

**News and Current Events :: Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday****Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/2 15:00**

Congregations across the United States, including megachurches like NewSpring in South Carolina, have canceled or moved their worship services to allow families to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday. The churches say this is neither worldly nor sinful.

"We're moving service times for the Big Game," reads a bold message on the NewSpring Church website.

"We know the game is important so we're moving the service times to better fit your schedule," says the megachurch, which canceled Saturday night services at four locations and won't have night services at all on Sunday. "This will allow us to reach more people that week and give you more opportunities to invite your friends and family," it adds.

The North Point Community megachurch in Atlanta, Ga., has also canceled its 6.30 p.m. Sunday service to let the congregation watch the Seahawks take on the Denver Broncos. "Enjoy the Super Bowl," says its website alongside the cancellation notice.

read more: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/churches-cancel-move-services-for-super-bowl-sunday-113840/>

**Re: Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/2/2 15:52**

This happens all the time. Some churches will move their service up an hour and then hold a 'Super Bowl' party after the service.

**Re: , on: 2014/2/2 17:32**

The Babylonish church cannot compete with the Super Bowl. These are churches that are full of lost people, starting with their "pastor".

Think about this for a moment. The Super Bowl has decadent half time shows, horrible ads, half dressed cheerleaders and the "churches" are admitting they cannot compete with that so they reschedule. Hey, let's all have a Super Bowl party and then get together and praise the Lord, afterwards.

Who do you think will get the most shouts and praise?

**Re: - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2014/2/2 20:01**

You are on fire, Just-in!

Looks like the Broncos must have skipped out of Sunday services today too...

**Re: Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/3 8:44**

In all fairness to the brethren across the United States, but the Super Bowl has become something of an unofficial holiday in our country. Adjusting the church calendar to reflect this reality is not sinful or worldly. It's just practical, and a realization that people have lives outside of punching their church attendance clock. They like to have fun, and to have fun in the context of family, friends, coworkers, and other church people, outside of a formal church service or small group meeting. It's no different than adjusting the church calendar for other major holidays.

I think canceling all of Saturday night services is a bit excessive, and would definitely raise an eyebrow with me if my church did it. But dang... a church that normally has a Saturday night service. How many churches do you know that normally do that? Why the condemnation for this?

Perhaps the amount of volunteers needed during such a time suddenly become in short supply, and instead of brow bea

ting people to show up and to volunteer and to come to church, that local church just realizes that getting together simply won't be practically possible. So instead of half-way doing a service with the few people they know will show up, they just decide to take off. What's wrong with that?

Additionally, while I am all for the brethren frequently getting together, and all the more as the day of the Lord draws near, I also realize that there are some times where many sincere and godly Bible believing Christians would rather do something besides attend another church service. Heck, in my own life, there are some Sunday mornings where I realize the best church I can go to is "Bedside" Baptist.

As somebody who has been active in ministry for over a decade now, I realize there are times where having a service is very difficult to pull off. For example, leading a small group between Thanksgiving and the middle of January is almost impossible. People are too busy with family, friends, and coworkers doing holiday stuff. As a result, I would suggest to anybody thinking of leading a small group in their area, that they should consider not doing so between Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King Jr holidays. If they do, they should think outside the box and make a style of meeting that will be a bit more festive and light hearted. And they should probably only do so on a bi-weekly basis, as people just won't be able to commit.

Most years I use the Super Bowl as a time to simply hang out with family and friends, and to enjoy some pretty awesome food. I've often thrown Super Bowl parties at my place. Church people often come. It's fantastic. I've used it as a tool to help build community around me. I put my hospitality gifts to use. It is something people have truly loved.

Of course during these times, you are welcome to host regular weekly Bible studies at the home of one of the brethren, or some other location, if you wish. But don't be so shocked if nobody comes, or perhaps only one or two come. For years I tried to have Bible studies during the Christmas holiday season, and often I found myself being the only one that would show up... and my groups really loved the Lord. At first I had a righteous and holy fit over these things. But then I decided it was much better to show grace instead. I've realized having another "church service" is not always the most profitable thing to do, and that people have lives outside of church related activity that is perfectly healthy.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/3 15:07**

The idea that the early church would have canceled their regular gatherings in recognition of some sporting event just doesn't sit too well with me. But maybe I'm being too legalistic in my thinking.

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/2/3 16:15**

Not sure I like the attitude on this comments. What I am gathering is that those who love to watch the Super Bowl are carnal Christians because they skip Sunday night service to watch the game while the 'righteous' ones go to church. Really? Is that what it comes down to? I hear this accusations come and go year after year and to me it is nothing but pride dressed up in religious nonsense. What happens if one watches the game but not the half time show? I don't remember seeing the cheerleaders on tv.

Are Christians even allowed to have fun without a sermon thrown at them because an event falls on a Sunday and it happens ONCE a year?

Similar things happens around Halloween as well.

As an strict IFB would say that I know, help yourself to my words.

John

**Re: , on: 2014/2/3 17:24**

When you read about Jesus, the Apostles the early saints even the OT men and women of God, you get the sense of altogether, very different people than we have in modern Christendom, today (by and far). Their mind(set) was truly on things above. It was witnessed in their talk and their actions.

There are countless testimonies on the Net of people who finally relented and gave in, to be a little more "loose" and have "fun" as they were accused of being too holy or too legalistic. What did they find? It was a subtle, yet clever trap that damaged their relationship with the Lord. They ran back to Jesus. Selah!

Holiness is not legalism. There is a legalism that will kill, but it is not holiness.

I get the sense that early believers would have felt strange sitting next to unbelievers in the coliseum and rooting for their winning team. They did not have time to think about fun, as "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution".

And maybe that's the problem. Christians schedule a large part of their life in America to the pursuit of fun. What will happen when persecution comes? Will persecution even come if no one is living godly? Maybe that is why persecution has not come to America. Supposedly, we have millions and millions of Christians who are living godly. Tell me: Where is the persecution?

And for a whole other thread: What was the definition of fun for Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church.

Are we a serious people?

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/2/3 17:59**

Just-in

what I read in your words is that Christians should not be able to do things in the name of fun because it is considered a compromise in some way. It is ok if one has a food fellowship after church but don't include some kind of sports into it because then satan can enter in. This is what I perceive from your post.

Christian would have felt strange rooting along side unbelievers? Really? Do you think Christians should be away from worldly things so their faith isn't tampered in some way? Do you point the fingers at those who are Christians involved in sports at the highest levels because they are 'in' the world nevermind the witness they provide. How can you judge such things and use the early Christians as the holy grail to what you think probably happened back then?

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2014/2/3 18:15**

How does that old saying go... A hit dog always hollers.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/3 18:26**

The enemy is Babylon, the mother of all Harlots, which is elsewhere called the great and abominable church (1 Nephi 13:4-8). Babylon is a symbol of worldliness and evil, and therefore may be said to represent the devil's power in this world. Those who remain in Babylon are those who follow the practices of the world and who do not accept the word of the Lord. Sometimes Satan's persecution of the Church takes the form of aggressive persecution, such as killing the prophets or physically abusing the Saints. More often the persecution consists of social pressure against the humble followers of Christ. Those in the "great and spacious building" in Lehi's dream mocked those who were pressing forward to partake of the fruit of the tree of life, and many became ashamed and fell away (1 Nephi 8:27-33).

