt, is a deadly delusion. My conduct proves my profession to be a lie, and I am not to wonder if, in the righteous dealing of God, I am allowed to be filled with the fruit of my own doings. Conduct will ever prove the reality of our convictions; and in this, as in every thing else, that Word of the Lord is most solemnly true, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." We often want to know the doctrine before we do the will, and the consequence is, we are left in the most profound

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which anyone should accept, but of Christ is most important even if the result is distress and cutting family ties. Jesus Christ is not "anyone." **Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.** I think that this volunteer's concern is about one of three scenarios. The first is that this man's father had just died and awaits burial. The second involves the re-interment of his father's bones, which takes place a year after death. The third scenario is that his father has not yet died and he must remain at home until that event occurs.

DELAY

While the first scenario calls for a delay of only a few days, the second may take a year, while that of the third is not fixed. Not being sure which scenario fits this case, let's assume the most urgent case and conclude that his father had just died. But by hearing the words of Christ: **"Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God,"** we understand that in the heart of Christ this reason to delay full commitment is not valid! Certainly if this extreme example for a delay in fully committing to Jesus Christ is not valid, can there be any reason for delay?

My, how this response would distress a person who had just lost his father! Wouldn't you think of Jesus' expectations as totally heartless and overly severe? Certainly some understanding of this dire situation, some accommodation for this emergency, should be forthcoming. Why not take care of this and catch up to Jesus' followers in a day or two?

But Jesus Christ does not accommodate, and what He says shocks the ear! Our ways are not God's ways, and this shock is given that we may yield our ways to His ways even in the

matter of allegiance to family. It is clearly revealed here that the cause of Christ is most important even if the result is distress and cutting family ties.

"Let the dead bury their dead," tells us that in the mind of Jesus Christ it is not absolutely necessary for one of His disciples to attend to this duty. There is no unbreakable rule established here keeping His disciples from being involved in burials, but if forced to make a choice between duty to one's family and following Jesus, one must choose Jesus Christ to be a true disciple.

Preaching the Gospel of the kingdom has eternal consequences, while burying one's father is a temporal activity and the spiritually dead can do that task quite adequately. The principle that Jesus demonstrates is that His disciples are to be involved in spiritual work. Let the natural man do natural work, for the natural man cannot do spiritual work. His disciples are to be engaged in the proclamation of the message of salvation of men where death is defeated and eternal life is gained. It is obvious, and we conclude that Jesus is not heartless or overly severe in His expectations! In other words, we must let Christ's mind be in us as commanded in Philippians 2:5.

HALF-HEARTED COMMITMENT

Volunteer Three says, **Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.**

This reason for delay appears to be inconsequential. Shouldn't this delay be granted as a matter of insignificance? Here again the Lord Jesus Christ does not see it as we may see it. He says, **No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking**

"Jesus Christ does not accommodate..."

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ignorance.

Now, to do the will of God in reference to our children, is to treat them as He does, by regarding them as part of ourselves, and training them accordingly. It is not merely by hoping they may ultimately prove to be the children of God, but by regarding them as those who are already brought into a place of privilege, and dealing with them upon this ground in reference to every thing. According to the thoughts and actings of many parents, it would seem as though they regarded their children in the light of heathens, who had no present interest in Christ, or relationship to God at all. This is, assuredly, falling grievously short of the divine mark. Nor is this question, as it is too often made, of infant or adult baptism. No; it is simply and entirely a question of faith in the power and extent of that peculiarly gracious word. "Thou and thy house" — a word the force and beauty of which we shall see more and more fully as we proceed.

Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, the children of Israel are again instructed to set the commandments, the statutes, the judgments, and precepts of the law before their little ones; and these same little ones are contemplated as inquiring into the nature and object of various ordinances and institutions. The reader can easily run through the various passages.

Responsibility

I now pass on to that truly memorable resolution of Joshua, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve. . .but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15). Observe, "Me and my house." "...Eli...concerning his house: when I begin, I will also

make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth; Because, his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not" (1 Sam. 3:11-13).

