



“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...” Matthew 28:20

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## FATAL EXPOSURE

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A recent ad in a sport’s magazine encourages the use of liquor. It also says a lot about the product’s influence in the lives of those that imbibe. Much more than is really intended.

We all know that alcohol deadens the ability to distinguish between bad behavior and personal morality. Everyone has a moral standard of some kind. The drug of alcohol, though legal to consume, when consumed, often causes illegal conduct. Why? Simply because it works on the mind’s ability to see the difference between what is right and what is wrong.

One of the great social problems of our day is the failure of the American home. Along with it comes all the associated abuses of the mother and child and the violent crime that results. From where do murders, adulteries, fornication, perverted sexual conduct, and the host of related evils come? They come from the corrupted homes of our nation.

Now note the ad: (a full page ad with only these words) “We all know that the guys who don’t drink with us are the same guys who protest the swimsuit issue.” (Then follows a small picture of a glass of the identified liquor.)

Anyone in his right mind would protest that shameful treatment of women with such pictures. *Who is at fault?* Well, some of the fault lies with those who sell poor judgment in bottles!

## FIRST, WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The *dignity* of the individual is at stake. The *beauty* and moral *purity* of womanhood is at stake. The *honor* and *decency* of manhood is at stake. The *sanctity* of the home is at stake.

Because of these obvious considerations, the welfare of our nation is likewise at stake. And the sociologist, the criminologist, the politician all call for a stronger crime bill! “We need stricter laws on gangs, women abuser, and drugs.”

Women are being abused by the little boys that they failed to teach properly in the home. Little boys grow up to honor all women when they come from homes guided by mothers of honor!

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning...Let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price (1 Peter 3:1-4).

No one can rightly expect good, kind, obedient, little boys to become gentle men when they come from the homes of the swimsuit edition. These beautiful young women have allowed themselves to become “things” in the minds and mores of a sordid society. Their greatest reward is the few filthy dollars and a moment of notoriety! All mankind will eventually pay the price (Romans 6:23)!

The liquor industry is a significant part of the total problem in which our beloved America now finds itself engulfed. When the leaders of our land sit down to attempt a solution, the alcoholic beverage does not contribute to sound thinking. Their minds are soaked in the same substance that gave impetus to the crimes they seek to curb. Yes, we are one of those who *vehemently protest* the swimsuit issue and the liquor ad, too!

## THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY!

This generation seems to have accepted that the loose lives of our society are normal. They portray all men as just naturally over-concerned with sexual activities. They indicate this is their total interest in all social life. It is just not true. But who is saying otherwise? Young people are being misled by the media. When they find out, it is always too late.

We remember stopping at a major gas station and going inside to pay our bill. We noticed the walls decorated with these terribly degrading pictures. The response to my complaint, “You have to spice up things around here someday.”

How about a picture of your mother? Maybe a nice picture of your wife would be appropriate. A picture of your children would cause any customer to appreciate doing business at such a place. There still is decency among the public. All men are not heels.

There is still respect for women among men, real men! The morals of our country are not as low as Hollywood would have us think! Good people are not the cause of crime.

It is true that the large percentage of those who have obtained notoriety among us, those who get the awards, those who are paid huge sums of money to make havoc of all decency and proper conduct are identified with success. But that is not true success. They are a miserable lot. Don't be misled into thinking that those moral degenerates are happy.

We protest the ad, the pictures, and the whole worldly attitude that lies behind the present crisis in our country.

Women, don't give up. The hope for stable families lies with you. Love and respect for you and your place in the destiny of us all, still thrives in the hearts of good men. And more important than even that, you are approved of God!

PREACHING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Much is said about preaching the truth in love, and so it should be preached. But in love of what? The preacher should so love the truth that he will not sacrifice any of it nor pervert it, and he should so love people that he will not withhold from them even an unpleasant truth. He that does either of these things love neither the truth nor the people. We frequently fool ourselves; we think we do thus and so to spare the feelings of others, when it is our own feelings that prompt us. "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke; exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

— R. L. Whiteside

Interesting Quote from the forefathers of the United States:

"All must admit that the reception of the teachings of Christ results in the purest patriotism, in the most scrupulous fidelity to public trust and in the best type of citizenship. Those who manage the affairs of government are by this means reminded that the law of God demands that they should be courageously true to the interests of the people, and that the Ruler of the Universe will require of them a strict account of their stewardship..." – Grover Cleveland, twenty-second and twenty-fourth President of the United States; "The Writings and Speeches of Grover Cleveland" edited by George F. Parker. (Page 90; S.A. Northrop)

Observations and Concerns

November 16, 2022

Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you chose to be with us.

"I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing" (Psalm 101:1).

Expression of Gratitude: We appreciate those who brought food and those who stayed for the Thanksgiving potluck this past Lord's Day. It was certainly enjoyable!

Remember in Prayer:

- Sammy Gray is recovering well after having a defibrillator placed last week.
- Ed Dindy, father of Tia Swearingen, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Bill Dilks is finishing his cancer treatments this week. He has been extremely fatigued and experiencing other difficult side-effects.
- Vance and Darla Smith are currently staying with their daughter, Sandra, in Beggs, Oklahoma.
- Leanna Shafer, wife of John Shafer, is going through treatments for cancer. John is an evangelist in Kearney, Nebraska and friends with several of our members.

We are in need of a volunteer to clean the building in December. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

Schedule of Services	Assignments			
		Wednesday, Nov. 16	Sunday, Nov. 20 AM	Sunday, Nov. 20 PM
Sundays				
Bible Classes. . . 9:30 AM	Announcements	Chuck Northrop	Chris Nelson	Chuck Northrop
Worship . . . . . 10:30 AM	Song Leader	Doyle Jackson	Doyle Jackson	Ross Swearingen
Worship . . . . . 5:00 PM	Prayer	Russ Earl	Chris Nelson	Doyle Jackson
Wednesdays	Lord's Supper (speaker)		Paul Praschnik	Paul Praschnik
Bible Classes. . . 7:00 PM	Lord's Supper		Ross Swearingen	
Website: oologahcofc.org	Lesson	Ross Swearingen	Chuck Northrop	Ron Hass
	Prayer / Door Attendant	Chris Nelson	Ross Swearingen	Chris Nelson