**Re: Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday, on: 2014/2/3 19:01**

Well done sermonindex - another relatively minor news article used as the excuse for another massive rant, in which those who we disagree with are clearly apostate or even 'Babylon'. I really do question if this is the way to revival.

(and for the record, I can't stand sport of any kind, and do think that many people worship it. However, a moderate interest in it is not to be condemned.)

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/3 20:47**

Butters, I think sometimes the wording we all have sometimes used here on SI, can make folks feel under some kind of condemnation. I think some of these words some use, might be intentional, but I also feel some folks reading these words, might read more into what is written. So at times, you really just back off for a moment and pray about it, and let the Holy Spirit guide you. Regardless of what man says "period" if I have prayed about it, and the Holy Spirit speaks to me differently, I always go with what Holy Spirit speaks to me.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/3 23:23**

This thread reminded me of this video I watched about a few weeks ago, of a Lutheran pastor who pretended to shorten the service to around a minute due to the game:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0mTmppoC0Eg>

Many Christians called it blasphemous despite the fact that he was just kidding. I share the same sentiments.

Yes, moderation is important when it comes to sports and everything else. But to cancel an important gathering of the saints for such things? Just doesn't seem to me like our Lord or the apostles and early disciples would have seen any sports or holidays as being that important. Also doesn't seem to me that the persecuted church of today would cancel their meetings for such things either. I guess in the end we can agree to disagree.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/4 7:23**

Watching a football game with some guys roughhousing one another is hardly the same as watching the ancient gladiators in Rome literally kill each other for sport.

I'm all for being "serious" and "sober minded." But if you think somehow these things are antithetical to "having fun," and that the end of Christianity and the church is to have nothing but an endless series of preaching services, prayer meetings, and to constantly seeking revival... then I think you've misunderstood the faith.

You are free to live like A.W. Tozer if you like. But I do recall that upon his wife becoming a widow, and marrying somebody else, she is reported to have said she was finally glad to have a husband. Tozer was a remarkable man, and I admire him on many levels. But this "sobering" comment his widow once made has struck me more powerfully than anything the man ever said in his entire life.

There is an attitude one can take that seems like it is "holy," but has nothing of the life of Christ in it. Remember, Jesus was so holy that he hung around people who liked to party. And apparently he had a good time while doing it, and didn't sit in the corner and secretly weep for the sins of the world while he watched everybody carry on. Jesus was so into the social scene of his day that the Pharisees accused Jesus of being somebody who got a bit carried away at the gatherings they often found Him in. As it is, do you think the sinners he was reaching out to would have constantly invited Him back to feast with them had Jesus been something of a stiff?

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/4 9:14**

Great post Jimmy! sin is sin is sin, and this is why God sent his "only son" into this world, to be a sacrifice for "ALL" our sins, he did not send Jesus into this world for sinless people. Yes! we all want to do the best we can to become like Jesus, but you never will live a sinless life on earth, if so you would not longer be of any use to the Lord. We are regenerated in our human spirit, given a new nature, but the old nature has not been removed.

Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). So any command by God that is not obeyed perfectly would be defined as a sin. Paul said, "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23) which would include everything we do. The Bible says "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." We have a fallen nature and for this reason we need to be born again or have a spiritual birth. Rom 3:10 As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one Jesus said to the rich young ruler who approached him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God, (Mark 10:18). Only God is intrinsically good, only God by His nature does good and does it all the time. The wages of sin is death and saints die just as sinners die. This proves we still have a sin nature along with the new nature.

The Bible makes this clear. Sin is still present with the believer, we are in transition to eliminate it once and for all. What I personally see here a "LOT", is folks that are sinners, hand pick things they may not do and call it sin, I would guess there might be a reason for this, they are jealous because they would like to be "for example" "watching the ball game" and hate it that others can, but are concerned about that "ONE" sin in their life, when they go about their day sinning in other ways. The most powerful scripture on sin in my world is, when Jesus said in John 8:7, So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

We all need to also realize, even if the Pastor did decide to move, adjust "call it what you want" the services, the congratulation is not to be held accountable for the Pastors actions. Unless of course now, if God is holding us accountable for others actions, but I have not read that scripture. I guess some could have just went into the sanctuary that day,"if it was

open" and Prayed for the Church. Maybe some did, but that would be good news, we don't like in today's world, to spread the good news of the world, only the bad, this is why social media prospers.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/4 10:01**

"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."-1Cor.16:2

I guess some would be okay with the idea that in our day Paul might have said instead, "Unless there is this or that holiday or sporting event going on, on the first day of the week devote some special time to set aside an offering for the saints."

No, Paul and the early church prioritized the things of God above the things of this world. We see that throughout the book of Acts and church history. In many respects they were considered social outcasts and were hated for their peculiar faith in Christ, just as Jesus had prophesied would happen.

So why did Christ mingle with the tax collectors and prostitutes and attended some of their social gatherings? Mainly, to reach them with the message of the kingdom of God, the message of repentance and faith in Himself. There is ample evidence throughout the Gospels that He preached the Word of God everywhere He went. He was always about His Father's business.

That is not to say that there is no place for recreation in the Christian life. My concern is that too many of us, myself included, have often made a god of entertainment and recreation. And when we hear some kind of reproof for it we are quick to throw the legalism and pharisee card.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/4 11:19**

I think most churches canceled their Sunday evening meetings, if they still have them as it is, for the Super Bowl. I'm sure most had a Sunday morning service. I'm not aware of any churches canceling their Sunday morning service. It doesn't sound like any of the churches mentioned in the original post did.

So... what's the big deal if they still met at some other time during the week? And even if they did cancel all of their Sunday services for whatever reason, and didn't meet on an alternate day... so what?

There are times throughout the year where I miss the occasional week of going to church in any way, shape, or form. Is that a sin? Am I going to hell? Sometimes I wake up on a Sunday morning and simply do not want to go. Or sometimes I'm out of town. Or sometimes I simply have some other things I need to take care of. Or sometimes I just want to spend the day with my wife, doing other things.

Yet there are other weeks that I go, even when I don't feel like it. Or there are weeks I go several times a week. Or there are weeks where I'm found ministering somewhere, or preaching on a street corner, or spending time writing and what not.

The church, her life, and my ministry are a HUGE part of who I am. My life is wrapped up in her, as I am a servant of God for her. I've been walking with the Lord faithfully for about 15 years now. I know the Lord pretty well, and have spent a lot of time with Him, and have spent a lot of time ministering to the saints. I'm pretty sure Jesus would've been at the Super Bowl party on a Sunday night. Or maybe He would've just stayed at home and read.

I'm pretty sure all is well with the church if everyone played hookie on a Sunday night to watch the Super Bowl. The church has many problems today. This isn't really one of them.

And for my South American or European brethren... I'm sure Jesus would've been watching Soccer's "World Cup."

\*edited\*

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/2/4 11:29**

It's only a ball game! Isn't it?

The passion with which some are defending their 'right' to schedule their day around such an event makes me wonder. Casting stones toward past men of God and portraying Christ as a party goer really reveals a heart problem.

