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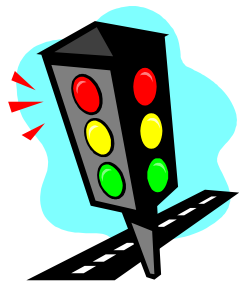
February 24th, 2002

Immorality

Kevin Cauley

Over the past 50 years we have seen society decay into a perverse decadence of frivolity, filth, and fornication. One can hardly watch 30 minutes of television anymore without a double-entendre or reference to some kind of sexual sin. More and more Christians to whom I speak tell me that they just don't watch television anymore. Nor can you listen to the radio in some places due to the amount of trash that is played both in the music and the commentary.

Radio and television merely reflect a much worse problem that exists in society itself. Many people really do think and act like the sordid situations on the sitcoms. Their perverse behavior drives the content and output of television and radio programs today. The problem is the sin of immorality and the church (and every individual member therein) has a responsibility to combat this evil in our society. But how can we fight this when it seems like such a big problem to tackle? The answer lies in the age old question, "How do you eat an elephant?"



"One bite at a time."

We can start with our own homes. Fathers need to step up and take a leading role here. Men, stand up and be an example to your children. Let them know that you do not engage in this kind of activity; don't watch it on television; don't condone it when you hear stories about it. Tell your children the following: "It is a sin to have sex before marriage." "It is a sin to drink alcoholic beverages." "It is a sin to dabble in pornography." "It is a sin to do drugs." "It is a sin to curse God's creation." "Homosexuality is sinful!"

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Kevin's Korner



Our valentines party was held this past Saturday night. We are certainly grateful to the Steven's family for being our hosts. I don't think I have ever played crazy bridge before; it was a LOT of fun. Both the young and the young at heart had an enjoyable time.

This past Sunday afternoon, we said farewell to David and Mary Nimmo during our monthly potluck luncheon. The luncheon was well attended by the congregation and it was VERY encouraging to see everyone present. The Nimmo's are moving further north into Missouri and we bid them God speed.

Sunday evening, Brent Stevens was appointed a deacon. Since I have been here, both Brent and Shawna both have been heavily involved with working in the congregation. I can think of no one who would be more qualified than Brent to work in this capacity. Brent accepted the assignment of working with our benevolence program. Let's all be sure to congratulate Brent (if we have not already) and lend whatever support we can to his efforts in working in the area of benevolence as well as lend our helping hands to all of our deacons in accomplishing the work that our Lord wants us all to do.

Looking forward a little, next Sunday evening, we will have our monthly question and answers session. Many expressed an interest in submitting questions last month. If you have a question that you would like to submit into the question box, please do so. I will try to answer as many questions as time allows and if we have extra, I will save them for next month.

Tuesday I received some news of concern. Some know Paul Stone, a worker at the Fina station in Berryville. His little daughter, Anna, who is only three months old has been in the hospital with pneumonia. It is so scary when they are that age. Please pray for Anna and her family.

Give Up

Wilkin Tom O'Neil

It was Jude that penned, "Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). It was the apostle Paul that penned, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;



And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:10-17). Paul had penned to Timothy, perhaps near

the end of his life, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). These are a few examples that encourages us to continue on, without looking back, pressing forth for the crown of life, Heaven, without giving up. However, there are a few things that we should give up in this life and these are just a few.

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines. (Romans 14:6)

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion. (2 Tim. 2:15)

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook

theirs first. (Luke 18:10-14)

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door? (James 1:26; Psalm 34:13)

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins." (Matt. 5:43-45)

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient (Matt. 6:25-34).

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time! (Matt. 25:31-46)

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials, for just one month, for yourself! Just a month. See if it doesn't make a difference in your attitude in helping others. Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers. (Luke 6:38)

Friend, will you give these things up?

A MONUMENT!

Carl Hanson

To honor and remember individuals of significance, huge buildings and large monuments have often been erected. Sometimes the words of these noted individuals are even engraved upon these structures in an attempt to make their sayings immortal. But these attempts to keep the memories and words alive; though engraved in concrete, metal or stone; these monuments to men, in time, become weather worn and the crumbling begins.



When Peter, James and John witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus, it was an awesome sight. Seeing Jesus with the prophet Elijah and the servant Moses (through whom God had given His Law) was such a powerful and unexpected sight that the three disciples were struck with a sense of fear. What were they to make of such a scene?

