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Prov. 29:2

*"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galations 5:1*

## NEWS LETTER

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### Can I Help You? by Bro. Donnie Burford

I may not be able to help Everyone today, but hopefully I can help Someone, maybe even you! (I hope so!) Being a Blessing to Someone will always cause You to feel blessed!

**Proverbs 12:25;** *"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad."*

**Romans 14:19;** *"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."*

**1Thessalonians 5:11;** *"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."*

**Ephesians 4:29;** *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*

**Hebrews 10:24;** *"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:"*

**Romans 15:4;** *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

**Thessalonians 4:16-18;** *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words"*

**Colossians 3:16-17;** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."*

*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*



*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

*Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*



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### Theme Bible verses:

*Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."*

- Proverbs 16:19

The goal of this issue was to focus on the virtue of humility and it's necessity to good government. In the putting together of this issue however it became quite evident that it's counterpart, pride, must also be discussed. We've touched on this quite a bit in our last issue and on the podcast as we looked at Nationalism, Icons and Idolatry, it came up over and over again that trusting in anything or putting anything before God was idolatry and the root cause was often pride. It is only fitting then that this issue we point out the destructive power of pride as well as the priceless balm humility is. Do not boast in your youth, athleticism, education, or even religious piety.

## Sermon: "Pride"

by Bro. John Fry



The text for our sermon today comes from Proverbs 6.

*Pro 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:*

*Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

*Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,*

*Pro 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

We have at times visited these verses as we have looked at these sins from time to time, but what I would like to do is to bring a series out of these verses over the next few weeks. What will be different in this series though compared to maybe ways that we have looked at these in times past is that we aren't necessarily going to focus just on spelling out what the sin is and how it can be found in our lives.

We will consider the sin, no doubt, but the focus is going to be about Christ. You see the scripture here says that these things are an abomination to God. That is they are utterly despicable to him.

Now there are some things on this list that we might put there like the one who runs off to shed innocent blood. We might even put that one as number one right? Likewise there are some things on this list that ought to make us squirm a little bit. We might not be guilty of murder, but I venture to say there are some things on this list that we might indeed be found guilty of nonetheless.

This then should indeed bring us to remember that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. It ought to cause us to remember that the penalty for sin is death. It ought to remind us that in and of ourselves there is nothing we can do to pull ourselves out of our helpless estate. But then we are reminded that God provided himself to be a remedy for our sin. He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him might be saved from their sins and have the gift of eternal life.

We are then also reminded that when Jesus came to this earth had

he one sin in his life then he himself would not be able to stand in our place. We could not put on his righteousness because if he had had just one sin he would have been just as worthy of death and destruction as the rest of us.

But when he came he came as a spotless lamb. One without sin. One in whom was found no guile.

So as we look to the life of Christ and we look at these sins then it only stands to reason that not only would we find him not guilty of these things, but we would also find just the opposite.

I say these things because we are indeed to be followers of Christ are we not? Several times in scripture Christ exalts us to follow after him and the closer we are able to do these things, the more we are able to keep ourselves from these sins and unspotted from the world.

So today I would like to look at the subject of pride. Again as you look at the list you might have arranged them a little different, but Solomon under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit listed pride first. I think there is good reason for that.

You see it is pride that was indeed the first sin and here I'm not talking about Adam and Eve. The first sin predates their sin. You see the first sin goes all the way back to heaven itself.

Turn with me to the book of Isaiah,

*Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

*Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

*Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

We have here an allusion to the fall of Satan, Lucifer, the Devil, or whatever you like to call him. When God created Lucifer he created him with great power and glory. His beauty and position was seemingly second to none in the ranks of the angels. However in his heart sin crept in. The sin of pride. He began to see how great he was compared to the others. The creation began to think he was greater than the creator. He thought I can be better than you. I am better than you. That is pride.

It is no wonder that when Satan tempts man that it is often with pride. Temptation takes on three forms, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Satan tempted Eve with the pride of life when he promised her that if she ate she would be like God.

Satan hasn't had to change his tactics because we are often so quick to fail. Jesus so too when he came to this earth was

tempted just as we are tempted. He too was tempted by Satan with pride there in the wilderness, but of course he did not fail the task.

So today what I would like to do is just look at some of the things man often is prideful over and we will see how Jesus was just the opposite. Let his example truly be an example to us as well this day.

