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Praise's of the Month



Here is the first praise of the month. You just do not know where the ripples of our work for Jesus will go! *Hello brethren, Am a Christian medical student in Nigeria and am happy to write to you. How has been the everything, I prayed the lord will continue to uphold you and the work of the ministry in Jesus 'name. Pls I need your help, there was a new testament bible you sent to my younger brother around January this year but a collected it from him because i really like the bible but to day I gave it to a muslim who I met for the first time today but due to some circumstances i couldn't see him again. pls I will really need another one, this muslim was ready to be born again as he told me and i will even like to give it to him because of the highlighted promises in the bible, pls again I need another one, pls my address: KOMOLAFE DOTUN TIMOTHY.* Our second praise of the month is how our Lord works sometimes. Mary sent some funds to one of our overseas friends via Western Union on their internet site. When Western Union could not find any record of her transfer she called them only to find out that it had never been sent. So we had to re-send the funds. Western Union has a password or secret question you must ask. Mary told the representative to ask our partner " who is Lord?" the answer to expect is Jesus. The woman on the other side of the phone started crying and asking for prayer. Mary got to witness about Jesus and minister to her. You see when we pray to be in God's will He makes some interesting appointments for us. Our third praise of the month is that the Lord is opening doors. He has laid it upon my heart to contact one group of stations that covers a lot of our area. If the Lord opens this door for the ministry we will be on additional 50 stations preaching the truth to America. Ok now that my mind is officially boggled here's one more interesting fact. His Will Ministry is now reaching 38% of the world. We are now going in one form or another to 73 of the 193 sovereign countries around the world. This from a start of only 4 newsletters a month. Isn't amazing what our Great and Glorious Lord can do if we are willing to follow along. It amazes me that He could take simple people who just loved Him and use them to help Him reach 38% of the world. What is next? This just goes to show what can happen if you keep your eyes on Jesus. Below is a PRAISE report from one of our prayer warriors. YES!!!! It is true!

My brother had called me a few weeks before his wife was supposed to deliver their baby girl and asked me if I could be in the delivery room with him because he did not know that he could do it alone. My brother is an unbeliever and so I was excited about this opportunity because I knew I would get to pray while I was there. He told me that he wanted me to come because he thought I would be the least religious one in the family and he knew that I would not do anything weird while I was there. I told him he was wrong that I would pray, and he said, OK as long as you do it quietly. I got the call on June 10, 2005, my brother was calling to tell me to come to the hospital we were going to be having a baby here in awhile! I arrived at the hospital and my sister-in-law began to push and the nurse told her that she would call for the doctor to come in as soon as the baby had crowned. The baby started to crown and the nurse called for the doctor. She got a call back that the doctor was in a surgery and that she would not be able to be there yet. The nurse seemed a little scared and began to tell us that she had never delivered a baby herself only assisted in the pushing. The baby's head came out and the nurse said to my sister in law, You are going to have to stop pushing because the cord is wrapped around this babies neck. The nurse looked at me and my brother and me and told us that the baby was dead. The nurse went to put her finger under the cord so that she could cut it and could not even get her finger under there it was wrapped around twice and very tight. The nurse got some clamps and began to try to cut the cord. She finally was able to cut it off and she pulled the baby out. The baby was completely purple and gray and totally lifeless. The nurse again turned to me and my brother and said she is not alive, she pronounced her Dead on arrival. All during this I was praying. The nurse took the

baby over to a table in the room and hooked her up to some oxygen and began to try to revive her, but then she looked again to us and said, It's no use, she is gone. She is dead. I walked over behind this table and I reached my finger in and touched the baby. I said, In Jesus Name, I speak life to you, you will live in Jesus' Name. Immediately she jerked her head back and looked over at me and smiled. My brother, the nurses and the doctors who had come in said What did you just do? I said, I just prayed. They all stood there in complete shock and saying, She was dead, she was not alive, she was not breathing. I said, I know but Jesus brought her back to life. My brother was in tears and did not know what to do or say. This has opened a huge door for me to witness to my brother, he has called wanting to talk about what happened and he has all kinds of questions for me. God is awesome. I knew that something was going to happen that day and that I would have an amazing opportunity to witness to them. Rebekah Engels

God Bless Pastor A. J.

The Word Speaks!

The Great falling away. (not an end time revival)

2 Timothy 4:3- 4 (KJV)³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Did you notice what Paul warns us and Timothy about? He says after their own lusts. Below is part of a news article that made me weep, but it was predicted almost 2000 years ago.