Nothing wrong in itself watching a sporting event, but why such passion and why would any Christian want to elevate such an event in the same way the world does. The world does not have true life, they only have these things to look forward to. If we truly value the life we have in Christ, why would we want to put that aside for a football match? Maybe it says more about the lack of life in the church gatherings??

Here is the reason we will not see revival in the west any time soon.

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/2/4 11:58**

I just want to add some clarification my previous post.

As I see it, it is not about whether you attend a Sunday evening service or how many church services you attend. I generally don't attend the church evening service, but NOT because something else takes priority.

If a church decides not to have a Sunday evening service because it sees no value in it, then fine. But the issue here is that churches that normally have a meeting at a particular time (because I trust they see value in it), then want to cancel ONLY because there is a football match on! Surely this should make us check where our heart is and what is really important to us.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/4 12:12**

While I get the "checking the heart" and "priorities" aspect of all this, most people who go to Super Bowl parties and such use it as a meaningful time to simply bond with their family and friends.

Meaningful and important social connections happen at events like this. It's more than just another football game to most people. Most people don't really care about either team that is playing. They go because they know they'll get a chance to hang out and talk to family, friends, and have some pretty good food.

There is a time for everything under the sun. Including a "time to laugh." I see events like the Super Bowl as an opportunity to do such.

And in regard to passion, I am passionate about this. Not the Super Bowl per se. I really don't care that much about football, and none of my teams ever really get the chance to go to the big game as it is. I am passionate about this because I feel sometimes we as the church make big deals out of nothing... and then sit around and wonder why nobody wants to play with us and hear about our Jesus.

**Re: Book of Nephi????, on: 2014/2/4 16:07**

Bill in one of your posts in this thread you gave two references from the book of Nephi. You also referenced the dream of Lehi.

I ask respectfully why are you referencing the Book of Mormon to illustrate your points?

Blaine

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/4 16:53**

Yeah Bill, why is that?

respectfully,  
Oracio

**Re: , on: 2014/2/4 17:30**

Maybe, he had his userid hijacked.

**a new low has been reached in this forum, on: 2014/2/4 18:22**

trashing Dr. Tozer with gossip from his widowed wife.

oh lovely.....a very mature witness to a global audience.

**Re: a new low has been reached in this forum, on: 2014/2/4 18:37**

Neil I do not understand the intent of your Tozer observstion. This is a Christian forum. We hold the Bible to be our authority. Not the Book of Mormon. The references to the 1st book of Nephi and Lehi are in the context of Mormonism. A googje search will verify this.

I simply asked Bill or someone operating under his userid why he or they were using the Book of Mormon to establish th eir points.

If I came into this forum quoting chapter and verse out of the Qorum or Koran, that the Moslems use as their holy book. I would expect someone to ask me that same question.

I do not believe I am out of line to ask why a poster is referencing s book that comes out of a faith we hold to be a demoni c cult.

Blaine

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/4 19:22**

Mr.Bear, read Revelation 17:1-7 it speaks the same, sorry must be the old man in me bringing us those scriptures before I came to Christ. Some of us were drug heads, alcoholics, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon etc. before we came to Christ, I guess all that really should matter now is that we came to Christ. Yes I do still slip up every now and then, please forgive me.

So Mr. Bear, no Mormons/x mormans are welcome in your house? or on this forum? just asking.

**Re: a new low has been reached in this forum - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/4 19:25**

Quote:

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Brother Neil, I am with you on this one, WAY out of line.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/4 19:26**

I'm not dumping on Tozer. But what his wife said about him is not hearsay but fact. It is documented in his biography for all to read. It serves as a reminder that ones spirituality needs to hit home first. Love your family, love your neighbors. Do so by spending lots of time with them. Pray less if you must.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/4 19:29**

Ok guys and gals, my work is done here, the edifying has gone south, if there ever was any edifying on this thread. :)

**Re: , on: 2014/2/4 19:40**

Bill last Summer I spent 9 days in Salt Lake City doing prayer walks with a friend of mine who was converted out of Mormonism. While out there we visited with Sandra Tanner who was one of the first people, along with her husband, to expose the evils of Mormonism. They both were converted out of Mormonism. Lord willing, I plan to go back out to Salt Lake City and hope to pray and witness to the Mormons. To answer your question Mormons are welcome into my home. But they will be told in love that they are in an evil system and they must repent and turn to Christ

My apologies if you were offended at my question. But if I came into this forum quoting suras or verses out of the Koran I would expect someone to ask the same question of me. My question was asked respectfully, but with a concern under standing that the Bible is the final authority in this forum. If anyone thinks I am out of line for asking such a question then I ask them or the moderators to correct me.

Respectfully,

Blaine or Bearmaster

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/4 19:52**

Mr. Bear, Thanks for your response, it was perfect.  
God Bless!

**Re: oh my my my....., on: 2014/2/4 21:24**

Quote:

-----Pray less if you must.  
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Chapter and verse?

still full of pride, aint ya?...couldnt say to yourself, "MAYBE, ....I SHOULDNT have posted that...maybe I should just excuse it", and ask forgiveness for JOINING in the trashing of Tozer's fervent prayer life that STANDS AS A MODEL for us all.

...and how devoted a wife and what kind of woman would trash talk her deceased husband?...by such a remark?

There are giants in the Faith Jimmy, and what makes them remarkable is their prayer life...men like David Brainerd...you ever read "Life of Brainerd"?....or Frank Bartleman, who wrote the account of Asusa Street?....or John Sung, who many said was the "Wesley" of the Chinese House Church....ever heard of him? he would ask for pictures from everybody, this was in the late 20's, early 30's in China, the Shangtung Revival....and in the morning, he would spread them out, and pray with tears over them....these men were giants.....and finally what did Messiah say Himself about family and following Him?

should I quote the verses, or spare you the pain?

get rid of your pride man. that's my prayer for you.



Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2014/2/5 8:31

Quote:  
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The thread title in itself is not a value judgment, but it incites our minds to form a value judgment. Did it do that for you? It did for me.

Let's admit, we have an obsessive need to divide everything into a black or white category: good or evil, righteous or unrighteous. I guess that's what fuels debate and keeps a forum running. But the outcome of our speck appraisal role is perpetual division. And we are missing the mark. In fact, it might incite in us a feeling of self-righteousness: "Thank God, I'm not like them!!!!". Oops that's the log in my own eye!

As I understand, God doesn't confine himself to our black and white categories. It is God's nature to bypass all the "righteous" and use the most outlandish sin conditions for his glory.

Can we trust God for that - even in this case of church cancellations?

Or maybe God is quietly working in our hearts - using this very topic to expose our propensity to be speck inspectors.

Diane

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/5 9:38

We should take the rose colored glasses off and tone down the celebrity preacher worship. We have such romantic notions about dead preachers, and should stop making them the stuff of myths and legends. Men such as Tozer may have indeed been giants of the faith, but that doesn't mean they were not still flawed men, with personal hang-ups from whose behaviors we can learn much of what to do, and what not to do.

