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*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* 2 Timothy 3:16

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## SOME THINGS MOTHERS OUGHT TO SAY

The Mothers of our land have a powerful voice. They marched and obtained the right to vote. They marched and closed up the saloons. I think it high time that Mothers lifted up their voices of protest again.

**First, MOTHERS OUGHT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT TODAY'S FASHIONS IN CLOTHES.** They need to tell designers that their clothes are ugly, uncomfortable, and immodest. Why should a godly woman allow herself to be forced into wearing something she knows isn't right? Why should she allow such things to be forced on her children?

We need more respect and dignity for the human body. Make no mistake about it—the way the body is clothed (or unclothed) betrays a basic concept of life itself.

Mothers need to make their sons clean up, pull off their smelly rags, cut their stringy hair, and become men again instead of symbols of heterosexuality. No wonder there is so much perversion in today's world. And mothers can do something about it if they will!

**Second, OUR MOTHERS OUGHT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC.** It's not just a fad; it is a mania. The beat is sensual and the lyrics are

plain dirty. Singing and music in other forms is a vital part of man's environment. It plays a basic role in the formation of his personality. One great man once said, "Let me write a nation's music and I care not who writes her laws." When the tempo is stimulating and suggestive and the words are more than suggestive, they leave nothing even to the imagination, then we are sowing the wind and must reap the whirl-wind.

Mother, put some of those records on and listen carefully to what they say. Is that what you want fed to that daughter or son of yours? Throw those things in the garbage and lay down the law. Most of the money for this moral filth is supplied by mother and daddy. Cut out the money for it and such people will soon be forced out of business.

Mothers need to write some indignant letters, apply some pressure, make some phone calls. Such things at the right source and in sufficient volume could force a crack-down on this business. Mother, it is up to you!

**Third, MOTHERS NEED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE TREND IN THE CHURCH TODAY.** It must start by mothers getting back to the feet of Jesus. In Luke 10 we have the story of

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## Editorial . . .

### The Spirit of Truth

The Spirit of truth was promised by Jesus Christ. In John 15:26 Jesus said unto the apostles: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." We learn that the Spirit would proceed from the Father. The world could not receive Him. (John 14:16-17). He would testify of Jesus, and He would dwell in the apostles. We further read in John 16:13-14: "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me; for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." Note the following facts: (1) The Spirit would not speak of Himself. (2) He would speak whatsoever He heard. (3) He would guide the apostles into all truth. (4) He would glorify Jesus by receiving of His and showing it to the apostles, and He would show them things to come.

Those who received the Spirit of truth preached the truth. They preached repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. (See Acts 2:38). They preached the sufficiency of God's revelation as revealed in the Scripture to guide us in all spiritual matters. (See 2 Tim. 3:16-17; James 1:25; 2:12; Jude 3).

They preached the one-ness of the Lord's body, the church (See Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:13, 20). They preached the organization of the church consisted of saints with elders (or bishops) and deacons. (See Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 20:17, 28). They preached that the elders are limited in their oversight to the "Flock of God that is among them." (See 1 Pet. 5:1-3). They taught that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim. 3:15). They also preached that the CHURCH is not to be charged with all people, but that it should relieve those for whom it is responsible. (See 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 1 Tim. 5:16). They taught that men should glorify God in the name CHRISTIAN. (See 1 Pet. 4:16). They also contended for unity in Christ, (John 17:20-22; 1 Cor. 1:10), and complete purity in life. (Tit. 2:11-12; 2 Cor. 7:1; James 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:11).

Those who had the Spirit of Christ served God with all humility of mind, (See Acts 20:19) and yet rebuked those in error and disputed with false teachers. (See Acts 19:8-10). They were set for the defense of the gospel, (Phil. 1:17), and exhorted others to earnestly "contend for the faith" which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Their weapons were not carnal, but spiritual and mighty. They would not resort to treachery, mockery, and lying. These are weapons used by the servants of unrighteousness.