United Church of Christ Backs Gay Marriage

7/4/05

By DOUG GROSS

ATLANTA (AP) - The United Church of Christ's rule-making body voted overwhelmingly Monday to approve a resolution endorsing same-sex marriage, making it the largest Christian denomination to do so. The vote is not binding on individual churches, but could cause some congregations to leave the fold. Roughly 80 percent of the representatives on the church's 884-member General Synod voted to approve the resolution Monday, a day after a smaller committee recommended it. "This is a significant moment," said the Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, of Cleveland, coordinator of a church coalition addressing gay and lesbian issues. She said the decision emphasizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are "spiritual people who love and are loved by God." But Becker said he doesn't think Monday's vote was representative of the wishes of most church members. "If we had put it to a vote of the people in the pews, it would have failed overwhelmingly," he said. "This is truly Independence Day for the UCC - we have declared ourselves independent from the teachings of Jesus and the clear teachings of Scripture."

Paul told predicted this in Romans almost 2000 years ago. Romans 1:24-28 (KJV) ²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. ²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

If you look up the word oxymoron you will find that it means having two things that are opposite of each other. Now look at Mr. Becker's statement "This is truly Independence Day for the UCC - we have declared ourselves independent from the teachings of Jesus and the clear teachings of Scripture." The Name of the "church" is United Church of Christ. And yet they have declared independence from the teachings of Jesus and the Clear teachings of the Scripture. So now we are able to use the name of Christ and yet have

compete independence from the teachings of Jesus? **John 8:31-48 (NLT)** ³¹Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. ³²And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ... ⁴²Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³Why can't you understand what I am saying? It is because you are unable to do so! ⁴⁴**For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does.** He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! ⁴⁶Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷**Anyone whose Father is God listens gladly to the words of God. Since you don't, it proves you aren't God's children.**"

There is a clear line being drawn! Who's child will you be? The Fathers or the devils?

Mary's Thoughts for the Month

This month in the honor of America's Independence day I would like to include the Inaugural Prayer from a few years ago. I also want to add my observation that things have already changed greatly in this country of America for we who follow Jesus Christ, and they haven't changed for the better. Here is the transcript from that prayer:

Let us pray please: O Lord God Almighty, the Supply and Supplier of faith and freedom: How Excellent is Your Name in all the earth. You are great and greatly to be praised. O God, as we conclude this fifty-fifth inaugural ceremony, We conclude it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Thank you for protecting America's borders. After all, as the psalmist reminds us, Unless You, O God, guard the territory, our efforts will be in vain. Thank you for our armed service personnel. And it is with unswerving thanksgiving that we pause to remember the persons who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure America's safety. Thank you, O God, for surrounding our personnel, their families, their friends, and our allies with Your favor and Your faithfulness. Deport your host from heaven so that Your will for America will be performed on earth as it is already perfected in heaven. I confess that Your face will shine upon the United States of America granting us social peace and economic prosperity particularly for the weary and the poor. I also confess, O God, that each American's later days will be better than their former days. Let it be unto us according to Your Word. Rally the Republicans, the Democrats, and the Independents around Your common good so that America will truly become one nation under God indivisible with liberty, justice, and equal opportunity for all, including the least, the last, and the lost. Bless every elected official right now. O God, I declare your blessings be showered upon our President George W. Bush. Bless him, his family, and his administration. I once again declare that no weapon formed against them shall prosper. And God forgive us, forgive us, forgive us for becoming so ensnared in petty partisan politics that we miss Your glory and flaunt our purpose. Deliver us from the evil one, from evil itself, and from the mere appearance of evil. Give us clean hearts so that we might have clean agendas, clean priorities and programs, and even clean financial statements. And now unto You, O God, the One who always has been and always will be the one King of Kings and the true power broker: we glorify and honor You. Respecting persons of all faiths, I humbly submit this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Pastor Kirby Jon Caldwell

May God Bless America again. In His Love, Mary

The Sad things Department

BERLIN (Reuters) - Pope Benedict believes the Harry Potter books subtly seduce young readers and "distort Christianity in the soul" before it can develop properly, according to comments attributed to him by a German writer.

Gabriele Kuby, who has written a book called "Harry Potter - Good or Evil," which attacks J.K. Rowling's best selling series about the boy wizard, published extracts from two letters written to her by Benedict in 2003, when he was a cardinal. Kuby, a devout Catholic, had sent him a copy of her Potter critique and he wrote to thank her, according to a passage from one of the letters published in German on her Web site. "It is good that you enlighten people about Harry Potter, because these are subtle seductions which act unnoticed and by this deeply distort Christianity in the soul, before it can grow properly," Benedict wrote, according to the excerpt.