**First of all let's consider the pride of birthright.** Seems like birth is a good place to start. You know sometimes people are just born so to say with a silver spoon in their mouth. People of wealth often have a certain pride about their family whether it be their family's money, station in society or both.

I suppose one doesn't even have to be born rich to have that same kind of family pride. Sons and grandsons often ride on the prestige of a father or grandfather that maybe was an elected official or someone that just was notable in building up a town. You all know exactly what I mean in all of these things. Most of us here certainly wouldn't qualify for having a notable birth. None of us here had famous parents. But we've all seen the pride and the sense of entitlement that often accompanies people who are born into this station in life.

Consider Jesus though for just a moment. If there is anyone that could have been full of pride it really would be Jesus. He is God in the flesh. You can't be any greater than God. There is just no way around it.

When Christ came to this earth though he was anything but prideful though. Think of this. None of us here chose our parents. None of us chose what our children would turn out to be. God knows all about us though. Knew who has the most money. Knows who is best able to provide for a child. Christ could have chosen to be born into the household of Herod. Even the Roman emperor if he chose. Could have been born in the house of the high priest. He could have had a birth right that would have been something to really brag about.

But that wasn't our Christ. He didn't have a birthright that was worthy of great pride. In fact where was Jesus born? He was born in a manger right? In case you didn't know, that is a place where animals are fed in the barn. A manger was the first bed that he ever slept in.

Once Jesus began his ministry he came to his own hometown to preach the kingdom of God. Look with me in Matthew 13.

*Mat 13:54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?*

*Mat 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon,*

*and Judas? Mat 13:56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?*

*Mat 13:57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.*

The people of Jesus' own hometown rejected him because they knew his father and they knew his mother. Listen these people even knew that he was in the lineage of David, but David had a lot of family and that was long ago. Right now all that mattered was that he was born to a poor carpenter and his wife. Certainly nothing to be prideful over.

The truth of the matter is that none of us here should ever fill prideful of what family we were born into or how much family wealth we have. It was God who formed you and molded you in your mother's womb. It was God that gave you your parents. If you were born into a family of wealth or prestige it is only because that is where God saw fit for you to be. Since you had no control over the situation there really is nothing then to be prideful over in the first place is there?

**Secondly** and a little along the same lines as the first. **Consider his respectability.** You know there are some places when people tell you they are from you immediately think lower of that person or at least with some caution. I'm from Wayne so I hope I can say this without offending anyone here, but you know if you mention Wayne to somebody from Huntington or maybe even South Point they automatically start having the connotations that people from Wayne are redneck hillbilly's that don't know much at all. The people in Wayne think the same thing about those who are thirty minutes south of them.

Likewise, when someone says they are from Beverly Hills, CA you might get a certain first opinion of them. Same might be true if someone said they were from the Hamptons. You see where you are from often gains certain respect and some people tend to have a sense of pride about such things.

You know Christ when he came to this earth spent most of his years growing up not in Jerusalem where the religious elite lived. Instead he lived in one of those areas that we might even think of today as the wrong side of the tracks.

Listen to the response that came off the lips of one who wasn't yet a believer when his friends approached to him about finding the Messiah. We are going to read in John 1 for this one.

*Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

*Joh 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

That is the kind of thing people thought when they thought of Jesus of Nazareth. There was no room for any pride on where he was from.

Likewise again, we ought not take pride over being from one place or another. Again we had no choice over the matter whether we were born in the USA or Nigeria. God placed us here and he placed us where we were from for a purpose and that purpose had nothing to do with being prideful over something we had no control over in the first place.

We also need to be careful of over generalizing an area as well don't we? When we look at an area and say well the people that live there are uneducated, drug dealers, thieves and that kind of stuff we are forgetting that God has children all over and they are just as much a child of the king as anyone else and just as worthy of love and respect.

**Thirdly how about the pride of our looks?** You ever know someone that was good looking and knew it? I can remember a guy that was a few years ahead of me in school and he was tall, built well, looked great and he walked around with his chest stuck out so far you had to notice him. He was stuck on himself like crazy. And it seems like for every Ken out there they are looking for nothing less than a Barbie right? It's all about the looks.

It's so sad too because people change don't they. You get older and things don't quite look as good as they used to. For guys hair gets thinner. Women tend to get a little sag in the neck and what do people do more commonly than ever before now? They head to the plastic surgeon to make themselves look younger or change features that they weren't ever happy with. Some people go through surgery after surgery.