Those who had the spirit of truth were obviously willing to have others investigate their doctrine. The Bereans of old "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

Dear reader, do you have the spirit of truth or the spirit of error? John said: "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:6) If you hear God's Word and obey it from the heart, you have the spirit of truth. (CRS)

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Mary choosing the good part while Martha was more interested in other things. The "Marthas" are filling the Church today. And with them comes "the new morality." There is too little spirituality among many of today's mothers in the church. They are too interested in money and material things. As a result many have no time for their children. They are often slaves of the fashion world and thus are a means of encouraging the things we have condemned.

When mothers get back to the feet of Jesus, study his word, pray, keep the home, and rear the children, things will be different. But not until then. The parties and plays and "socials" that have become "THE thing" in the Church today are the product of the "Marthas."

**Fourth, MOTHERS OUGHT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN THAT WILL BRING DIGNITY AND MEANING.** Names with real meaning like those found in God's Word are a thing of the past. Far too many children are named for some star of stage or screen. How could a godly woman idolize a prostitute? How could a Christian woman name her baby after some "spectacular success" that has just discarded her fifth husband? Mother, throw away that cheap magazine, turn off that immoral T.V. program and get back to the Word of God. Teach that boy and girl about God's image which they bear, about the worth, dignity, and responsibility of life, about their eternal destiny.

Make no mistake about it. Mothers have a powerful voice. They are speaking up and they are being heard — either for good or evil. Mother, speak up for righteousness.

—The above article was written by Bro. Don McWhorter and appeared in TRUTH, July 23, 1967.

# WHAT DETERMINES RIGHT?

**NOT REASON.** "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:21). "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:9).

**NOT CONSCIENCE.** "Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day." (Acts 23:1). (Said by Paul, even though he had persecuted Christians.)

**NOT CUSTOM NOR TRADITION.** "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?" (Matt. 15:3). "Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Col. 2:8).

**NOT "AUTHORITIES."** "And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your RULERS". (Acts 3:17).

**NOT THE MAJORITY OR THE MASSES.** "Enter ye in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby." (Matt. 7:13).

**BUT RATHER THE WORD OF GOD.** It is reasonable, will make the conscience good, is God's "tradition," authoritative and intended for all.

—Bill Crews in DeQueen Blvd. Bulletin.

# **WARN THEM OF DANGER**

I have some very dear friends who are admirable people, but they seem to be so kind and loving they would rather allow other friends to die and go to perdition than to tell them of their faults here and now, and perhaps save them eternally. If we saw someone about to walk over a precipice or into the path of evident danger to his body, we would take even the most drastic means to warn him or drag him out of danger. But he may be going headlong to perdition, and we are afraid to speak for fear we will "hurt his feelings."

It is a wonderful blessing that God does not have that sort of concern for us. He warns regardless of whether we like it or not. "Am I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"

—F. B. Shepherd in "REMINDER"

## **HARD TO FIND**

An old preacher once said he wished he knew what kind of fruit Eve ate to make her realize she didn't have any clothes on; he'd like to pass it around again.

—Gene Warman in LINCOLN ST. BULLETIN.

## **Sentence Sermons**

Instead of making life "easy" for our children, we should make them "rugged" for life.

No one can be taught wrong and baptized right; no one can be baptized wrong and worship right; no one can live wrong and die right.

The Bible is the inspired history of how God dealt with man in ages past, and the divine rule for the faith and practice of man in the present age.

## **BRO. E. C. GILBERT, JR.**

It is certainly encouraging to me, as well as a host of other faithful brethren, to learn of the STAND that Bro. Gilbert has recently taken against the unscriptural practice of churches building and maintaining benevolent societies such as Childhaven, etc., and the "sponsoring church" concept of cooperation such as is involved in the "Herald of Truth". He has taken a STAND for the scriptural concept of church cooperation and the sufficiency of the church as God has ordained it that it may accomplish its work. Bro. Gilbert has been preaching for a number of years and working with brethren who promote "institutionalism." For past two years he worked with the Semmes and Elm Street Church in Osceola, Arkansas as evangelist. On August 6, 1967 he preached a sermon there showing the error of "institutionalism." He was immediately "FIRED." We rejoice to learn of Bro. Gilbert's STAND for the truth and heartily commend him for his love and concern for the truth and sufficient courage to obey God! He is presently working with the Central Church in Charlotte, Tenn. We pray God's richest blessings to be upon him and his.

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