The sad thing is that when this story was reported on national television they were condemning the Pope for standing up for what the Bible says and they were commending several Evangelical Christian leaders and Denominations for going against the Bible and saying nothing is wrong with witchcraft. Evangelical Chuck Colson praised the Harry Potter character and his friends for their "courage, loyalty and willingness to sacrifice." The May 29, 1999 issue of *World Magazine* characterized Harry Potters world "a delight safe, inoffensive, and non-occult," (which is totally misleading). Professor Alan Jacobs of Wheaton College advocates reading the Harry Potter books because they offer "the possibility for serious moral reflection and the question of what to do with magic powers is explored in an appropriate and morally serious way. Even "a vicar in the Church of England" held "a special Harry Potter family service complete with wizards, pointy hats, broomsticks a game of quidditch." (London Times *Church to lure youth with Harry Potter* by Ruth Gledhill; September 1, 2000). In 2003 the AOG in their national publication said "At worst, the Harry Potter books are epic volumes of vain imagination that activate fears of witchcraft.": Chuck Closon said again "It may relieve you to know that the magic in these books is purely mechanical, as opposed to occultist. That is, Harry and his friends cast spells, read crystal balls, and turn themselves into animals--but they don't make contact with a supernatural world."

People it is time to get back to the Basics. Black is black and white is white. As Paul said **2 Corinthians 6:14 & 15 (NLT)** ¹⁴Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can goodness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony can there be between Christ and the Devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? Is there anyone out there that truly believes every word of God? Sometimes I feel like Elijah when he felt he was all alone. God told him He had 7000 followers that have not bowed a knee to Baal. Have you bowed to Baal and compromised? Have you turned your eyes, or kept quiet when someone says a sin is not a sin. The end is coming soon and I would be careful to keep your eyes on Jesus and His words.

Pastor's Corner



BLINDLY FOLLOWING THE CROWD

Below is a short news article that to me sums up the church today. We see more and more the church being driven by every "new thing". From the purpose dribble church to now the "Emerging Church". That is even willing to embrace eastern mysticism.

450 Sheep Jump to Their Deaths in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - First one sheep jumped to its death. Then stunned Turkish shepherds, who had left the herd to graze while they had breakfast, watched as nearly 1,500 others followed, each leaping off the same cliff, Turkish media reported.

In the end, 450 dead animals lay on top of one another in a billowy white pile, the Aksam newspaper said. Those who jumped later were saved as the pile got higher and the fall more cushioned, Aksam reported. "There's nothing we can do. They're all wasted," Nevzat Bayhan, a member of one of 26 families whose sheep were grazing together in the herd, was quoted as saying by Aksam. The estimated loss to families in the town of Gevas, located in Van province in eastern Turkey, tops \$100,000, a significant amount of money in a country where average GDP per head is around \$2,700. "Every family had an average of 20 sheep," Aksam quoted another villager, Abdullah Hazar as saying. "But now only a few families have sheep left. It's going to be hard for us."

Psalm 95:7 (NASB) For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,

You see our Lord and Savior considers us as his sheep. Three times at the end of the Gospel of John it is recorded where our Lord tells Peter three times "Feed MY Sheep" If we wear the name of Jesus Christ "Christian", then we are the Lords sheep. But have you ever noticed that sheep are not too bright. In fact most people would credit them with being the dumbest animals on the planet. In the old Testament Isaiah tells us that Jesus was like a lamb at the end. **Isaiah 53:4-12 (KJV)** ⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the

living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. ⁹And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

So we wonder then, we are the sheep of the Lord in His pasture and sheep are inherently dumb. Was the Lord telling us something we just do not want to hear? No!, do not go off the deep end, I am not saying all Christian are dumb sheep. But lets take a closer look at us and sheep. Leave it to the British scientists to do a study of the sheep's mental ability. Below is their conclusions.

*"Sheep, ridiculed for a non-questioning herd mentality, possess a sharp sense of individuality and can recognize the faces of at least 10 people and 50 other sheep for at least two years. Scientists at the Babraham Institute in Cambridge also discovered that sheep react to facial expressions and, like humans, prefer a smile to a grimace. **Further studies which reinforce the notion that sheep are more like us than previously believed** involved tests showing they mourn absent individuals. Scientists claim such findings are increasingly challenging the belief that farmyard animals have no 'sense of self', a notion that could have profound implications for the way Britain's creatures are farmed."*

Now you have to notice that they concluded that they "are more like us than previously believed". So let us again revisit the above article. Here we have 1499 sheep that were more concentrated on following the behind in front of them than noticing that the behind in front of them was falling over a cliff. Maybe the first sheep was day dreaming thinking of the 10 human faces and accidentally stepped over the cliff. Or maybe the first sheep was mourning a lost friend and committed suicide. But no matter how it started 1499 sheep just walked over the cliff after him. The only reason so many lived was that by the end they were falling on a big fluffy pile of wool. The last 1150 or so probably did not even realize something was really wrong with this picture of falling off the cliff. They just bounced off the dead sheep and went on their way.