Here we see that no matter what the personal character of the servant of God may be, yet if he fail in the due regulation of his house, God will not hold him guiltless. Eli should have restrained his sons.

But how many parents have since trodden in Eli's footsteps! Through an utterly false idea in reference to the entire basis and character of parental relationship, they have allowed their children, from infancy to boyhood, and from boyhood to manhood, in the unrestrained indulgence of the will. Not having faith to take divine ground, they have failed in moral power to take even the human ground of making their children respect and obey them, and the issue has presented to view the most fearful picture of lawless extravagance and wild confusion. The highest object for the servant of God to set before him in the management of his house is the testimony therein afforded to the honor of Him to whose house he himself belongs. This is really the proper ground of action. I must not seek to have my children in order because it would be an annoyance and inconvenience to me to have them otherwise, but because the honor of God is concerned in the godly order of the households of all those who form constituent parts of His house.

What is sufficient for me is sufficient for those who are part of me. And shall I be so base as to train my children

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these days have slits open very high. Just sew them closed to mid knee or below.

Fit — Not too tight. Give yourself room to move and work with your children. Don't limit how well you can work, play, or tend to a child's need because your clothes restrict you. Consider modesty here, too.

Modesty and style — Wear clothes that look nice and make children glad and proud you are their teacher. One of the "Rules of Civility" in George Washington's writing book as a young child was "Be not a peacock." (Do not attract attention to yourself by your dress.) SRCS is not a Beauty or Modeling school, but we want to set the right example. By example, you are teaching your girls how a Christian girl or lady should dress and act. You are also teaching boys how a nice Christian girl looks and what the boys should look for in a girlfriend or future wife.

Hosiery — Always wear stockings. Weather is hot, we know, but hosiery goes with being completely dressed for the classroom. (We're not in the "Camp Mode" during school.) Our high school girls are required to wear stockings and so are we teachers.

Shoes — Not tennis shoes, sport shoes, thongs, etc. Wear shoes that show dress and respect for your office as a teacher. (Remember the U.S. Girls Soccer team that visited the President and White House in thongs! Even the Media knew that showed disrespect and made much of it!) Teachers may change into play or tennis shoes for recess or PE, but in the classroom and in the school building wear regular shoes.

Make-Up — Think modesty and modestly. We do not prohibit all make-up. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Every barn needs a little paint," but a gaudy paint job is ugly and brings disdainful remarks from all who pass by. Let make-up be so subtle that it does not attract attention to itself — as if no one can tell you have it on. (II Kings 9:30. Be not a Jezebel!)

Heavy mascara is a particular anathema. It sends an extremely worldly message. Also, you require your children's undivided attention and tell them, "Give me your eyes." Do you want them to have to look through a coal bucket to see your eyes?

Be conscious of the "little things."

A slip that shows — You may be helping a child and leaning over his desk, but the children in the desks behind you may see

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

The Art of Penmanship

Although writing is one of the basic three "R's" taught throughout pre-school and elementary grades, a few brave teachers teach this subject in middle school as well as on the high school level. Learning to write well in manuscript, as well as cursive, is an important aspect of every child's education. The lessons offered by penmanship are extremely valuable: discipline, obedience, patience, diligence, order, and self-control just to name a few.



Discipline and Obedience

Penmanship is an orderly set of patterns that teaches students both discipline and obedience. Because God is precise and orderly, the teacher needs to set a high standard and only accept correct letter formation. Students will be able to learn self-discipline by practicing individual strokes. Instruction will require the teacher to take the time to talk students through each stroke of each letter and then require practicing it over and over. Ecclesiastes 9:10 states, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

Patience

Good penmanship teaches patience (to teacher as well as student). All things worth having require effort and work, both of which are necessary to learn to write neatly. Beautiful penmanship cannot be rushed; it takes time and plenty of practice to produce straight lines, round circles, correctly crossed "t's" and properly dotted "i's". Careful drill can produce beautiful penmanship. Ecclesiastes 7:8 says, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

Diligence

Good penmanship requires diligence - this "stick-to-it-ness" is a character trait that needs developing in our students. Students will learn that a job that is begun must be completed. Realizing that it is the nature of most children to give up on difficult tasks, an effective teacher must see that his/her pupils complete each writing exercise correctly. A child who learns diligence in his early, formative years will have no problem seeing future tasks to completion. This vital lesson alone makes teaching penmanship rewarding. Proverbs 10:4 teaches, "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich."