You know Jesus when he came we never read the crowds flocked to him for his looks do we? They came for lots of reasons, but never do we read they came for that.

In fact what do we read about Jesus in the book of Isaiah 53 which is prophetically looking to Christ? *Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

As I read this verse it tells me that when it came to looks there was nothing special about Jesus. Nothing to be prideful over and the truth is we shouldn't be prideful over such things.

As we mentioned earlier it is God that forms and molds. He makes some tall and some short. Some with crooked noses and some with a perfect slope. Some with big ears and some with small, but in the end God made them all. Fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Fourthly, another thing that people often become proud of is education.** We all want our children to get the best of educations. There is nothing wrong with that, but there are some who take that far beyond the norm. For the wealthy prep schools are usually the vogue leading to an education in an Ivy League School.

Young people that aren't from wealthy families often still do everything they can to gain them a seat in the most prestigious of schools all so they can say I got my degree from MIT or Harvard.

You know there are nothing wrong with schools that have good reputations as long as one doesn't begin look down on everyone else because of they didn't get their degree from one place or another or maybe didn't get a degree at all.

People prideful over their education look way down their noses over people that didn't get a degree at all.

You know in the days of Christ, there weren't schools like we have today, but education was highly valued and came at a great price. We learn in scripture of Paul when he was still known as Saul that he grew up being wealthily educated at the feet of prominent teachers of the day.

Jesus grew up in Nazareth though right? There weren't any well known teachers there were there? The fact is Jesus didn't have the education that many might have had in his day and what many would have taken pride in.

In fact I'm reminded that despite his lack of education, people were surprised at his knowledge. We get the first glimpse of that when he debated with the teachers in the temple when he was 12 years of age. But I'm also reminded of another time in the book of John where we read, *Joh 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. Joh 7:15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*

Truth is Jesus knew all the letters of every language. He was God. He knew it all. But he never held out his intellect as something to be prideful over and nor should we.

You can have a lot of degrees and still be a foolish man can't you? You can be highly educated and never go anywhere in life. Listen if you are around me long enough you will come to know rather quickly I value education. But education and intellect perceived or real is nothing to be prideful over.

The sad fact is it seems the more educated people are the less they believe in God altogether. So get an education, but don't be prideful over it and never forget the God that gave you the ability in the first place.

**Fifthly** this day, I want to consider **the pride of success**. You all know real quick what this one is all about and I'm sure you all have met people just like this that are so proud over all they have accomplished in business and all the things that they have bought.

I remember one time being invited to llama farm and this guy was excited to show us his house and barn for his llamas. He had a spiral staircase in his barn. Air conditioned and heated for those llamas. He wanted to tell us how he had made it big in the trucking business. I have to tell you it was neat to see something like that. But the man was just prideful over his success.

In scripture we have a good example of pride over success in the example of a man by the name of Nebuchadnezer. God had warned him and yet he became prideful over all the things he had done and God struck him down for it.

God doesn't strike everyone down a notch that are prideful over their success, but God is still not pleased with our response when we forget who gives and who takes away.

**Consider Jesus for a moment.** We often think about all those that came out to see him, but in the end there were just a few who stayed faithful to the end. Some might say that he was unsuccessful in many ways concerning his ministry.

The bible though says, Joh 1:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

How successful was he? Completely! Everything he set out to do is exactly what he accomplished. Successful, but not prideful at all.

We too need to be of the same way. When we start thinking like Nebuchadnezzar of all that we have done, we stand on the dangerous sinking sand of pride and ready to be consumed.

Lastly, let's consider the pride of ability. You know people often become prideful over talents they have. For some it might be singing, playing, teaching. Maybe it's art or carpentry. Could be many things.

This is something you even see unfortunately Christians become prideful over as well. Sometimes they see the church as a stage for their own performance and it's not to give God glory. It's all about elevating oneself. I'm not trying to say by the way I think anyone here is guilty of that. Heaven knows I would love to see more people take part singing, playing however God has blessed.

Jesus as God had the ability to everything didn't he? Is there anything that was too big for him? The answer of course is no. But in all things that he did, where did he put the glory? It was never on himself.

All things he did was to give glory to the Father above.

Use the talents that God has given you, but don't become prideful over them. Instead let's be like Christ and magnify the Lord through them.

Brothers and Sisters pride is something that has no place in the life of Christian. It's at the top of God's do not do list.