You see that is how the church today is. In the last few years it has followed every "new" thing. The church has followed the: name it and claim it - word of faith doctrine, they became God Chasers. They all had to pray the prayer of Jabez. They decided to take what was theirs by force. They became 3rd day Christians in 2000. They became purpose driven so they could fill their buildings with unsaved and untaught people. They have embraced the Gay agenda to the point of saying God loves all and does not expect them to turn from their sin. They have said it is alright for our children to read witchcraft books (Harry Potter) that are straight from the pit of hell. The church now spends more time being politically correct than preaching Jesus. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has deleted the reference to Jesus Christ in a statement of the fellowship's purpose. Previously, the fellowship's stated purpose was to bring Baptists together *"in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be spread throughout the world in glad obedience to the Great Commission,"* The new language says the group's purpose is *"to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission."* The Pastor of one of the largest Churches in America has taken down the Crosses and will not preach about the blood and sin. Why? because in his own words *"I am here to make people feel good not to preach things that bring them down"* The church is now chasing after the most satan driven apostate yet! The new 'EMERGING' church which embraces every religion including Eastern mysticism in the name of feeling good. The "lets just" embrace everyone philosophy that is straight from Hell. This evil is so great it is sucking in unsuspecting sheep at an alarming rate. Just like the sheep in the story above if we keep our eyes on the Good Shepherd we will not fall prey to the wolves in sheep's clothing. The 1500 sheep in the above story were more concerned with following the crowd. It would have only taken one not to go over the cliff. It would have only taken one for the rest who where only following the crowd to turn them back. My friend are you going to blindly follow the behind in front of you and fall to your death (HELL) or are you going to put your eyes only on the

Good Shepherd and His words and raise to eternal life. The choice is yours. *God Bless Pastor*

April

 **PONDER THIS DEPARTMENT** 

OTHERS MAY, YOU CANNOT!

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility. God's call will put such demands of obedience on you that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians. At times He will let other people do things which He will not let you do. Other Christians who seem very religious will push themselves, pull wires and work schemes to carry out their plans. You cannot, and if you attempt it, you will meet with failure and rebuke from the Lord. Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do such a thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you to despise yourself and all your good works. Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely that God will keep you poor. God wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may demonstrate His faithful love for you in supplying your needs day by day. God may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity in order to produce some fragrant fruit for His coming glory which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others do a work for Him and get credit for it now. The reward for your work is held in the hands of Jesus and you will not see it until He comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you with a jealous love. He will rebuke you for the little words and feelings or for wasting your time. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He does not owe you an explanation for these mysteries. Therefore, if you give yourself to be His child, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and give you the precious blessings for those who belong, heart and soul, to Him. Settle it forever then that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit. It is His option to be your tongue, or to chain your hands or close your eyes in the ways that He does not seem to use with others. And when you are so possessed by the living God that your heart delights over this particular, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you have found the vestibule to heaven. Author Unknown *E-mailed to Pastor by one of his cyber-space buddies*

Faith that changed the World:

In 1973, a church located on Route 46, in Netcong, New Jersey faced an mountain-like problem. Having built a sanctuary on a recently acquired eight-acre property, half of which was occupied by mountain and woods. The local authority could not grant them permanent occupancy until enough parking space was provided. What would have served as parking space was predominantly woods and mountain. The cost of clearing the woods and removing the mountain was unaffordable by the church at this time. One Sunday morning, Pastor Ray Crawford exhorted the congregation on Christ's word on faith that can move mountain (Mat. 17:20). He told the congregation: if you believe this scripture come and pray with me on Wednesday night that God will remove the mountain from the back of the church.

The next morning, the phone rang from a telephone company planning to erect new building and needed to fill and reclaim a large swampy site. They had information that the mountain at the back of the church had correct proportions of sand, clay and rock which was required to reclaim their swampy site. Within a month from the date of the phone call, 40,000 square yards of fill had been evacuated, and the church was paid \$5400. God not only honored the faith of his servant by removing the mountain, but also provided him with funds for paving the site for the parking space.

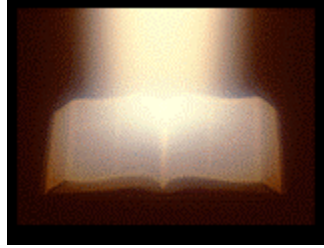
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This Months Bible Moment



Matthew 4:17 (KJV) ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say,
Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

You have to notice that this world has become so politically correct that we are no longer allowed to call a sin a sin. Jesus never pulled a punch. The first recorded sermon by Jesus was short and sweet . **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** Just read the sad article below if you do not believe me.

(Christian Gallery News, Jan 30, 2002) On Sunday morning November 4, 2001, in front of the First Assembly of God Church--a mega-church with over 4000 members in Rockford IL--six people protested and displayed pictures of baby Malachi, a very graphic picture of death and mutilation at the hands of an abortionist, and two banners that read "Why Is The Church Silent?" As a part of their protest against the silence of churches to the evil in this nation, they preached, using a hand-held megaphone, as people entered and left the services. Associate Pastors, at least one Church board member, a former Mayoral candidate and Alderman, a private investigator, and several lay people confronted them during the course of the protest to try to get these six people, as they said, "to just go away." But the protestors would not leave because, according to the protestors, they believed they had the right to preach God's word on public sidewalks in the USA. During the course of the four hours that the protestors were in front of the First Assembly Church, bystanders report that there were requests, demands and "even physical intimidation" used in an attempt to remove the protesters from proximity to the church. But, according to Adrian Horien, the street preachers' organizer and leader, none of the people who confronted the preachers accused them of disrupting the service. When the preachers continued to preach and thereby demonstrated their refusal to leave the proximity of the 1st Assembly of God Church, the Police were called. November 6, 2001, Adrian Horien was arrested for "Disturbing a religious or lawful meeting." The charges were filed as a result of complaints initiated by the leadership of the First Assembly of God in Rockford, IL.