Order and Self-Control

Proper penmanship teaches order and self-control. Students learn that each letter has an orderly way in which it must be formed. Manuscript and cursive letters have certain positions on the line: some touch, some fall below and some must be written between the lines. The exact positioning of these letters produces an orderly, neat paper. I Corinthians 14:40 instructs us to "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Character

As a new school year begins, we should purpose to make penmanship an important teaching opportunity for our students. Our pupils need to learn that a person's signature is important; it is a reflection of the individual. The patience, diligence, order, and self-control that are learned during this endeavor make it one of life's most important lessons.



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accomplish this social agenda on a more global scale. People will support and give to these emotional causes under a religious guise because they seem plausible.

Some fundamentalist pastors have been afraid to speak out openly on Rick Warren for fear of offending those in their churches who are enamored with the *Purpose Driven Life* books. Some agree with Rick Warren and his positions because they themselves are charmed with the magnetism of the social aspect of his teachings in regard to the poor and the unlearned. Some young fundamentalists, who seem to spend an inordinate amount of time bloviating on the internet, are by and large supporting the same agenda that Warren is promoting while at the same time saying they are only following what the Bible teaches.⁵

I would like to remind these young men that the most dangerous position is the one closest to the truth. It is the naïve who say that **"all truth is God's truth"**. A more accurate statement would be **"all revealed truth is God's truth."** You can get into big trouble assuming that all truth is God's truth. All new-evangelicals would say that their positions are backed by Scripture. Can they all be right then? Obviously not!

Some suggestions to avoid the Magnetic Pull of New-Evangelicalism

- 1) **Don't be naïve or lazy, pastor. Get your positions directly from the Scriptures, not the**

latest "fundamentalist" blog or newspaper.

- 2) **Refuse to be intimidated by the New-Evangelicals and their supposed social concern.** They have had 60 years to prove their point and here they are still trying to solve the same age-old problems that only the Lord Jesus Christ alone can personally solve when He rules and reigns on the earth.

- 3) **Don't concern yourself with the opinions and beliefs of college academia and the world system concerning Fundamentalism.** Your concern may be the first step toward compromise. Concern your personal life and ministry with what the Lord God of Heaven thinks about us. You will have your hands full seeking and searching the Word to know His purposes and good pleasure.

- 4) **Keep Biblical Separation unto God and from the world on the front burner of your ministry.** It is the heartbeat of Christ, and your ministry will be pure and vibrant for Christ if you practice it and instruct your people in Biblical Separation. **"Biblical Separation is God's answer to apostasy in any generation."**⁶

- 5) **Teach your people the truth about movements and men.** Don't attempt to mollify movements and positions of men. Be honest and truthful with your people. This teaching will sharpen the spiritual discernment of your people and keep them out of error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



First, I thank God and then I thank you for standing true to His Word. Your magazine is a blessing to me when I read it, somewhat of a rarity in these "Godless" times.

CO

It is always a pleasure to open my mailbox and see that "green" mailing. I love getting the Projector. I can read each article knowing it lines up with God's Word. Thank you for staying on the "narrow way."

PA



Thank you so much for your faithful ministry all these years. It has been without compromise or worldliness, which is so hard to come by in this age. Please accept our gift in support of your labor of love.

FL



Thank you for being a solid voice for "Fundamentalism" in these deteriorating days of Biblical preaching.

MI

It's always a joy to get The Projector and see that you and the folks there are "staying by the stuff." There's nothing wrong with being "contemporary" in the sense of staying up to date but there's everything wrong with being contemporary in the sense of staying in step with the age. Glad you're one of those that's out of step!