Frankly, to read of how Tozer treated his wife i.e. making her walk miles in the cold to church in Chicago because he refused to buy a car, because he wanted to give half his paycheck back to the church and refuse most wage increases, or refusing to have house guests that he entertained as he did not like people coming over, and leaving her to almost single handedly tend to the raising of their children while he stayed busy at praying, preaching, writing, and consulting... it leaves much to be desired for Tozer as a husband.

I'd rather be more like my father, who while praying a lot less, has loved his wife and family much more warmly, and there isn't a single cross word any of us could say about my father on any level. Nobody but us will remember my father after he is gone one day. But when it comes to being a father and husband, I'd rather emulate the life of my dad rather than the life of Tozer. Such will impact the generations that follow me for years to come, long after men stop reading Tozer.

Quote:  
-----Chapter and verse?  
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We hear far too many stories about men who were tremendous preachers, but whose families suffered greatly in ways they ought not have suffered. Like the apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians, the married man has divided interests, which is why he suggested that people should prefer being single over being married. Because if you are married, you have legitimate family interests that must be tended to. Paul never said you can forsake being a family man in the name of preaching about Jesus. If you have a wife and kids, those must be tended to deeply, and ministered to on a very practical and

emotional level. A level that goes beyond punching the church attendance clock.

If you are married, your wife should be left feeling like Solomon's wife, loved and cherished above all else. She should not have to suffer such feelings of lack of warmth of affection just because her husband is called to preach. Solomon had other wives and concubines and a kingdom and a ministry to run. He was a busy man. But he still made that one woman feel deeply cherished and glowing with loving affection towards him. As a result, we have one of the longest books in the Bible that memorializes this love. Allegorize the book all you want, but Song of Solomon is still primarily about the love of a man for his woman more than it is a book about the love of Christ for his church.

There are great sacrifices she may have to make as a pastors wife, but alienation of affection should not be one of them.

Tozer's wife should serve as a sobering reminder to us all. Love the Lord with all your heart, give yourself over to service to Him. Make great sacrifices. But don't screw up your home life in the name of Jesus. Make your wife feel like a queen. The memory of your wife and children regarding you as husband and father and the legacy you leave behind for them is the ultimate seal of your witness. The souls you preached to and the books you wrote are not.

By all accounts, Tozer's wife was a godly woman. What she said should not be overlooked.

\*edited\*

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/2/5 12:27**

Jimmy, I may be in the minority here, but I find your unpopular convictions spot on. There is a legitimate, God-ordained time for all things (except for sin, of course) and if a man has liberty in his spirit to watch a sporting event, or have a glass of wine and dance at a wedding, he can do it with a clear conscience unto the Lord and be free from all condemnation.

This concept is so simple, you would think, but I have found the correct understanding of "Christian liberty" is at the PhD level in God's school. This is partly because of the influence of preachers and teachers who pontificate that the only useful Christian is one whose face is literally buried in the Bible 20 out of 24 hours a day and whose pockets are bulging with index-carded memory verses and who eschews all forms of social recreation and "fun" so as to not hinder the obligatory span of secret, monastic prayer needed to ward off God's displeasure and keep him from becoming an unprofitable servant.

I used to be one of those specimens. As a result, I was no use to God or man. My family suffered. My poor wife would do all the cooking, bath the kids, do the dishes, put them to bed, fold the laundry -- all while I sat selfishly at the living room table with a cup of tea and my face buried in the book of Ezekiel. Some man of God I was! I had a lot of growing up to do. It took her on the verge of leaving me and taking the children before God could teach me that Jesus would be in the kitchen, helping with the dishes. Jesus would be on the carpet with the toddler, loving on him and being a fun dad and playing Candyland with him before putting him to bed. How blind I was: I actually thought all the forced clock-watching prayer (after all, didn't one preacher say if you didn't pray at least five hours a day, you were worthless to God?) and Bible reading (up to that point I was reading through the entire Bible 4 times a year for about 8 years straight) would make me a candidate to be used by God like John Sung or D.L. Moody or Finney. But like Tozer's, my wife (to which God wanted me to be the caretaker and representation of Christ's love while on earth) was miserable, neglected, forlorn. She told me she felt like a single mom. The kids would always go to her to meet their needs and have their questions answered. It was as though I didn't even exist.

Fortunately, we find examples in scripture of this sort of imbalance. Like Samuel, who was so busy prophesying that his own family was neglected and his children went astray. I don't want my children to turn from God because I was too busy in the spiritual to throw a football, play Candyland or take them to Disney World. And I really don't care about what other believers think; I am mature enough to understand Paul's teachings of "whatsoever you do" and "whether you eat or drink" and "do all things" and "all things are allowed but not all expedient" in relation to the pure conscience to not allow myself to come under condemnation through the legalism of others who do not have light on these verses.

If you lose your family, you lose out completely, no matter how spiritual your engagements are. My ministry flourished the moment I stopped trying to be so holy and returned to earth. Prayers became spontaneous and unforced, light flooded in on verses which had remained dark for years, despite all my repetitious laborings and color-coded index cards. Books suddenly poured out of me and my children have a hunger to know about Jesus (and they come to me now with questions!), and my wife now has someone to help carry the household labor and heavy burdens.

I hope when I am gone, my wife and my children will give a testimony that being with daddy was as close to being with Jesus that you can get on earth, though daddy was far from perfect in the flesh. In truth, I want to set a very high standard for my daughter's future husband to match!

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/5 12:56**

Thanks Paul.

As some of you know, I am a recent newlywed. In getting married, I had to move across town and change churches. On the way out the door, I talked to one of the pastors at our church, who knew my heart and devotion to the Lord, and knew how greatly I labored during my single years. On average, I conducted 3 small group bible studies a week for several years, not to mention regular church attendance and being involved in other capacities. I made the most of my singleness. Knowing that after changing churches, it would not be long before I would try my hand at getting involved in the ministry of the church, he gave me some sage like advice that went something like this:

Make the first year of your married life dedicated to nothing but your wife. Show her how deeply and fully you love her, and make that the foundation of your life and marriage. Serve her in everything, and simply be the best husband you can be. After a year, there will be time for ministry, and if you do this, you'll find that your wife will be more than willing to serve alongside of you in whatever ministry capacity you so choose. But always make her your number one priority.

Such, so far, is my plan. And in my entire life, I've never seen somebody so happy and full of joy whenever they look at me. Well, except when my snoring sometimes wakes her up at 1 am. But overall, a great feeling. She deserves such treatment, and I plan on treating her in such a way.

There is a time for everything under the Son.

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2014/2/5 13:13**

Quote:

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What a wonderful idiom!

It's worth noting too that even sin has its place in God's scheme. Consider the prodigal parable. God used the younger brother's sinful choices to draw him back home. Meanwhile the older brother, the "righteous" brother, missed experiencing the beauty of God's mercy and grace.

There's no reason why God can't use church cancellations to draw people to Christ - be they the "older brother" types or the "younger brother" types... and even if it takes years and even if there is no news release entitled: "God draws souls into the kingdom as a result of cancelled churches".

Here's a thought:

What matters most to you or I: a clean outer cup or a clean inner cup?