(this article was e-mailed to pastor A. J by one of his e-mail buddies)

Now do not get me wrong there is a time and a place for street preaching, but here we are with someone preaching the truth and the local church has him arrested because it was embarrassing. A few years ago I had a vision/dream from the Lord. Mary and I were street preaching in a large city. The whole crowd was gathered around a big beautiful light. It was just so beautiful, but I knew it was evil. I started to preach that the light was a trick of the Devil. Then a light or something flew from the light at us. I grabbed it and threw it back into the light saying something to the effect of go back to where you came from the pits of Hell. The light vanished and then the crowd turned on Mary and I and wanted to kill us.

We are very close to that point today. More and more watchman and pastors who preach the truth of God find themselves ostracized from their churches and congregations. I cannot count how many times people have attacked me personally. All I say is show me in God's word where I am wrong. I never hear back. Two thousand years ago Jesus said it best in **John 15:18-21 (NLT)** ¹⁸"When the world hates you, remember it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don't. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you. ²⁰Do you remember what I told you? 'A servant is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you! ²¹The people of the world will hate you because you belong to me, for they don't know God who sent me.

If you are the most popular person in your group you might want to take a serious look at yourself and whom you portray. If you are the most unpopular person in your church group you also might want to look and see why. If you are preaching and teaching the word of God and they don't like it or tell you to tone it down, just do as Jesus told His disciples. **Matthew 10:13-15 (KJV)** ¹³And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. ¹⁵Verily I

say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

That's a harsh word but I did not say it. People we need to get back to basics, back to the word of God. I read a true story of a man in China who did not even own a Bible. He prayed and fasted for one hundred days. For one hundred days he ate only one meal because he wanted a Bible so bad. At the end of the 100 days God gave him a vision and the vision came true an old man brought him a Bible out of the blue. The Bible was not in his Chinese dialect so he had to learn a new language. But do you know what the first thing he did after he could read his Bible. He memorized it so no one could ever take it away from him.

We have it pretty good here in America, but I am warning you. Deep in my gut I feel that our Lord is not going to put up with wishy washy Christians much longer. Let these parting words of Jesus haunt you. **Matthew 10:32-34 (NLT)** ³²"If anyone acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father in heaven. ³³But if anyone denies me here on earth, I will deny that person before my Father in heaven. ³⁴"Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! No, I came to bring a sword.

Love Ya Pastor A. J.

Give me that old time religion!!

Where will you be when it all ends? Read and find out will you win or did Billy Sunday?
"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,
and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all
these things God will bring thee into judgment" -- Eccl. 11:9

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" -- Galatians 6:7

You can always get the truth out of the Bible. Of course you can always find truth elsewhere, but never from so clear a source. Nothing was ever printed more true than "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap." God will not coerce and attempt to force any man to be a Christian. When he dies, however, he will be judged for his sins. He must face the day of judgment. Do as you please. Lie, steal, booze, fight, prostitute. God won't stop you. Do as you please until the undertaker comes and puts you in a coffin and then the Lord will have His say. Lives of pleasure shall have an end, the wicked shall not live half their days. If I sat in the pew and you were up here preaching there are four questions I would ask that you answer satisfactorily before you could win me.