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to recover from the hurricane damage. Hope this little gift will be of some help.

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Stars of the Morning

SAFELY ACROSS

by
"Aunt Carolyn"

"Oh, Goose Feathers!" long. Honest!" Grandma mumbled.

Jack and Katie giggled. Anytime Grandma got bumfuzzled she muttered, "Goose Feathers!" The children knew something was wrong. Grandma was busy making brownies, much to their delight, but now she stood stiffly before the cupboard, hands on her hips, eyes searching the shelves. Again she muttered, "Goose Feathers!"

The children stopped playing. "Grandma, what's the matter?"

"Oh, nothing," she answered. "I just can't find one lick of chocolate in this kitchen, and I cannot make brownies without chocolate, now can I?"

"No, I guess not," Katie chimed, but she was quite surprised. Grandma was always making goodies for her "cherubs," as she called her grandchildren. Brownies, cookies, cupcakes, or something yummy was always filling the kitchen with a delightful aroma. Grandma always seemed to have stuff to make most anything. "How did you run out of chocolate, Grandma?"

"Oh, how do I know? I must have made more goodies than I remembered. I have sugar, flour, baking powder, and everything I need - except baking chocolate! No semi-sweet squares, no cocoa, no chocolate! Goose Feathers!"

"Let us run to the store, Grandma! We will hurry! It's just four blocks. We won't take

"Yes! Well, with your spry legs, I'm sure it wouldn't take you long, but to be on the safe side, I think I'll go with you." And she did!

The children had to be patient and not run ahead. Somehow Grandma could not walk as fast as they, but they had fun speaking to folks they met along on the sidewalk, noticing a fancy new car that passed, and taking in Grandma's safety instruction.

Time at the store went quickly. Grandma knew what she went for, bought it, and was ready to go home except that she added to her purchase two Jolly Lollipops, which just happened to be in the children's very favorite flavors.

Returning home, even Grandma's step was a little more lively. After all, brownies were soon to be in the making. Then they slowed their pace. There was a strange scene ahead. People were gathered around a rain drain beside the curb.

"Stand back," a policeman ordered. "Give him room." The one who needed room was a little boy lying flat on his stomach on the ground trying to peer down into the dark drain. Worrying and quacking nearby was a very nervous mother duck, whose ducklings had fallen into the drain hole as they were trying to cross the street. Somehow the safety grate had been removed and the big gaping hole *swallowed* the ducklings. Pitiful, frightened little things!



Jack and Katie got mighty interested in the desperate mother duck's plight. In soft voices, they tried to soothe her fears. Someone tossed her a piece of bread, but nothing calmed her. "Quack, quack, quack!" she fretted.

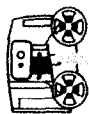
As the plight of the ducklings grew to an emergency level, the policeman called the sheriff, the sheriff called the fire department, the fire department called the radio station, and soon the street was full of law enforcement vehicles, fire trucks, news media trucks, and flashing lights. All this only made the poor mother duck more worried. Even in the midst of such commotion, she would not leave her babies!

The situation was bleak. The little boy moved away, and a fireman looked down the drain. They were down there for sure. He could see the babies, but they were too far down to reach. Jack and Katie whispered, "What will they do, Grandma? What will they do? They can't reach the ducklings!"

"I don't know, Cherubs," Grandma replied. "Just settle down. We'll have to watch and see."

Watch they did for a long time,

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"CHECK IT OUT!"

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for the devil and the world? Shall I minister to and pamper that in them which I profess to mortify in myself? It is a grievous mistake, and we shall find it so. If my children are in Egypt, I am there myself. If my children savor of Babylon, I savor of it myself. If my children belong to a corrupt worldly religious system, I belong to it myself, in principle. "Thou and thy house" are one; God has made them one; and "what He has joined together, let no man put asunder."