Diane

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/2/5 13:16

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I think this is excellent advice. She really is your number one priority. Christ, of course, is your foundation. Your wife is th  
e support beams you build atop the foundation. Atop these beams will rest the sanctity of your children (if you have any)  
and everything else spirutally and physically integral to a life of Christian fulfillment. The foundation is unmovable rock, b  
ut if the beams are weak, the whole structure will still collapse, including your ministry. Your prayers will be hindered, the  
children will be out of order, your job will suffer, the enemy will bring severe disaray into your thought life. You know the  
deal.

Some of the best marital advice I ever heard came from Zac Poonen via the Word of God: "Never let the sun go down o  
n your anger." In other words, don't go to bed angry with each other. If you were the cause of the frustration, humble you  
rself and ask for her forgiveness before falling asleep. If she was the cause, you still humble yourself and ask her forgive  
ness for not being more like Jesus in allowing the situation to escalate to where it is now. Do it even though her back ma  
y be turned from you in bed and she won't accept it at that moment. Always be the first to humble yourself and ask for fo  
rgiveness for not bing more like Jesus in all situations, and God will rectify. It's absolutely 100% unfliningly true. It's the b  
est advice I've ever heard, worth more than once hundred million dollars in counselling sessions.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/5 13:19

If memory serves me correct, I also seem to recall Keith Daniels talking about this in a sermon I heard him preach sever  
al years ago. He talked about the strain the ministry was having on he and his wife, and their relationship. Without goin  
g into that many details, he talked about how he more or less gave all of that up for a brief period in time in order to save  
his relationship with his wife. He finally worked out a healthy balance between his devotional life/ministry, and his family  
life.

Granted, Keith Daniels still sounds like he logs countless hours in his devotional life and ministry. But whatever the case  
, he found something that worked for both he and his wife. And from what I've gathered is that things sound like they are  
good between the two again. He exhorted us in the sermon to do whatever it takes to make things work, no matter how  
hard.

Each relationship is unique. Some people have more needs than others. The apostle Paul said spouses should come t  
ogether frequently for the sexual needs of one another, unless by agreement, for the purpose of prayer and fasting. In o  
ther words, "Your devotional life is not your own, it belongs to your spouse."

I would like to think this spills over into the other areas of our life too, when it comes to the day to day stuff. Most couple  
s probably only need to engage in martial relations a couple times a week to get their sexual needs met. But they proba  
bly daily need help with cooking, cleaning, fixing stuff, taking care of the kids, making sure the homework gets done, and  
things like that... oh yeah, and taking time to say hello to one other and found out how their day went.

If after you've taken care of your wife and family, you have time to minister, then throw all of your extra time into that. Yo  
u aren't single, and you don't have the right or calling to neglect your spouse and children.

I remember Dr. Charles Stanley talking to a woman in her 50's once. The woman said she felt like when she was in her  
20's, that God had called her to be a full time missionary to somewhere in South America. Dr. Stanley was quick to remi  
nd her that even if God called her to do that years ago, God was currently calling her to be a mom. Sadly, Dr. Stanley di  
dn't follow his own advice, and neglected his relationship with his wife, who after decades of marriage, divorced him, and  
for years, he and his son Andy have had a broken relationship. Such has left a blemish on his life and ministry.

I recall Paul Washer in his preaching, once talked about how he introduces himself to strangers. When asked what he d  
oes for a living, he said he was a husband. When people would further ask what he did for a living, he said he was a fat  
her. When people would further ask what he did for a living, he said when he can, he preaches some.

\*edited\*

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/2/5 13:47**

I know we are probably getting slightly off topic here, but you mention Dr. Stanley and his relationship with his son as a result of the divorce. In my profession as a funeral director I can give countless stories of young men and young women whose parents reaped the ultimate crop of losing them to drug addiction, suicide, gang violence because of father/mother estrangement. The secular media will downplay it, but you ask any experienced mortician about the relational harmony of the young person's parents (unless it was a traffic accident or accidental drowning), and they'll tell you they are divorced, or estranged, or have other lovers, or the father abandoned the child, etc. We in the death industry know the overwhelming statistics.

**Re: , on: 2014/2/5 13:48**

When our vertical oneness with God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit is usurped and replaced by men or by a system, we have no more oneness than the United States Senate.

Each son must maintain a vertical oneness with the Lord. To maintain this oneness with the Lord, deep intimacy is not excluded.

With all Christians, the most important thing is to link up with Christ, our Head. If our source is other than Christ and our ministry issues out from anything or anyone else but Christ then we are in the firm grasp of the Enemy. All of our work for the Lord, our reputation for being above reproach and abstaining from every appearance of evil, our toil, fruits and ministries will all be rubbish.

Be careful how you maintain your vertical relationship with the Lord. It is what gives you fruit in your horizontal relationships with men and gives the Holy Spirit the opportunity to speak to men. Horizontal relationships are only impacted as we hold fast to our vertical relationship and the headship of Christ.

Knowing that the vertical relationship with Christ is Priority #1, we can observe and discern what is right and what is wrong (to some degree) regarding horizontal relationships, today.

Men toward other men, or women, Women toward other women or men. Not only individually but can we observe relationships, but corporately. What is our observation of the Church towards the world? And the world, towards the Church?

Jesus Christ is leading "many sons to glory" and wants to lead many more. Stopping at salvation is a superficial gospel, whereas God is interested in making sons. Are you burdened to be a son or have you lost your vision of sonship? Are we burdened for the house of God?

I will say this, that most of us recognize the condition of the Church in the world, and see the world in the Church. Let's just not be enchanted or hypnotized by the world. In all of our readings on church history we see men that acquired a bit of experience at the cross. It brought brokenness into their lives. They received some spirituality and had a taste of the fullness of Christ along with some maturity. They tasted of His eternal purpose but then became proud and began to look down upon those who did not seem to have this "sonship". This happened to many groups through the centuries, but when pride came in, their testimony was ruined.

We have to be careful to stay white hot for God and be zealous for His house without despising others.

I don't despise anyone and am constantly learning how to not only stir myself up in my most holy faith, but encourage others to lay hold of Christ and not be enchanted by the world.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/5 13:57**

This thread suddenly became redeemable. How about that :-)

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/2/5 14:06**

The thread became redeemable because the topic has changed focus.

Paul & Jimmy, I am with you what you have both written in the last few post about wife and family and I would suspect many others are also. However the discussion was never about this, it was about a ball game....not the same thing as far as I can see.

you have successfully changed the subject onto something different. Well done and I wish you well continuing. (How about changing the OP title though?)

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/2/5 14:12**

Quote:

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Evolved might be more accurate ;)

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2014/2/5 14:25**

For me, the issue of the churches adjusting their scheduled service times for the Super Bowl, at least in my eyes, was not centered around any sort perceived worldliness that others were picking up on. Rather, it was centered around "family time," and realizing that such events as the Super Bowl or other holidays provide the opportunity to do things like bond as a family. Such in my eyes, is a very important thing to the life of the church, and is a thing the church would do well to capitalize on whenever possible. Fathers Day and Mothers Day are other noteworthy holidays where I think this is appropriate.

Of course, if you believe a family watching the Super Bowl to be no different than a family gathered around a pagan shrine and offering sacrifices to Molech, then I guess the conversation could evolve into something else. Perhaps it is wrong to watch the Super Bowl in and of itself.

