

WHERE IS YOUR STANDARD

The chores of a country Gospel song we used to sing.

My religion's not old fashioned, but it's real genuine.
Two and two make four today, as it did in my Lords time.
Modern days don't make a difference, you can't alter truth or time.
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Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Times change, but the standard should never change.

Genuine Christianity is hard to find nowadays. The Modern approach is, "be careful you don't upset people, you have to use tact and diplomacy". This is true to a point, **but do not straddle the fence.** (one foot in the worlds yard and one in Christianity) This is predicted in the bible.

Revelations 15/16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

Revelations 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye **be not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of her plagues..

A young lady I was counseling a little while ago, was complaining the Lord don't seem to answer some of her important prayers. It was found out that this young lady (mid thirties) had received the Lord as her personal Savior, baptized in water and filled with the Holy Ghost, all by her early teen years. She got married and after 10 years, had an affair & divorced. a few years later again remarried and parted. She lived with several different men and was living with another when this counseling come about.

The scriptures that came to mind, were:

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? **whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

The lady said, **BUT IT'S the modern way, everybody is doing it.**

My reply was, just because everybody's doing it, does that change the word of God?

One of the biggest lies or cop-outs, is the saying, everybody is doing it or it's the modern way. Everybody that's doing it and the modern way, is heading straight to hell. **DO YOU WANT TO FOLLOW?**

3John 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. **In lay terms, follow not a multitude to do evil.**

Colossians - 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Another, everybody is doing it, is it's OK to tell a white lie. Or, choose the lessor of two evils. Well a lie is a lie no matter what you color it and evil is evil, big or small. Today's Christians will say they hate pornography or smut, but will send what they call grey jokes or pictures across the internet and think nothing of it. Also superstition, you know, send this on in 10 minutes or something bad will happen. **THIS IS A FORM OF WITCHCRAFT .**

When you indulge in any kind of witchcraft, no matter how small you may think it is superstition, tea cup reading, talking to the dead, hypnosis, tarot cards etc. God pulls back, as you are inviting Satan into your life whether you believe it or not. And people can't figure out why their prayers are hindered.

We all make mistakes and this is where the grace of God comes in.

Ephesians 2:8 **For by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just **to forgive us our sins**, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As the great military minds say, divide and conquer. **SO DOES SATAN.**

This is a small example:

How many different versions of the Bible are there in each local assembly. You can't even have a good bible study anymore, as everyone with a different version can not or will not understand or agree with the others.

One of the biggest complaints I've heard concerning understanding the scriptures is that most say they cannot understand the Old King James lingo.

When I rededicated myself unto God, in 1970, I had the same complaint. The only difference was I told the Lord I wanted to read his word, but if I were going to understand it, it would have to be his doing. In other words I now new the author personally.

Well like the Israelites, when they crossed the Jordan River, they had to wade in & get their feet wet before the water parted. I started to read the begets (Matthew) when all of a sudden the lights came on and to this day, I have no problem understanding any of the scriptures in the old King James.

And this is why!

1John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Remember: the more you translate from a translation, the more room for error.

You see, the world nowadays and this includes most local churches, rely on mans education.

I heard this saying some time ago **EDUCATION WITHOUT THE LORD, MAKES A LOT OF SMART DEVILS.**

and I changed it a little to read EDUCATION WITHOUT THE LORD, WILL MAKE YOU SMART IN THE WAYS OF THE WORLD, BUT IT WILL NOT MAKE YOU WISE IN THE WAYS OF LIFE.

Gimmicks, entertainment and man pleasing will get you a full church, but it will not get you dedicated Holy Ghost anointed Christians. You see, **mans knowledge is totally opposite of faith.**

2Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Tim 4:3 For 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;

2Tim 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

I believe one of the biggest problems in the local churches today is most, consider their work a job and not a calling of God.

Society is so afraid of hurting someone's feelings that they pussy foot around a situation. The law says you can't discipline your kids anymore. There is very little example for them to follow at home anymore. So is it any wonder the last couple of generations have turned out like they are. (mind you there are still a lot of good ones) I believe this has rubbed off on the churches as well. Where is the anointing, where is the authority (as Christ spoke with), where is the signs & wanders. In other words, where is the example? We have compromised the standard of God or in other words tried to bring him down to our level instead of obtaining to his level.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mk 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mk 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mk 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mk 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Mk 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** A-men'.

Trust this hold your answers.

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