One Will

We mourn over our lack of a broken will, and yet we are strengthening the will in our children. It is always, to my mind, a manifest proof of the weakness of parental authority, as well as of ignorance of the way in which the servant of God should rule his house, to hear a parent say to a child, "Will you do so and so?" This question, simple as it seems, tends directly to create or minister to the very thing which you ought to put down, by every means in your power, and that is, the exercise of the child's will. Instead, therefore, of asking the child, "Will you do?" just tell him what he is to do, and

let there not be in his mind the idea of calling in question your authority. The parent's will should be supreme with a child, because the parent stands in the place of God. All power belongs to God, and He has invested His servant with power, both as a father and a master. If

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therefore, the child or the servant resist this power, it is resistance of God.

But the sum of the matter is this: The willfulness of my children reveals the willfulness of my own heart, and a righteous God is using them to chasten me, because I have not chastened myself. This is a peculiarly solemn view of the case, and one that calls for deep searching of heart. To save myself trouble, I have let things take their course in my family, and now my children have grown up around me to be thorns in my side, because I trained them not for God. This is the history of thousands. We should ever bear in mind that our children, as well as ourselves, should be "set for the defence and confirmation of the gospel." But let us not forget, that in order to subdue nature in our children, we must subdue it in ourselves.

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back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

All those who work the land know this truth. Straight furrows command a steady, unwavering focus on an object far ahead. Any farmer knows that looking back makes a crooked row and shows one unfit to plow. This man is told that he must be single minded in his discipleship. The focus upon the cause of Christ must be so set that nothing causes that focus to dim or be diverted.

While saying that a man is not fit for the kingdom, Christ does not say that this man is excluded. He is saying that the man is not at his best when he has an interest not totally focused on the cause of Christ. This man is told that his concentration on farewells instead of following Christ shows him not yet fit to the full measure of true discipleship. Looking back indicates a heart lacking full commitment and anything, even seemingly inconsequential, must be shunned, even though it may be thought of as the proper thing to do.

THE COST OF LOYALTY

These three examples vividly reveal to us real hindrances to following Christ. Each disciple has allowed a commitment to family to restrict his allegiance to Christ. When the first man said, "I will follow you wherever you go," he did not count the cost of living under the stars. When the second man proposed the perfect reason for not following Christ immediately, he did not expect to have to tell his family that following Christ was more important than burying his father. And when the third one wanted just a little time to say good-bye to his loved ones, he certainly didn't expect to have his fitness as a disciple questioned over such a seeming minor request.

The loyalty of all three was called into question. Any delay after being called of God to do His will is unacceptable even if family is involved. Jesus Christ is worthy of loyal, unquestioning, whole-hearted, totally committed disciples. Jesus Christ laid down His life that we might have life. He deserves, yes, even demands first place, first priority, in our lives and service above all else. "...That in all things He might have the preeminence."

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more than you counted on!

A too-tight dress – It may be long enough when standing, but how high does it go when you sit down in reading group?

Style but not Mod. Don't dress like "the world."

Be clean and smell nicely. Be nice to be near. Dr. McGinley, the venerable, old Scotch preacher, in his inimitable Scottish brogue, told the story of his encounter with a well-endowed "old biddy" after a preaching service one night. She lifted her nose sniffing and remarked, "Dr. McGinley, I see you use perfume!" He lifted his nose and quickly replied, "Madam, I see you don't!" -- Be nice for your children to be near!

It's not just your comfort or splash for the day that is at stake; you have a responsibility in this area. In many places Christian standards of dress are getting like the world. They look alike, act alike, and sometimes sound alike. The truth is my heart goes out to some little

children whose mothers never wear anything but jeans or pant suits. Those little ones never know the comfort and softness of mother's lap with a dress protecting her lap making a nice cradle or hammock to rest in instead of trying to balance between the sides of the Royal Gorge. Some do not know the soft feel of nice cloth material and the secure feeling of their mother's skirt in which to hide.