First: Are you kindly disposed to me? Second: Do you want to help me? Third: Do you know what you are talking about? Fourth: Do you practice what you preach? No man can say I am not kindly disposed to him. I do want to help every man and woman. I have read and studied and everything I preach comes from the Bible. What I say this afternoon is based on indisputable facts. I have no ambition except to alleviate the misery and suffering that comes through sin. I'll not pump you full of hot air, and what I preach I'll practice. If I didn't practice what I preach I'd leave this platform and never try to speak to an audience again. If sin wasn't so deceitful it would not be so attractive. The devil doesn't let a man stop to think what he is doing, that in every added indulgence in a drink he grows weaker. Some people think that to be a Christian means to be a weakling sort of a sissified individual. When I played baseball and was serving the devil, I circled the bases in fourteen seconds from a standing point, and I believe I can do it now. No man has ever beaten that. Han Lobert and some of the rest may have equaled it, but none has ever beaten it. I used to be handy with my dukes, too, before I became a Christian, and I can go so fast now for five rounds you can't see me for dust. When I was with the Chicago Y.M.C.A. I did the saloon route for a time handing out invitations to men's meetings in Farwell Hall. One day I met a young man I had known in Iowa. He was half drunk and a broken down, drunken bum came along. I told my friend that if he persisted in drinking he would become as the bum. He laughed and said he would never be a drunkard. One year later he was down and out, his job gone and his home wrecked. No man ever started out with the intention of becoming a drunkard. Line up all the drunkards on earth and ask them and they will all tell you they never intended to be drunkards. They all started as moderate drinkers. Christianity is capital and capital is character. Your character is what you do business with and there's a big difference between character and reputation. Reputation is what people think about you, and character is what God, your wife and the angels know about you. For a man to preach and practice the gospel of Jesus Christ makes him trustworthy. There was a time when people wouldn't trust me to hold a yellow dog fifteen minutes. Many men live only for money. They care for nothing else, but I believe they are in the minority. You cannot measure a man's success by the rattle of the cash register. All some men have is money. Subtract \$50,000, booze and women from some men and you will have nothing left. I haven't a word to say against the rich man who got his wealth honestly and is trying to do good with it. The Bible doesn't have a thing in it against a man because he's rich. Look at Solomon. He was worth about \$6,000,000,000, according to our standard of gold and silver. Yet he was a Godly man. But there's a lot of good-for-nothing lobsters who think they are called by God to go up and down the country harping for a limitation of wealth and cussing and damning the rich man for every dollar he has, while they sit around and cuss and damn and never work. If you want to use your genius and ability to get all you can and use the surplus over your own needs for the good of humanity, I hope you all will be millionaires. If you want to get all you can, and can all you get, I hope you'll all go to the poorhouse. When Commodore Vanderbilt, who was worth \$200,000,000, died, he called in a minister and asked him to sing for him that old song Vanderbilt's mother used to sing in Moravia, "Come ye

sinner, poor and needy!" Worth \$200,000,000 and yet poor and needy when he came to his death. The next day one man told another Vanderbilt was dead. "How much did he leave?" asked the second man. He left it all. He could not take one cent with him. But don't stop for anything I say. Go on piling up money until you have a pile as big as the tabernacle. When you die you can't take it with you, and if you could it would melt or burn up. Just remember, however, that it will not be long before you and I go to the beyond. Another thing I want to talk about this afternoon is the immorality of the country. Sixty thousand girls were ruined last year by the white slave traffic. But I don't believe any woman was ever ruined but that some brute of a man didn't take the initiative. If what I hear about you young bucks is true, when you come back home from trips, no decent girl ought to speak to you, allow you in their homes or even to look at you. And I understand some of you old married rakes are at it, too. I think the lowest, vilest, most damnable buffoon and triple extract of infamy and degeneracy in the world is the one who will plight his troth and marry, and leave his wife at home to go out with a prostitute. I wouldn't wipe my feet, I wouldn't spit or blow my nose on society that makes a distinction between the man who sidesteps and the woman who goes wrong. The crying need of the age is a single standard for the sexes. It makes no difference to God whether one wears a plug hat or a hairpin. When a man wants to marry, does he select a girl from the red-light district? No. He goes to some decent, virtuous girl and asks her to accept his whisky soaked, sin blackened, diseased carcass. A man visited a house of prostitution and found his sister there. He murdered her, although she had as good a right there as he had. Talk about your buccaneers of the Spanish Main, or the heartless men who sat at the feet of Jesus Christ as He hanged on the cross, and gambled for the coat on his back - I'd rather trust my daughter with them than some of the smooth rascals in society. They go around with their trousers rolled up, and their only aim is to lead the next girl they can astray. Then they go back to a lot of young bucks like themselves and laugh at her. I say they are interlopers in decent society. There must be a Hell. If there isn't where would these low down scoundrels who force motherhood upon a woman and then haven't the manhood to accept fatherhood go? There couldn't be a better argument for Hell. And a lot of you young bucks walk around with a pistol in your hip pockets, and if it would explode it would blow your brains out. I believe that any man low-down enough to deliberately ruin a young girl and sell her into a life of shame should be shot on the spot. Shooting is too good for him. What is wrong for the woman is wrong for the man and any other code is rotten. If a man has the right to sit around telling smutty stories a woman has the same right. The man adulterer is no better than the woman adulteress. There are many young men so vile that the only good use that could be made of them is to dip their heads in buckets of soapsuds and use them for mops. Perhaps you have no idea of the extent to which the black plague has grown in this country. Much more than half the young men of this country are or have been afflicted with venereal disease. Eighty per cent of the abdominal operations performed on women are caused by disease contracted from their husbands. Most cases of blindness in infants is caused by disease in their fathers. I know this is plain talking, but what is needed in this country are men not afraid to talk plainly to men. There are men hobbling diseased around Omaha who say, "Oh, I don't go to hear Billy. He is too vulgar for me." Rot. Plain speaking is always vulgar to the rascal and old fool who is afraid to hear the truth. There are 500,000 prostitutes in this country. Besides them, there are 1,500,000 who are not classed as prostitutes, being kept on the side. Every year 100,000 prostitutes die, directly or indirectly, from the diseases peculiar to their trade. Think of it! Eighty per cent of the cases of total blindness in the world are a result of venereal diseases. Perhaps the person himself or his parents were not afflicted, but their ancestors were some time or other. The cause of the downfall of Greece and Rome was the degradation of woman's honor and no attempt by men to curb their beastly desires. And the virtue of womanhood is the rampart wall of American civilization. Some men say they drink because it makes them cool in summer and warm in winter. Then why is it the booze fighter dies from sunstroke or freezes to death quicker than the man who doesn't drink? That's easy. The alcohol drives the blood to the surface, where it warms or freezes quicker. You drink because there is alcohol in it, and if the alcohol was taken out you might as well drink water. Some of you let 1,000 gallons of beer slop drain through you to get the value of one and three-quarter pounds of beefsteak. If you want to make swill barrels out of your stomachs, go ahead. One of the first indications of a crushed strawberry stomach is a crushed strawberry nose. Some of the diseases from drinking are locomotor ataxia, stammering, jaundice, Bright's disease. I defy any man this side of Hell to show me any scintilla of benefit that ever come from hitting the booze.