I'm afraid too often though we let it slip into our lives and I'm afraid the Spirit of pride can creep into our churches as well. When we start holding ourselves out to be better than everyone else. More learned, more spiritual, better credentials than we too have become prideful. What is sin for the individual is sin for a church as well.

And as we end today I will remind you of another verse in the word of God. Pro 16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

God help us not to be a prideful people or a prideful church.



# NEWS

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## **The Kim Davis Saga, Religious Freedom, & Ethics of Civil Servants**

### **[“SCOTUS: Kentucky Clerk Must Issue Same Sex Marriage Licenses Despite Religious Beliefs”](#)**

By Rachel Blevins, September 1<sup>st</sup> for Truth In Media

“The United States Supreme Court ruled on Monday that a Kentucky county clerk must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The decision followed her request for an emergency order against issuing such licenses, stating that it violated her religious beliefs.

Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis stopped issuing marriage licenses altogether after the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states in June. Two gay couples and two straight couples filed a lawsuit against Davis, challenging her policy.” [Full News story here](#)

### **[“The Complicated Kim Davis Case”](#)**

By Rod Dreher, September 3rd, The American Conservative

“I have some questions for both sides in the case of Kim Davis, the Kentucky county clerk refusing to issue marriage licenses because licensing same-sex couples would violate her religious beliefs. For the record, I agree with the moral and religious stance Davis, a registered Democrat, is taking, but believe that as an officer of the state charged with upholding the law, she ought to resign her position if she cannot fulfill her duties.

But the case is more complicated than partisans on both sides seem to think. Here are a few questions it raises.” Read all of his [7 questions here](#)

### **[“North Carolina Magistrates Refuse Same-sex “Marriages””](#)**

by Warren Mass, September 11<sup>th</sup> for The New American

“WLOS reported that there are 32 magistrates across North Carolina who have taken advantage of the new law to recuse themselves from performing all marriages.

The law, which was passed by both houses of the state legislature over Governor Pat McCrory’s veto, requires the chief District Court judge in the region to make provisions for substitute magistrates to preside over marriages if no magistrates are available because of recusals. If the judge deems it necessary to accomplish this objective, he or she can assign magistrates from other counties within the geographic region. In this case, magistrates from neighboring Rutherford County come to Pool’s office three afternoons a week to perform marriages.

North Carolina is not the only state where legal protections exist to protect the religious convictions of those whose refuse to perform same-sex “marriage” because it violates their beliefs. Such protections were deemed necessary after the Supreme Court’s June 26 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which struck down state laws affirming marriage as being only between one man and one woman.”

And, “The county official who received the greatest national attention for refusing to perform same-sex marriage after *Obergefell v. Hodges* was Rowan County, Kentucky clerk Kim Davis, who stopped issuing all marriage licenses after the decision was handed down. This led two homosexual and two heterosexual couples to sue her, and U.S. District Judge David Bunning then ordered Davis to issue the licenses.” [Read this story here](#)

### **[“Kim Davis Case A Religious Liberty Loser”](#)**

By Rod Dreher September 11th, The American Conservative

“To summarize: most Americans believe religious liberty is at risk in America today, but they do not believe that as an elected official, Kim Davis has a plausible religious liberty claim in this case. They believe the judge was right to send her to jail, and believe that she ought to resign.” [Read his full argument here](#)

### **[“Kim Davis Shows Why County Clerks Should Not Be Involved in Approving Marriages”](#)**

By Barry Donegan , September 11th, Truth In Media

“Earlier this year, Truth in Media [reported](#) on an Alabama bill that, if it had passed, would have abolished marriage licensing in the state and replaced the system with a contract process. The purpose behind the bill was to remove probate judges (who have a role in approving Alabama marriages similar to that of Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis in Kentucky) from the marriage licensing business in advance of what was expected to be a Supreme Court decision that would legalize same-sex marriage nationwide.” [Full opinion piece here](#)

### **[“Nuance from Surprising Corners in GOP Undercard Debate re: Kentucky Clerk Fiasco”](#)**

by Stephanie Slade, September 16<sup>th</sup> for Reason

“What Pataki and even Graham seemed to get (that Jindal and Santorum didn't) is that Davis isn't just a private citizen—and she certainly isn't a businessowner. Individuals have the right to religious expression, to include deciding whom to employ and with whom to do business (a tenet the American left would do well to show more respect for, I might add). But government employees cannot violate the law, denying Americans their constitutionally protected rights while they're at it, and expect not to face serious consequences. As [I discussed in some detail](#) shortly before she was held in contempt of court and sent to jail, there is no right to draw a paycheck for a job you're actively refusing to do.”