I tend to think not. You might want to change channels for the half-time show though.

**Re: , on: 2014/2/5 14:47**

It all depends on the heart. To many it is an idol.

How is the Church of Jesus Christ in America, corporately presenting itself to the world? Well, it all depends on how they are presenting themselves to Christ.

Do they see Christ or people like them that just belong to their own club?

I think many see division, strife, worldliness (its a good thing to them), but not often are they seeing His Body, Christ Himself.

Something to ponder.

if we are more demonstrative in losing any one thing more than Christ, what does that communicate?

Look at the political church today and what they are most vocal about.

II Chron 7:14

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/2/5 14:48**

Quote.Evolved might be more accurate ;)

That's the problem with evolutionists, you just can't trust them to keep on topic! :)

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/2/5 15:03**

Quote:

-----That's the problem with evolutionists, you just can't trust them to keep on topic! :)  
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Nice one!

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/2/5 19:13**

It's really only an issue because some churches choose to have a Sunday night service, either for convenience of some of the congregation who want to sleep in on Sunday and read the paper or take their kids to soccer games(not that there's anything wrong with that), or because the church is too large to have just one service.

It would be a different matter if the church was canceling THE ONLY service on Sunday for an event like the Super Bowl

So maybe the deeper question is whether a church should have multiple services on Sunday in order to convenience the congregation.

If churches wanted to be really mean they could schedule one service at 1 pm on Sunday. Then we would see who the true blue congregants are.

This whole topic is just silly, in my opinion of course.

**Re: Churches Cancel, Move Services for Super Bowl Sunday - posted by Elibeth, on: 2014/2/5 22:39**

Bro.Greg,

If I may ask questions,and speak my heart to our forum members?

First of all,Is this not the state in which ' the church' has come to?

Is it true that the farther we get from the light ( source),the less we can Truly see? We know that the world is exceedingly dark,and getting darker.  
Are we to love what the world loves?

I ask a question,..the 'Big Game' ,..What is in it?  
Is there anything godly?.....Is there any thing ungodly?....Please!  
What comes to mind ?Truly ?

Are we to be a set- apart,a peculiar people,..can't our greatest foe be those of our own household,if we follow God,beca use we love them so very much?.....isn't ,He who lives in us,why the world will hate us?

Just questions we can all ask ourselves,

Because of Him,  
elizabeth

Re: , on: 2014/2/5 22:52

American IDOL!

by David J. Stewart

“Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.” Numbers 33:52

God hates idolatry! What is idolatry? Idolatry is having another god (or gods) besides the one true living God of the Bible. Idolatry is anything that you place higher priority in your life than God and His Commandments. There is ONLY one true and living God, i.e., the God of the Bible...

“But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.” Jeremiah 10:10

God is a Jealous God...

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” Deuteronomy 20:3-5

God must be extremely jealous and angry nowadays, because Americans sit in front of their TV's hours each day, viewing all forms of wickedness and evil. Without a doubt, the most popular god in the United States is the almighty television set. People usually think of "idolatry" in terms of bowing to an idol or an object (such as the sun). You don't have to bow to something to commit idolatry. In fact, idolatry is anything in your life that replaces God.

So many people today only think in terms of what they've heard on TV, kind of like a life-support system. The average American is woefully ignorant of THE TRUTH, because they have deliberately rejected the knowledge of God. Just as the Children of Israel committed idolatry in the wilderness, worshipping the golden calf, so do Americans today worship the television and enjoy watching others commit sexual immorality (Romans 1:32). The golden calf was probably a replica of the Egyptian Apis bull (one of their false gods, pictured at the right). I assure you that Americans spend more time in front of the television than does any worshipper of a graven image. The FACTS cannot be denied (more disturbing Television Statistics).

**Idolatry and Sexual Immorality are Synonymous**

Idolatry is always synonymous with every other sin, especially sexual immorality and abortion. America has gone to HELL! In December of 2010, the Parents Television Council publicized a study condemning television executives who exploit underaged teenaged girls for profit. The tragic part is that many, if not most, Americans defend such evil. Woe unto the U.S.A.!

“Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.” Philippians 3:19

From Philippians 3:19 we see that a false “god” does not necessarily have to be a statue or an idol. According to Philippians 3:19, the god of some people is their belly (meaning that they live to eat, drink, marry, play, and party). The god of most Americans is their belly. All they care about is the cares, riches and pleasures of this life. I'm so sick of hearing people talk about buying silver, gold and other investments. Jesus told us to lay up treasures in Heaven instead (Matthew 6:20). Americans are some of the most selfish and hypocritical people on earth. 'Tis one life will soon be past and only what's done for Christ will last (Philippians 2:21; Mark 8:35).

Most Americans ignorantly give to support the evil agendas of our day: unconstitutional gun control, rebellious feminism, murderous population reduction, global warming scam, whacko environmentalism, et cetera. We're a bunch of idiots donating money to our own demise! World Vision is a front organization that pretends to care about the world's needy children



en; but in reality, they are serving the globalist elite's agenda of population control. Jesus said that the nations of the world WORRY about food and provisions, because they have no faith in God (Luke 12:30).

Americans spend thousands of hours a year worshipping their TV idol; they must have it. The average person thinks they could not live without a TV. Some people would lose their minds if they didn't have a TV anymore, because their whole life is TV. They are living in fantasy-land, brainwashed to believe whatever lies and agendas the government programs them to believe through TV. It is tragic that most people will spend thousands-upon-thousands of hours glaring into a TV screen; but won't spend hardly any time praising or thanking God Who sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins. Instead of spending quality time with our precious Lord and Creator, we spend all our time with the created. It's just not right. In fact, it's wicked...

“Then beware lest thou forget the LORD...” Deuteronomy 6:12

America has FORGOTTEN God!!! Look at the statistics. How many hours do you think those same children and adults spent reading their Bibles, praying, or learning about God? None? Just in case you missed it in the FACTS, one of the most popular TV shows nowadays amongst teenagers is “Desperate Housewives.” It should be quite obvious to you at this point that America is an EXTREMELY IDOLATROUS and ADULTEROUS nation. The most damnable invention to ever come into existence is the television. What God gave to man as a good thing, mankind has perverted into the most hideous desensitization, corrupting, and brainwashing device on the planet. The television in itself is NOT evil, but as a superior means of communication it is extremely dangerous in the hands of the Devil's crowd. Technology is a blessing from God, but as with nearly everything else... it is a double-edged sword with good and bad potential. Mankind has turned the TV into “HELLIVISION.”

Today, TV has never been worse. With umpteen TV shows promoting adultery, fornication, euthanasia, Rock 'N' Roll, promiscuity, witchcraft, New Age, spiritualism, homosexuality, sex changes, feminism, abortion, gambling, prostitution, violence, intolerance towards Christians, lasciviousness, et cetera, et cetera... how much longer can America exist as a truly free nation? God will NOT continue to bless a nation that commits wickedness and lives in sin. Why do you think America is falling apart? We have brought evil upon ourselves.