It is strange the drinking man thinks I am his enemy when I am only trying to protect him from the things he is rushing into. By my voice, my vote and by all my power I am trying to add twenty years to his life, pull the pillow out of the window and put in a pane of glass, and to feed and clothe his wife and babies the way they should, and put carpet on his floor. I can pass the saloon in my strength and not have a desire to take a drink, but there are many who cannot, and I don't see how men can do anything but drown the dirty rotten business in Hell. Drive it back into Hell, where it ought to be, men. I have seen more drunken men since I came to Omaha, more drunken men in the tabernacle than I have seen in any other city in seven years. Whisky is rarely pure. Less than 15 per cent of the whisky sold in this country is unadulterated. That's the chief reason it makes men commit crime. If you want to know what whisky does to you, drop the white of an egg into a glass when you go home, cover it with whisky and let it stand for a time. The white of the egg will harden. That is what whisky does to your nerves. It affects them the same way and you reel and mutter, because your nerves are whisky soaked. If I could show you men today the inside of a drunkard's stomach, hold his liver or kidneys up to your view, that would be all you would want to make you quit hitting the booze. Alcohol poisons the system, prevents the liver and kidneys doing their work and eventually sends a man tottering and reeling to a drunkard's grave or to an insane asylum. Men may look healthy but if they drink they are not. Something is wrong with their heart, liver or kidneys. If you don't believe me ask your physician. I have been drinking your Omaha water for three weeks and I do not believe that anywhere in the country have I drank better, clearer, more refreshing water. I asked where your water came from and they told me from the old muddy Missouri. I could hardly believe that water could be made so pure by filtering. But just in that way do the liver and kidneys filter your blood and when you fill your system with alcohol you stop the filtering process. For 1,900 years alcohol has ruined its millions, sent men to drunkard's graves,

