

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: DO we suffer FOOLS GLADLY !!****DO we suffer FOOLS GLADLY !! - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2006/9/25 21:57**

This is what Paul told the believer's at Corinth that they were in essence - enduring - out and out "fools" and happily - SO much so - Paul marveled that they tolerated.... these jesters - types. !!

The church today is full of comedians and stand-ups, in case you haven't already noticed - it is very common for "joke telling" to happen during the "offering" - or at other intervals.

Man have we become so entertainment focused we need "stand-ups" to make us to laugh or to see how funny we can be in " the house of God " ??

Paul told them this: "you suffer fools gladly" !!!

Not only is comedy now trendy and the "in-thing" they even compete and try to out-do each in their quest to be ...FUNNY...AND TO CRACK EVERY-ONE UP.

Friends it is not wrong to have a laugh and have the joy of the Lord - but what we see today is silly comedy and baffonery.

God takes no pleasure in....FOOLS

And true mirth and happiness does not need to be cranked up or for someone to crank up jokes about the ten commanments.

That is not tasteful Godly HUMOUR....AT ALL

BUT RATHER IT IS SILLINESS AND - JESTING

But the modern church does " advert - take offs" AND emulates the world in SKITS, AND FOOLISH & IRREVRENT PLAYS AND DRAMA...AND WORSE THAN THIS THEY SANTIFY AND JUSTIFY IT AS....BEING GOOD.

Hmmmm that's kinda strange don't you think ? that we have modern christians reveling in this stuff and all this non-sense - but worse is they call it "christian" - and they call it "spiritual" ( they call it theatre - actually ) and they call it "creative arts" but i call it worship and "curious arts"

Does not Timothy warn and foretell these ones - will be given over to "fables" and to "fabling"

That worde "fable" is rather interesting if you look it up and define it: it has the connotation of "story telling" attached to it - or to

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embellishing things. To fable something is to tell it in... " short-story form "

Now is not what they do - specially in the night services " tell short stories and laugh along to SKITS AND DRAMA ?? ( AND CALL IT CHURCH )

HOW DOES THAT FEED THE SPIRIT AND AID SPIRITUAL GROWTH - AND NURTURE MATURITY ?? I ASK YOU ??

THEY HAVE TURNED, AND BEEN TURNED OVER TO FABLES.

They want court jesters and trivia and various entertainment at the night service....and so they are getting what they wished for.

WE SUFFER FOOLS GLADLY ( SADLY )

BUT BE NOT DEFCEIVED BELOVED....PUT AWAY FOOLISHNESS AND ALL FOLLY.

PUT AWAY LEVITY AND JOKE TELLING INTERVALS

PUT AWAY ALL FOOLISH TALK AND JESTING

PUT AWAY YOUR FABLES,SKITS, DRAMA TIME

PUT AWAY MOCKERY AND IRREVRENT SHOWMANSHIP TIME

AND QUIT SUFFERING FOOLS AMONGST YOURSELVES GLADLY

**Re: DO we suffer FOOLS GLADLY !! - posted by enid, on: 2006/9/26 4:55**

I know what you mean about the church having 'comedians'. Endorsed by the church but not by God.

I believe it was Leonard Ravenhill who said 'entertainment is the worlds substitute for joy'.

Since the church today, predominately, lacks the true joy of the Lord, they have to seek to fill that lacking joy.

Hence, send in the clowns!

Do these people ever weep over their sins, or the sins of the church?

If not, then they definately do not weep over lost souls.

Still, what is there to weep for when all you look for is God's blessings, and sure enough, it comes. Or is it from God? Who cares! It's good so it must be from God.

We set ourselves up to be self deceived when we reject the counsel of God.

God help us to repent, before we get past the point of no repentance.

God bless.

Re:, on: 2006/9/26 5:35

It's hard to weep for our sins when we have been taught that our sin is no longer an issue to God. All God see is Jesus when he looks at us remember? Of course this is not correct but thats where many are.

Also hard to weep for sins when we are laughing so much.

Oh yes we get moved to tears by the music laiden, emotional performance of the skit team. However as most of us know it is temporal not the deep anguish of heart being searched by the Holy Ghost.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/9/26 9:52

Church leaders say they are competing for the attention of people who have been brought up with quick, fast, beep, beep, flash, toys. And how on earth are you going to keep their attention if all you do is stand up there and talk and not make any effort to engage them emotionally or their humor?

Yes, me thinks all these glitzy electronics have done an awful lot to harden people to the gospel. ( I never could set a digital watch - my boys could do that when they were very young!) If it is not super fast, you will turn them off. So what it comes down to is how to attract an audience and keep their attention. To accomplish this they use music, skits, drama, etc . The argument could be made that dance was used in the OT, hence, it is ok for moderns....the OT also tells us the priests are not to go up on steps lest the people see their nakedness. Maybe one should start there: how modest do the performers dress?

When we consider Jesus' ministry, we see what he did to get an audience: he spoke about God which was taught out of a heart that had spent a lot of time ALONE with Him. So in the absense of that time alone with God one resorts to entertainment to get a hearing. Having said this, I am certain God has even used this kind of thing to call people to himself.

Seems to me moderns would do well to consider Jesus' methods and well as the early apostles. Might end up having fewer tares in the field...

I agree with the post. A lot of what ministry that is performed under the umbrella of drama, looks downright silly.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by OverSeer (), on: 2006/9/26 11:01

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How true and what a tragedy!

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All a result of believing that God wants to make us happy instead of holy; that He is interested in our comfort and not our character; and that He is interested in our prosperity and pleasure instead of our purity.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. *Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.* Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you" (James 4:8-10).

Grace and peace  
Olan

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2006/9/26 18:58

THANKS FOR THE WELL THOUGHT RESPONES GUYS !!

I WAS AT MORNING SERVICE RECENTLY AND IT WAS A KIDDIES TYPE OF DAY...YOU KNOW DRAMA-TIME, THE USUAL SKITS, ENTERTAINMENT GALORE ETC ETC

AND WELL CAN YOU BELIEVE - WHAT MY EYES SAW ??

PEOPLE WALKING UP & DOWN THE AILES... IN STILTS

WITH PAINTED FACES, CLOWN SUITS, COSTUMES

ONE GUY EVEN WORE BOXER SHORTS// OVER HIS JEANS  
BUT EVEN STILL...BOXER SHORTS ( IN HOUSE OF GOD )

NOW IF JESUS DROVE OUT THOSE MONEY CHANGERS...THEN

WHAT PRAY TELL WOULD HE DO THESE - FANCIE DRESSERS AND THE LIKE, CLOWNS, CHRISTIAN MAGICIAN S, PEOPLE WHO DONN BOXER SHORTS, FLAME SWALLOWERS, BREAK -DANCERS ??? HMMMM ?? AND THESE COURT JESTERS, STAND-UP COMICS, HECKLERS AND ALL REST - ACTORS, AND PROFESSIONAL DRAMA AND SKIT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES ??

IN THE HOUSE OF GOD ??

WOULD HE OVER-TURN THERE TABLES

BAND A WHIP TOGETHER

DRIVE THEM OUT ??

WELL TO ASK THE QUESTION - IS TO ANSWER IT ??

RHETORICAL QUESTION...BELOVED !!