America is a land of idolatry, worshipping materialism. In greed we trust. Americans have a profound love and admiration for their pets, their cars, their homes, their boats, et cetera; but what about God? Next to the television, the most praised and loved god in America is the automobile. People who would never give a dime to further the Gospel of Christ or feed the poor, will happily spend thousands-upon-thousands of dollars on pin stripes, chrome, fancy hub caps, tinted windows, designer windshield wipers, extravagant paint jobs, deluxe stereo systems, and just about everything else imaginable FOR THEIR CAR. But what about the work of God? What about the poor? What about the hungry? What about the homeless? What about the forgotten people?

#### Spoiled Rotten Americans

Americans are spoiled rotten—living for sports, hobbies, dining and recreation. Surely there's nothing wrong with such activities, until you no longer have any time remaining for God. Americans give God the leftovers—the chump change—the crumbs under the table.

God wants to be the center of our life. God is NOT pleased with Sunday saints (Revelation 3:15-16). America is overflowing with nightclub believers who live with the Devil six days a week, and then go to church on Sunday to play religion. They have churchianity without Christianity. They guzzle their booze, tell dirty jokes, gaze with unholy looks at the opposite sex, curse in God's name, watch Godless TV shows, gossip—and then dress their best to fool the crowd every Sunday. God doesn't like fence-straddlers. We are living in a television generation of believers who are sorely lacking any resemblance to a Biblical Christian. Jesus taught in Luke 8:15 about the good seeds which not only hear, but keep God's Commandments, and bring forth much fruit to perfection. Soul-winning is not a suggestion; it is a command (Proverb 11:30; Matthew 28:19-20; 2nd Corinthians 5:11; Philippians 2:16).

#### Repent America!

The unsaved have got the crazy idea in their head that God equals Religion. God does NOT want you to be religious, He wants you to repent toward him by faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, to be forgiven of your sins (John 20:31; Acts 10:43).

Eternal life is a gift from God. Jesus never turns anyone away who comes to Him (John 6:37). It is simple to be saved.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:31

The masses of society are being led straight into hell by the television. There are NO men of God on the mainstream TV networks anymore, only crooks and shysters, greedy televangelists.

All we hear are social gospels and false doctrines. Jesse Jackson shamefully calls himself a minister, yet you'll NEVER hear him preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. False prophets like Benny Hinn, Oral Robert's and Joyce Meyer con the gullible out of their money.

Catholicism is the biggest cult in the world, thanks largely to the TV. Over one billion people are foolishly following the demonic Pope's perdition.

Oprah Winfrey uses her show to promote spiritualism, abortion, New Age, homosexuality, sex changes, and a host of other evils.

With Satanic shows like Sabrina, Witches, and Charmed, it's no surprise that Wicca Witchcraft is flourishing around the world (and children can't get enough thanks to the Godless Harry Potter series).

God's hand of blessing has been removed from America. We have brought judgment upon our selves as a nation because of our own complacency and sinfulness. Our jobs are gone. Our homes are being stolen. The days of officer friendly are over. Now you get a S.W.A.T. team raiding your home over the slightest matters. TSA workers are sticking their hands down passenger's skirts and pants, breast groping and naked body scanning U.S. citizens. It is tyranny! We are now the terrorists. This is how Hitler took over Germany and enslaved the people. The TV has been used as a tool by the Devil to create a nation of careless citizens. Most people have become indifferent (Matthew 24:12); but God still cares (1st Peter 5:7; Ecclesiastes 5:8).

Television DESENSITIZES its viewers. Late Night Shows mock and laugh about going to Hell forever. A child CANNOT view thousands of murderers on TV and still maintain a proper respect for life and concern for his fellow citizens. In the past several years, the TV networks have started showing ACTUAL deaths on TV (whether it be in the news or a crime show). This is the new reality TV. This has taken the desensitization process to a whole new level. Never before in American history have people been so complacent about sin, immorality, and death.

Proof of this FACT was the brutal torture and murder of Terri Schiavo. After thirty years of murdering tens-of-millions of children by abortion torture, Americans stooped to a new low in 2005. Now we no longer only murder the unborn, but the disabled as well. Where will this culture of death lead? The television has been an instrument of EVIL since its inception because of the wickedness of the men and women who control it.

**The Man Who Reads Nothing at All is Better Educated Than the Man Who Watches Nothing but TV**

The television is the number one brainwashing tool in America. It's always been amazing to me how the masses of society can be so easily duped. People are in the dark about so many things. For example: Who would think that our own government would force mental-screening upon our children? Who would think that our own government would give away our national parks? Did you ever hear about the deadly Tsunami that hit the Hawaiian Island of Hilo in 1946. A total of 165 people died (159 teachers and students). Did you know that the U.S. government detonated a test nuclear bomb earlier that same day in Alaska? I've spent the past several years digging for the truth, so I can share it with others. Thankfully, I've missed a lot of TV. In fact, I stopped watching TV a long time ago because it has become too evil and agendacized.

It's amazing what you can accomplish if you turn off the hellivision and do something (Proverb 18:1). If you want to learn THE TRUTH, then you're going to have to break away from your TV addiction and start reading, searching the Scripture, listening to alternative news sources on the internet or short-wave, and ask God to open your eyes.

So many Americans are living for their stomach...

“Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”  
—Philippians 3:19

Listen to what the Bible has to say about enjoying the filth on TV...

“And 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; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”  
—Romans 1:28-32

This is exactly what you are doing by watching TV's filth, i.e., having pleasure in watching other people commit adultery, murder, fornication, homosexuality, and every other form of wickedness imaginable. I once heard a professed Christian man say that he believed it was ok to watch violent movies because it was an “escape” from reality. He said it helped relieve his frustrations about society by watching people do the things that he wished he could, but legally couldn't do... like kill someone. That is a heathen attitude to have. No believer who fears God and searches the Scriptures, walking with God, will attempt to justify watching sex and violence on TV. We are to strive with God's help to be holy as God is holy, i.e., morally perfect (1st Peter 1:16).

It is wrong for believers to indulge in violence and sexual immorality committed by other people. It wouldn't be any different than if you invited two strangers into your living room to have sex in front of you. It wouldn't be any different than if you were back in Nazi Germany watching soldiers ruthlessly blowing people's brains out without a second thought for their families or loved ones. Sin used to be SHOCKING, but no longer. Today, sin is so commonplace that we don't even flinch when we hear about death. And sadly, mentally-ill Americans can't seem to get enough death, filth and violence.

People in the inner big cities of America have become so accustomed to seeing people lying on the sidewalks and in street gutters that they just drive by like it's nothing at all. As a result, people in the big city don't even think twice about driving by a person lying on the street or sidewalk. The television is much to blame for all this. We have seen so much death and violence on TV that we are now DESENSITIZED as a society. The average American has no problem watching a person being blown to pieces, being shot to death, or dying in a car wreck. In fact, people love it! Most people just don't care anymore. The mainstream newsmedia are a bunch of manure-spreaders, liars, and home-wreckers. Bad people love bad news. It's that simple.

After while, we get used to the bad news. If we're not careful, we'll become desensitized to the point that we don't care anymore. As Christians, with God's help, we must learn to RISE ABOVE complacency, to CARE. The Apostle Paul said that the Word of God made sin become EXCEEDINGLY SINFUL (Romans 7:13). That's what we need in America today, to get back to the good ole inspired King James Bible.