### **“Christians Need Not Apply”**

by Selwyn Duke, October 5<sup>th</sup> The New American

“But a change has been afoot in America. It has been happening quickly, so quickly that few people, even most astute culture warriors, fully appreciate what's occurring. It has been hard not to hear of Kim Davis, the Rowan County, Kentucky, clerk jailed for contempt of court after refusing an order to issue “marriage” licenses to same-sex couples. She has been cheered by the Right and chided by the Left, portrayed as both a Christian hero and an oath-breaking zero. And not surprisingly, most of the debate has centered on the legality of her stance. Davis is, of course, defying a court order. But while U.S. District Judge David Bunning, who sent the clerk to prison, has said, “Oaths mean things,” what of the Supreme Court justices who, in issuing the unconstitutional *Obergefell v. Hodges* faux-marriage ruling, clearly violated their oath to uphold the Constitution? Should one submit to a rule of lawyers contrary to the rule of law? Of course, Davis is also defying Kentucky governor Steve Be-shear, who has ordered state clerks to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. And states do have wide-ranging powers under the Constitution. Yet even a governor doesn't have the legitimate power to violate his state's constitution. As to this, the American Family Association's Bryan Fischer recently wrote in “Clerk the Only One Obeying the Law” that the courts have no constitutionally granted power to strike down law and then pointed out:” [Read it here](#)

## **Umpqua Oregon Shooting & the Gun Debate**

### **“Umpqua Shooting: More Blood on Media Hands (copycat effect)”**

Dean Weingarten October 2<sup>nd</sup>, published at Ammoland

“The media knows that the more attention that they pay to mass killing perpetrators, the more incentive they create for mass

killings. The effect is known as the “[Copycat Effect](#)”. It is a well known and researched phenomena. Endless promotion of these tragic events and the publicity given to the perpetrators is far more of a causal factor than the Second Amendment.

CBS news relates the latest evidence that media coverage of his name and face was one of the primary motivations for the Umpqua shooter.”

He further writes:

“The media cynically benefits from coverage of these events. [The media benefit from ratings and from politicization of the event](#). The old media use these events to further their agenda to impose severe restrictions on gun ownership and use. The restrictions called for often have no relationship to the mass killings committed.” [Read this whole article at Ammoland](#)

### **“Nevada GOP Legislator Calls for Study on Links Between Pharmaceuticals, Mass Killers”**

By Barry Donegan October 5<sup>th</sup> for Truth In Media

“Following recent media reports of high-profile mass shootings, a Republican assemblywoman from Nevada is calling for an investigation into whether pharmaceutical psychiatric medications commonly taken by mass murderers can cause side effects that may contribute to their mental health decline.

According to KSNV Las Vegas, GOP Assemblywoman Michele Fiore [says](#) that, rather than blaming mass shootings on the guns used by the perpetrators, studies should be done on the drugs that many of them have a history of having taken to treat mental health disorders.” [Read it here](#)

### **“The Cultural Incentives of Mass Murder”**

By Patrick J. Buchanan October 9<sup>th</sup>, published at The American Conservative

“Prediction: We are going to have more of these massacres.

Why? Because we rewarded Harper-Mercer for his barbarity in the currency he craved, the only currency he cared about: fame and immortality in this world. Before Oct. 1, Harper-Mercer was a nobody, a loser, a recluse with no girlfriend. For a brief time, this nobody has become as notorious as John Dillinger and Jesse James.

The lesson of Roseburg? If you are sick of life and hate the world, you can end it in a way that makes that world take notice of who you were. If you are willing to shoot a dozen unarmed people, and die in a blaze of gunfire, TV will interrupt its broadcasting to report on who you are, what you did, and to read on-air selections from your fiery final manifesto.