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Mothers, you are perhaps the greatest influence on your children. Let them know that their father is right when he warns them about these things. Support him and repeat the things that he says to them as well in this regard. Do not let there be any doubt in their heart as to where you stand on these issues. Don't let the church do this work alone! I have seen couples who were FAITHFUL in attendance with their children; children who were taught right from wrong in the church, but when they got out on their own, they left and broke their parents hearts. Many of those parents had regrets that they did not sit down and talk to their children about these most important things. Don't let that child be yours! The church can help, but ultimately, the child will watch and listen to the parent. Send the right message clearly and often.

The church also has a responsibility to fight immorality in the community. Members can write letters to the editor; to the local radio station; to the superintendent of schools and school board letting them know what the Bible teaches regarding immorality. Members can vote in elections for candidates to exhibit moral qualities in their lives and let the community know that character makes a difference when it comes to serving the community.

Preachers have an especially important responsibility. Immorality must be dealt with from the pulpit. It must be said in no uncertain terms what the Bible teaches regarding immoral behavior and what the consequences of that immoral behavior will be if it goes un-repented.

Can one be forgiven of immoral behavior. YES, ABSOLUTELY! And many have been forgiven (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). However, forgiveness for sin is not license to practice sin (Romans 6:1)! Never let it be said that any brother would excuse someone's practicing sin on the account

Sunday's Sermons

For February 24th

Morning:.....

..... Implications of the Resurrection

Scripture..... 1 Corinthians 15:13-19

EveningPrayer

Scripture..... 1 Timothy 2:1-3

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What were they to do? Peter was struck by an idea.

"(5) Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and LET US MAKE THREE TABERNACLES; ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES AND ONE FOR ELIJAH.' (6) because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid." (Mark 9:5-6)

This was a MONUMENTAL event. It was a special thing to have witnessed. But before Peter could be told this was not the time to build "monuments", the voice of God made the MONUMENTAL point. "(7) And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!'" (Mark 9:7)

The MONUMENTAL thing for man to do is to FINALLY BE WILLING TO LISTEN; to listen with a resolve to accept and obey. Jesus, the Word of Life, holds out the words of life. He is to be acknowledged by our life. His warnings are to be heeded, His promises are to be accepted, and His teaching is to be followed. It is upon our heart and in our mind that His words are to be engraved. Our life itself is to stand as a monument to His memory as His wisdom is revealed in daily living.

Let us keep listening to and following after the teaching of our Lord. His Words are truly immortal (Matthew 24:35) and the link to our own immortality as well. (John 5:24)

Have a great day AS A LIVING MEMORIAL TO CHRIST!

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that some have been forgiven of it! It is ALWAYS BEST not to engage in sin to begin with.

We CAN make a difference in the problem of immorality, but we must WORK at making that difference!

Our Record

Week of 2/17

Sunday Class	71
Sunday A.M.....	90
Sunday P.M.	62
Wednesday	60
Contribution.....	\$1381.56

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Larry Elliott, Bill Fort, Opal Hull, James Matthews (brother of Pat Foster), Dena Williams, Oleta Widener.

- Regina Horton (sister of Dena Williams) is awaiting a lung transplant. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Matthew Bright, son of Austin Bright a friend of Dena Williams is improving in Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Some know Paul Stone. Paul's three month old daughter Anna is in the hospital with pneumonia. Please pray for her.
- Edith Mischner is in the nursing home in Berryville.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- We will have our Sunday evening question and answer session next Sunday night. Be sure to submit your questions to the box in Kevin's office.
- This past Sunday evening, Brent Stevens was appointed as a deacon. We congratulate Brent and look forward to serving with him in his new role.
- There will be a short 10 minute meeting in the front of the auditorium after evening services to discuss ladies Bible class.
- Afterward, there will be a teacher's meeting to discuss our upcoming vacation bible school. If you want to be involved with this good work, please remain after services this evening.
- The youth devotional will be on Sunday, March 3rd at Clay and Wanda Bozarth's house after our evening services. Please make plans to attend!
- The Pantry Item for this week is Bathroom Cleaner.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	February 24, 2002	March 3, 2002
Song Leader:	Clyde Atchley	Bill Fort
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Ray Duncan	George Eddings
Scripture:	Brandon Foster	Clyde Atchley
Lord's Table:	George Eddings	Clay Bozarth
	Clay Bozarth	Glen Quigley
(assist)	Perry Foster	Brent Moore
	Raymond Kimes	Ray Duncan
Closing Prayer	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Clay Bozarth
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Dale Pinkley
Lord's Table:	Ken Smith	Brent Stevens
	Bob Moore	Larry Elliott
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Bob Moore
Wednesday		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Hugh Atchley
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Bill Fort
Invitation:	Rusty Windle	Clyde Atchley
Closing Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Ray Duncan

Elders: Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

Deacons: Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.

Preacher: Kevin Cauley870-423-6707

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:9:30 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship:10:20 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 PM
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: 7:00 PM

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