I would strongly recommend to anyone reading this article that you begin to use your time much more wisely than to watch TV. The biggest idiots that I meet, the one's who don't have a clue what's going on in the real world, are the one's who get all their opinions from the television. Folks, the man who reads nothing at all is more educated than the man who watches nothing but TV. I pity the fool who believes everything he or she sees and hears on TV.

#### Conclusion of the Matter

One of the hallmark character traits of a Christian is sincerely caring. The Word of God helps us to care more. Worldly television and the Bible are diametrically OPPOSED to each other. There is no fellowship between light and darkness, and television is very dark with evil these days. The Word of God SENSITIZES people; whereas the TV DESENSITIZES people. America needs to be sensitive again about morality, about crimes in government, about virtue and decency, about true freedom, about our sovereignty as a nation, about God, about everything. Hence, that is why I made this website by God's grace. I just want to wake people up with THE TRUTH, to reach others for Christ and try to save my country from tyranny takeover by the criminal, Luciferian-worshipping, global elite.

The TV is being used to destroy America spiritually. Now the Devil's putting his smutty little whores on TV. One of the most horrendous and destructive evil's in America today are music videos (basically, three minutes of soft porn). No wonder sexual crimes are running rampant in America. Wicked entertainers such as Jennifer Lopez, Christina Aguilera, Britne

y Spears, Jessica Simpson, and hordes more are helping to further promote America's declining morality through their sensual and lascivious performances. It is a great wickedness in America.

More pornography (hardcore and softcore) oozes out of America than any other nation. Los Angeles is porno city! It is vomit in the sight of God! And yet we hypocritically proclaim "In God we trust." Who do you think you are kidding? Certainly not God (Proverb 24:12). The slogan "In God we Trust" on our money is a big lie, unless of course we mean that the love of money is our god. Katy Perry bought a \$2,700,000 penthouse in New York City. The Devil rewards his own; but Hebrews 9:27 warns that death and judgment are inevitable. Hebrews 10:31 warns that it's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

We may trust in greed or goods; but certainly not in the holy God of the Bible. America has sinned greatly in the sight of God Almighty (abortion, legalized prostitution, gambling, alcohol, government crimes, Hollywood, Las Vegas, Rock music, pornography, et cetera... America is Immoral). Is it nothing to you? Will you simply walk away like the rest with your pompous attitude and stiffnecked pride? Television is truly the AMERICAN IDOL. We are a nation of celebrity worshippers! Selena Gomez and Katy Perry sing the pathetic song, ROCK GOD, which mocks preaching preachers and blasphemes God. The U.S. today has become a Sex-Sicko Society, patterned after San FranSICKO!

Isaiah 2:11, "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day."

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/2/6 6:33**

I wonder if Jesus would have hung out at Matthew's house with all the sinners who were watching the super bowl. I sure hope not.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/2/6 9:10**

Quote:  
----- TMK..I wonder if Jesus would have hung out at Matthew's house with all the sinners who were watching the super bowl. I sure hope not.  
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I don't think so, Jesus was always about his father business. You know this thread really is not even relevant, because I doubt anyone missed the regular services on Sunday. Strange how no one mentioned the fact that maybe, just maybe there are some Christians on the panel that sets the times for the Superbowl, and they may have actually set the time to allow folks to attend their regular services. No, that would not be mentioned, why? that would be good news, most people don't like good news today, but with the hate and division our Governments have created I can understand.

When is the last time you have seen over 10 replies here to an actual good news thread? but lets get one that creates a big stink, were folks are as far apart as the east from the west, it will have 2000 views and almost 100 replies, like this one "Please give one clear scriptural verse for a pretrib resurrection" how many more threads on this subject are we going to have before someone finally wins? because it is really more about winning, right? if not, folks would move on and just agree to disagree. In an actual room setting, debates have a limited time, why? because even those folks know if the debate had an unlimited time table, "like allowed here" it would eventually turn into a riot.

**Re: , on: 2014/2/6 9:45**

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I was wondering the same thing about Matthew.

Matthew 26:40-41 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**"Fundamentalism Versus Apostasy", on: 2014/2/6 11:14**

I think its time to bring back one of Dr. Ian Paisley's finest sermons from 1969.....

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6863>

"I like that word 'against'.

There are things that you and I are against. Yes, we are against them. I am against the pope. You remember that. I am against the World Council of Churches. I am against the National Council of Churches. I am against the great apostate denominations whether they be Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist or called by any other name. I am absolutely and totally against them from the top of my head to my big toe. I am against them, every bit of me against them.

And I want to tell you, brethren, when you go to a little country town to start a church you let people know you are against something.

You let them know you haven't come as a sob voiced sissy to be another pulpit ornament two times on Sunday, that you are not a soft pedaling, fence straddling cream puff pie preacher, that you are a man of God with fire in your belly and you are going to preach the Word with power.

The pulpit, brethren, is a throne and kings sit upon the throne. And every time you get into your pulpit it may be a small, little pulpit in a small little church but, thank God, you are a king and you are going to preach the King's Word, hallelujah! And it does something. It shakes the place. It's the Bible. That's what Luther had. He just had a Bible, but he gave the pope spiritual rickets and the pope has been suffering from them ever since.

Yes.

You have got the Bible, the Word and the Spirit.

So you have the principle.

Ah, but what is the outcome? Do you know what the outcome is? God divided. Separation is always the outcome. That's what heaven...separation. And you have darkness and then you have light. And you have the Spirit of God and you have the Word of God and glory to God you have separation right there in the first chapter of Genesis. And the Bible is all about that. That is what the Bible is all about. "

**Re: "Fundamentalism Versus Apostasy" - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/6 12:05**

Thank you Neil! What a refreshing message in these times of great apostasy! Halleluyah! God will have His triumphant r emnant regardless! Don't lose heart! The Lord will continue to build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

Here's another notable quote from that sermon:

"I had a woman came to me some time ago, she said to me, 'I don't like your church, you're always battling, there's always a scrap, a fight, you're always fighting.' She says, 'In our church, we have perfect peace.' I said, 'Madam I've been in many a graveyard, there's plenty of peace there, the peace of the dead! You can have that. We don't want the peace of the dead."

**Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2014/2/6 19:13**

Apostasy. Sad condition of churches. Just think, most clergy are silent on the issue.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/6 23:42**

imo when churches put football games before God it is a clear sign of apostasy. I saw another video recently of a church in Colorado that had a big screen with the Broncos logo and you see them celebrating the big game at the church. Many churches have become houses of entertainment and idolatry instead of houses of prayer.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/6 23:53**

Another thought came to mind. I would submit that there are quite a few believers that don't like football. I personally know many. Why not accommodate them and keep the regular gathering times in case those believers show up due to not wanting anything to do with football. But I guess that wouldn't work if every single Christian in a particular church is into football.

**Re: David Platt, idolatry and sports - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/2/7 10:19**

Happened to stumble upon this David Platt clip and couldn't resist sharing it here. Hope I'm not being overbearing, will try to back off here after this:

<http://vimeo.com/85159325>