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**ATTENTION CHRISTIANS:** Are you tired of the corrupting influences of our modern world? Tired of sex, violence, greed, materialism, and Christian values being trashed? Then YOU need to do something about it!

## **REJECT THE EVIL THINGS OF THIS WORLD!**

Christians can't complain about the disgusting things on television if we watch these shows ourselves. We can't complain about sex, violence, and God's name used in vain in movies if we pay to see them and then just ignore these sins as we sit in the theaters. Is it any wonder that Christian values are being ridiculed and ignored when the 80% of Americans that call themselves Christians stand by and let it happen?

Are we afraid of being ridiculed ourselves? Do we accept these things in order to fit in? If so,

then we are ignoring what the Bible tells us!

**But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God.**

-- 1 Peter 4:16-17

**Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's. The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.**

-- 1 John 2:15-17

**If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the**

**world, since I chose you out of the world,  
therefore the world hates you.**

-- John 15:19

**This is how we know that we know him: if  
we keep his commandments. One who says,  
“I know him” and doesn't keep his  
commandments, is a liar, and the truth isn't  
in him.**

-- 1 John 2:3-4

**Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ  
Jesus will suffer persecution.**

-- 2 Timothy 3:12

**They profess that they know God, but by  
their works they deny him, being  
abominable, disobedient, and unfit for any  
good work.**

-- Titus 1:16

**You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

-- James 4:4

**Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.**

-- Matthew 10:32-33

We can change what we see on television, in the movies, magazines, books, and the way our culture behaves if we stop supporting evil with the money God gave us and with our own behavior.

Christians need to live the way we say the Bible tells us to. Otherwise, we *are* the hypocrites that everyone accuses us of being. **And our hypocrisy can keep other people from wanting to find out about Jesus.**

This is not about changing the behavior of unbelievers. This is about changing the behavior of Christians who have embraced the wicked things of this world.

**Reject these things and live the way God has commanded us to live:**

***Television, Movies, Video Games, Music, Magazines, Books, Web Sites, Pop Culture***

- Reject sex, graphic violence, and blasphemy in all media.
- When you're watching a T.V. show that uses God's name in vain (“Oh my 'G'-'o'-'d’”), turn the channel. Don't support these things.
- Don't drink to drunkenness or use drugs or narcotics. Getting intoxicated with chemicals is the same as drunkenness.

**Flee sexual immorality! “Every sin that a man does is outside the body,” but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his**

**own body. Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

**-- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

**Or don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortioners, will inherit the Kingdom of God. Such were some of you, but you were washed. But you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God.**

**-- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

**But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Turn away from these, also.**

-- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

**You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

-- Exodus 20:7

**Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger,**

**rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**

-- Galatians 5:19-21

**For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries. They think it is strange that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot, blaspheming: who will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.**

-- 1 Peter 4:3-5

**but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

-- Matthew 5:28

## ***Materialism, Greed, Money***

- Don't buy things you don't need. Don't buy things to show others how much money you have.
- Share the material blessing that God has given you with others.
- Give to the poor; buy blankets, socks, jackets, and food for those in need.
- Don't put money and career above God or your family.

**But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of compassion against him, how does the love of God remain in him? My little children, let's not love in word only, neither with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.**

-- 1 John 3:17-18

**doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others**

**better than himself; 2:4 each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.**

**-- Philippians 2:3-4**

**But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can't carry anything out. But having food and clothing, we will be content with that. But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

**-- 1 Timothy 6:6-10**

**Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches,**

**but on the living God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life.**

-- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

**Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, “I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you.” So that with good courage we say,**

**“The Lord is my helper. I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?”**

-- Hebrew 13:5-6

## ***Selfishness, Self-Centered, Boastfulness, Arrogance***

- Think of others before yourself.
- Think of how your behavior will affect others rather than just doing what pleases you.
- Don't boast or draw attention to yourself. Every good thing comes from God, not from our own abilities.