impoverished families, wrecked homes and filled our institutions. How much longer are we going to stand it? Because of my fight against this rotten business, I have suffered attacks from newspapers and from the dirty gang that howls at every man who dares interfere with their illicit profits. I have been lied about, vilified, insulted, defamed in Omaha since coming, but let me tell you, men of Omaha, any little, rotten, stinking two-by-four sneaking editor of a vile, unspeakable sheet can revile me and talk about me until he is black in the face and I will not give up my fight against that dirty, Godforsaken, rotten business as long as I live. I'll reach further down and higher up than any man you ever heard of to save you, your wife and babies from the fangs of that beast and I am not going to be turned back or dismayed by the opposition of a pack of curs. The spawn of Hell barks at my heels from one end of the land to the other. The open saloon is the hotbed of political corruption and the breeding place of criminals, and nest of anarchy, and the incubator of poverty, misery, squalor, want, dishonesty and all that is vile. I've been through blood and fire for Jesus Christ, and when some of the preachers stop preaching about the New Jerusalem and start preaching against the whisky crowd and the red-light district in these cities something is going to happen. You Methodists can talk about infant baptism, and the Presbyterians can howl about perseverance and half waters close over me you'll say and the Baptists can howl about water and half of your members go where you can't get a drop. When I leave old Omaha you can take me down to the Missouri River, tie a millstone around my neck and drop me off the bridge. And when the waters close over me you'll say "There goes a man who wasn't afraid to preach the truth." You say you can't prohibit men drinking. If Jesus Christ lived in Omaha men would booze fight, men would side step. But when you say you can't enforce the laws you lie. You can enforce the laws against booze as much as against anything else if you have honest, decent officials to do it. There is not a law in the United States which prohibits. There is a law against murder, but does it prohibit? No. Would you advocate a repeal of all the laws because they do not prohibit? No. You wouldn't let a man murder any one he wanted to by paying a license of \$1,000; or for \$500 ruin any girl over 16 years of age; or for \$250 seduce young girls - or for \$200 license him to crack any safe - or for \$50 license him to burn buildings. That's what you do with the whisky gang. As many of you know I was a member of the old White Sox ball club, the best club that ever stepped on a diamond. We could beat any other nine men that ever donned a uniform. I was converted in Chicago and forsook the old crowd. The other boys saw me go to Jesus one night in Chicago, but none followed. Listen! Mike Kelley was sold to Boston for \$10,000. Mike got half of the purchase price. He came up to me and showed me a check for \$5,000. John L. Sullivan, the champion fighter, went around with a subscription paper and the boys raised more than \$12,000 to buy Mike a house. They gave Mike a deed to the house and they had \$1,500 left and gave him a certificate of deposit for that. His salary for playing with Boston was \$5,000 a year. At the end of that season Mike had spent the \$5,000 purchase price and the \$5,000 he received as a salary and the \$1,500 they gave him and had a mortgage on his house. And when he died down in Allentown, Pa., they went around with a subscription paper to get money enough to put him in the ground. Mike sat there on the corner with me twenty nine years ago when I said, "I bid you good-bye." Williamson was the shortstop, a fellow weighing 215 pounds, and a more active man you never saw. When Spaulding took the two clubs around the world, I was the second man asked to sign a contract. I was sliding to second base one day - I always slid head first - and I hit a stone and cut a ligament loose in my knee. I got a doctor and had my leg fixed up, and he said to me: "William, if you don't go on that trip I will give you a good leg." I obeyed, and I have as good a leg today as I ever had. They offered to wait for me at Honolulu and at Australia. Spaulding said: "Meet us in England, and play with us through England, Scotland and Wales." I didn't go. Ed Williamson went with them, and while they were on the ship crossing the English channel a storm arose, and the captain thought the ship would go down. Ed dropped to his knees and prayed and said: "God, bring this ship safe into harbor and I promise to quit drinking and be a Christian." God abated the storm and the ship went into the harbor safely. They came back to the United States and Ed came back to Chicago and started a saloon in Dearborn Street. I would go through there giving tickets for the Y. M. C. A. meetings and would talk with him, and he would cry like a baby. I would go down and pray for him, and would talk with him. When he died and they put him on the table and cut him open and took out his liver, it was as big as a candy bucket. Ed Williamson sat there on the street corner with me twenty-nine years ago, when I said, "I bid you good-bye." Frank Flint, our old catcher, who caught for nineteen years, drew \$3,500 a year on an average. He caught before they had chest protectors and masks and gloves. He caught barehanded. Every bone in the ball of his hand was broken; you never saw a hand like Frank had. Every bone in his face was broken and his nose and cheek bones, and the shoulder and ribs, had all been broken. Frank was discharged from the Chicago club because he would drink, and nobody else wanted him. He used to hang around the saloon all the time. Many a time I have found poor old Frank asleep on a beer table. I turned my pockets wrong side out and dumped every cent I had on the table and said: "Frank, you can always look to me for half of what I have. I haven't as much now as I had when I was playing ball." Then I was drawing \$5,000 and \$7,000 a year, and was offered \$1,000 a month if I would play ball. But I stuck to my job at \$85 a month. His wife left him, and one day he staggered out of a saloon and was seized with a paroxysm of coughing. His wife happened to meet him and the old love for him returned. She called a carriage and summoned two policemen, and they carried Frank to her boarding house. She summoned five physicians, the best that money could get. They felt his pulse, counted, and then told her he couldn't last very long. She leaned over and whispered: "Frank, the doctors say it won't be very long now." Frank looked up and said: "Send for Bill." I hurried over to the house, and as I stood beside his bed he reached up his left hand and put it around my neck and drew me down to him. He said: "Bill, there is nothing that gives me so much comfort as to have you come down on an occasion like this. I can see the crowd hissing when I strike out and they need a run, and I can hear them cheer when I catch a foul tip, or throw a fellow out on the base. But it don't do any good, now, when I come to a time like this." Frank coughed and his life went out. The umpire had leaned over him and said: "You're out." Frank Flint sat on the street corner with me twenty-nine years ago, when I said, "Boys, I am through." Men of Omaha, did they win the game of life or did I?

Billy Sunday



My Country

God bless this land and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord to thee,
May freedom ring from shore to shore,
May other god's exist no more,
From its shores of ebbing tide
May Jesus Christ be glorified,
May our God bless this land,
Protect her with His Mighty hand,
May she once again shine holy light,
Into the darkness of the night,
God bless this land and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord to thee.

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John 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. ¹⁸“There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God.