

**convicted - posted by narrowpath, on: 2018/8/30 4:47**

Hiu Guys,

after reading Nigels Keith Green quote, I came under conviction.

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Isaiah 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

God is dealing with me in various areas in my life and I am facing many battles. I became involved in church leadership and preaching and need to focus my attention on Christ and His flock. It is good to have some sort of community here, but SI is not a church. Only the church is Christ's means for true fellowship in Him and with each other.

Jeremiah 48:10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

It is true that this forum helped me a lot, especially the wonderful audio sermons and articles posted here. I have fond memories of meeting some of you and the preachers in person. Some of them are in glory now like Yorrie Richards, Deny Kennaston, Art Katz, and others.

Thanks Greg for doing a great job! Keep my account open, no need to erase it.

One may say, why don't you just leave silently instead of making another splash. Well, my intention is to take a longer break and writing these lines will hold me accountable to it.

The internet and social media is more addictive than drugs and alcohol put together. It is perhaps the biggest paradigm shift in human behaviour and habits we have seen in centuries. It has invaded our lives and controls us to a great degree. It deifies humans and their opinions and kills truth and decency. It is crippling us socially and morally. It gives access to pornography and violence and destroys families.

It cheapens true friendship and relationships. It spreads lies and fear.

The other elder in our church has no internet, no email and no mobile phone, yet he does not miss out on anything.

I see others have been convicted before me and left, and I will do the same.

Please forgive me for any useless, prayerless and heartless words.

God Bless you all and thanks for all the encouragement and inspiration I received here.

Good Bye.

Philip Stellwagen

**Re: convicted - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2018/8/30 6:45**

Quote:  
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Thank you for being honest brother as I agree those heart-attitudes are not healthy to be posting on any forum or blog. I find over the years we see much of self, mingled in with any work of God we do, we are very human and unfortunately this does happen. When God's Holy Spirit brings the search light on an area of our motivations and hidden motives it is always good to "agree" with the Spirit's estimation, then we can grow!

I have seen many believers take breaks from posting, this is wisdom as we are to be self-controlled and give ourselves to being led by God's Spirit. I do see the internet discussion boards as a profitable tool for the consensus of the body of Christ to come together in unity or at least in a way which would not happen in real-life in most situations. We have Lutherans, pentecostals, charismatics, presbyterians, anglicans, baptist, quaker, salvation army, holiness, charismatic Catholics, house church believers, and all other denominations in between, participating together in these forums, calling each other brother and sister. What a wonderful thing that is in itself.

God bless you brother for your contributions though at times with wrong motivations, God is working in your heart, thank you for your confession and agreeing with the Holy Spirit in your heart, you are an example to others!

I look forward to your future posts if God wills.

**Re: convicted - posted by HeartSong, on: 2018/8/31 1:59**

Not really wanting to say "good bye" (the thought made me uncomfortable), I looked it up:

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Origin of goodbye  
First recorded in 1565â€75; contraction of God be with ye  
(dictionary.com)  
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So, God be with ye as well - but, LORD willing, please do come back soon. And do tell your beautiful wife I said hello!

**Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2018/8/31 3:44**

Thanks, sure, we both remember you :)