**Let no one seek his own, but each one his neighbor's good.**

-- 1 Corinthians 10:24

**Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;**

-- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

**As it is written,**

**“There is no one righteous;  
no, not one.**

**There is no one who understands.  
There is no one who seeks after God.**

**They have all turned aside.  
They have together become unprofitable.**

**There is no one who does good,  
no, not, so much as one.”**

**-- Romans 3:10-12**

**He died for all, that those who live should no  
longer live to themselves, but to him who for  
their sakes died and rose again.**

**-- 2 Corinthians 5:15**

**But “he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord.” For it isn’t he who commends himself who is approved, but whom the Lord commends.**

-- 2 Corinthians 10:17-18

**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

-- James 4:10

## ***Foul Language, Dirty Jokes, Criticism, Gossip, Lying***

- Don't use foul language, it reveals what's in your heart.
- Don't tell or listen to dirty jokes; walk away when others are telling them.
- Don't criticize or gossip about others.

**Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear.**

-- Ephesians 4:29

**But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned among you, as becomes saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather giving of thanks.**

-- Ephesians 5:3-4

**Do all things without murmurings and disputes, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world,**  
-- Philippians 2:14-15

**Don't lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his doings,**  
-- Colossians 3:9

**For I am afraid that by any means, when I come, I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you don't desire; that by any means there would be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud thoughts, riots;**  
-- 2 Corinthians 12:20

**So the tongue is also a little member, and boasts great things. See how a small fire can spread to a large forest! And the tongue is a fire. The world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of animal, bird, creeping thing, and thing in the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by mankind. But nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God. Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send out from the same opening fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, yield olives, or a vine figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water.**

-- James 3:5-12

**But the things which proceed out of the mouth come out of the heart, and they defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, and blasphemies.**

-- Matthew 15:18-19

## ***Anger, Hatred, Grudges, Unforgiveness, Divorce***

- Jesus says that anyone who hates has committed murder in his heart.
- If you have a conflict with someone, settle before the day ends.
- Forgive others the way God has forgiven us. Jesus said if we don't forgive others, then we will not be forgiven.
- Do not divorce for irreconcilable differences.

**“Be angry, and don’t sin.” Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath,**

-- Ephesians 4:26

**but now you also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and shameful speaking out of your mouth.**

-- Colossians 3:8

**But refuse foolish and ignorant questionings, knowing that they generate strife. The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but be gentle towards all, able to teach, patient, in gentleness correcting those who oppose him: perhaps God may give them repentance leading to a full knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves out of the devil's snare, having been taken captive by him to his will.**

-- 2 Timothy 2:23-26

**Don't speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother and judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. Only one is the lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge another?**

-- James 4:11-12

**Brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.**

-- James 5:19-20

**He answered, “Haven’t you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall join to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh?’ So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, don’t let man tear apart.”**

**They asked him, “Why then did Moses command us to give her a bill of divorce, and divorce her?”**

**He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it**

**has not been so. I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.”**

-- Matthew 19:4-9

**But to the married I command—not I, but the Lord—that the wife not leave her husband (but if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband not leave his wife.**

-- 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

**Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions.**

-- Mark 11:25-26

**For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

-- Matthew 6:14-15

**You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, 'You shall not murder;' and 'Whoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment.' But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council; and whoever shall say, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fire of Gehenna.**

**If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother**

**has anything against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison. Most certainly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there, until you have paid the last penny.**

-- Matthew 5:21-26

## ***Secularism, Anti-Christian Values, Religious Freedom Violations***

- Don't let Christian values be undermined.
- Don't let governments, schools, or employers take away your right to talk about God.
- Don't let your children be indoctrinated into the moral relativism of our culture.

**Don't be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals."**

-- 1 Corinthians 15:33

**Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What agreement has Christ with Belial? Or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever? What agreement has a temple of God with idols? For you are a temple of**

**the living God. Even as God said, “I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”  
Therefore**

**“‘Come out from among them, and be separate,’ says the Lord.**

**‘Touch no unclean thing.  
I will receive you.**

**I will be to you a Father.  
You will be to me sons and daughters,’**

**says the Lord Almighty.”  
-- 2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

**Be careful that you don’t let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elements of the world, and not after Christ.  
-- Colossians 2:8**

**For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Therefore don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the Good News according to the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News.**  
-- 2 Timothy 1:7-10

**preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the**

**truth, and turn aside to fables. But you be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.**

**-- 2 Timothy 4:2-5**

**Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**-- 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: “that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”**

**You fathers, don’t provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and**

**instruction of the Lord.**

-- Ephesians 6:1-4

**Go, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching  
them to observe all things that I commanded  
you. Behold, I am with you always, even to  
the end of the age. Amen.**

-- Matthew 28:19-20

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