We do not desire that these standards be just a rote "letter of the law" response to the "law," but that you have the spirit and attitude of a Christian lady and teacher, so that these standards will "take" in our girls, as Mr. Opager referred to the Marines' standards "taking" on the men. Some men carry the Marine standards throughout life; some men ditch them as soon as they are demobilized and discharged. We want the Christian training our students are given here to "take," that they might also become "examples of the believer."

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"If you leave out conviction and repentance and jump over it to faith in Christ, you have created a tare."

(Dayton Hobbs)

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it seemed. Then from a fire truck was brought a long ladder. It was lowered down into the hole, and a small, slender fireman eased down. What would happen? In the darkness would he be able to see the ducklings? Would they run from him in fright? What if the ducklings were lost for good? Jack and Katie stood anxiously watching.

"I can see them!" the fireman called up to the street above. "I think I can catch at least some of them."

"Oh, no!" Katie breathed. "Not just *some* of them! He has to save them all!"

"Shhh, Katie," Grandma cautioned. "Talking and noise won't help."

Minutes seemed like hours to the children. Then they heard the fireman call, "I'm coming up with three of them! Be ready!"

"Three!" cried Jack. "I wonder how many there are!"

The first three ducklings were placed in a small screen box, and the fireman disappeared into the earth again to search for more little fledglings. He was gone a long time. It seemed forever to Jack and Katie, and then to their delight, the fireman emerged with one little yellow quacker in each shirt pocket and two in his hand. Other firemen took the soft, downy little fellows and held them while the rescuer came on up the ladder and stood on land. A happy cheer went up from the crowd, and the slender fireman was declared the hero of the day.

When the ducklings were given back to their mother, such a quacking and fluttering you never saw. She bustled about and gathered them together. "Quack, quack, quack," in Mother Duck language meant, "Follow me!" To

the shock of the crowd, she headed right out into the street to cross to the other side! Oh, after all the danger they had escaped, would the babies now be run over by traffic? After being saved from death in the dark hole, would they now be killed?

Oh, no! One man would see that that did not happen! Like a dart, the small, slender fireman was out in the street. The sheriff and policemen followed. Soon all traffic came to a screeching halt while Mother Duck and her seven darling ducklings waddled safely across to the other side quacking all the way!

"Umm, umm," Grandma hummed. "What a picture! What a picture of you and me, Cherubs," she said. "We were lost in sin,



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doomed to eternal death in the dark pit of hell with no way out. Then the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself on the cross of Calvary to save us from our sin. Just as the officers and firemen went to extreme measures to save the ducklings and escort them safely to the other side, the Lord Jesus Christ went to the utmost measure, giving His own life to save us, to redeem us from destruction and to take us safely to Heaven, safely to the other side! What a wonderful Savior!"

Still overjoyed with the happy ending for the ducklings, Jack and Katie walked slowly with Grandma, but they just couldn't help taking a skip or two along. Then a soft rain began to fall. Grandma's grocery sack began to get wet and soggy.

"Oh, Goose Feathers!" Grandma exclaimed.

Jack and Katie giggled! "No, not Goose Feathers, Grandma! **Duck Feathers! Duck Feathers!**"

"Oh, yes, **Duck Feathers** to be sure!" laughed Grandma, and the children fell into single file behind her walking like Mother Duck and her ducklings! In jest Jack quipped, "Quack, quack, quack!" and pretended to waddle like a duck. He didn't know whether or not ducks liked brownies, but he, for one, couldn't wait!

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One Voice

Moreover, there must be the clearest understanding and the fullest harmony between the father and mother. Their voice, their will, their authority, their influence, should be essentially one—one in the strictest sense of that word. Being themselves "no more twain, but one flesh," they should ever appear before their children in the beauty and power of that oneness. In order to do this, they must wait much upon God together—they must be much in His presence, opening up all their hearts, and telling out all their need. Christians do frequently injure one another in this respect.

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6) Keep the preaching of the Word of God primary in the local church ministries. Do not let any secondary emphasis become the primary emphasis of your ministry. **New-Evangelicalism is the birth-child of secondary purposes.**

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