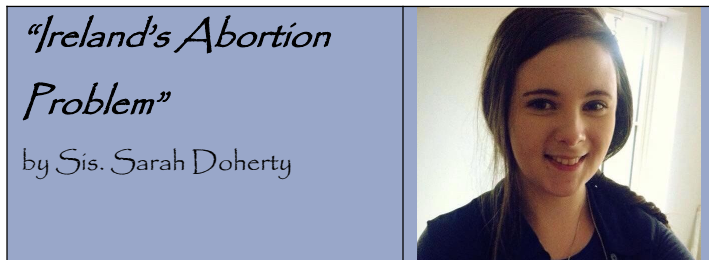
The Charleston killer Dylan Roof had photos of himself waving the Battle Flag shown to all of America. The Roanoke killer took cellphone photos while shooting the woman reporter.” [Whole article here](#)

### [“Link Between State Gun Laws and Fatal Shootings Not as Simple as It Seems”](#)

Thomas A. Firey | October 11<sup>th</sup> Published by Reason

“America has resumed its [long-running debate](#) on gun control, following the terrible attack at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, last week and two more shootings Friday, at Northern Arizona University and Texas Southern University. This time around, perhaps nothing has gotten more play than [this table](#) from [a short column](#) by *National Journal* graphic artist Libby Isenstein. The chart ranks the states by their rate of "gun-related deaths" and notes whether each state has gun-restricting laws like background checks and waiting periods, or laws that expand gun accessibility and use, like concealed-carry and stand-your-ground rights. The chart’s implication is clear: the more gun restrictions, the fewer horrible crimes.

Isenstein’s chart has since been posted on countless blogs, Twitter feeds, and Facebook pages, with the subtext (and often the explicit text) that if troglodyte gun-rights supporters could appreciate simple statistics, they’d stop impeding common-sense gun controls that would deter terrible crimes like the one in Roseburg.” [Read it here!](#)



This is something that has been on my heart for a long time now. For the past few months women from all around Ireland have been fighting FOR Abortion. It is legal here ( it is currently regulated by the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act 2013). And by that I mean that in a case of an medical emergency or that the mother is in danger, an abortion can be legally carried out. Now both Government and most women want the law to be changed so that any girl or woman can have an abortion, whether or not there is a medical emergency at hand.  
[As of 2010, the abortion rate (in Ireland) was 4.5 abortions per 1000 women aged 15–44 years.]

I am hearing lines like...."It's my body and I can do what I want"... "I have that right", "My body, my choice"...left, right and center. But what about the rights of that child?

My heart just breaks every time I think about it, and I'm tired of doctors tell women, "Don't worry it just a fetus not a living person". Many believe this. So an abortion, to them, is no big deal....because they just don't understand it.

So let's take a look at this gruesome truth....  
'Since early times, pagan people have devised methods to kill an unwanted child as her or she is developing in the mother's womb. With the coming of Christianity and its teaching of love, mercy, and the sanctity of human life, these methods were publicly denounced. Today, the practice of abortion-the killing of a child before birth, is on the rise again in so many parts of the world. Many people who do support abortion do not even know what it is. Since it is such a vital issue today, responsible citizens must understand it.

Four methods of abortion are commonly used today. Most abortion done employ the 'Suction Method', which is used during the first three months of the child's development. In this method, a tube connected to a suction device is inserted into the mother's womb. The force created by the device tears the child's body apart and draws the pieces into the tube and into a container for disposal. The tiny parts are often reassembled to ensure that parts are not left in the mother's womb.

The 'Dilatation and Curettage' (D&C) method, also used in the first three months of development, involves a loop-shaped knife called a curette. This knife is used to scrape the womb, severing the child's attachment to the mother. The baby's body is cut into to small pieces, and the head is often crushed to fit through the opening of the womb.

During the period between three and six months of development, abortionists use 'Salt Poisoning' to kill the child. Using a long needle, they inject a salt solution into the amniotic sac. This salt burns off the outer skin of the child and often causes the brain to hemorrhage. The child thrashes about as it slowly dies, usually within an hour.

During the final three months of development, 'Hysterotomy' abortions are preformed. In this procedure, the womb is cut and the child is removed and laid aside to die from neglect. A medical team would work around the clock to save this same child if he were born prematurely and were wanted. Learning what abortion is and how it is preformed has caused many people to feel that it should be abolished by civilized nation.'  
( Biology- God's Living Creation, pg. 114)

Everyone of these methods all have the same thing in common.....murder!!! And no amount of political correctness, 'rights' or fancy terminology can change that!

Our government here is planning on making it fully legal, so that any woman or girl can have an abortion whether or not there is a medical emergency is at hand.

It is to be expected that we will have a referendum to remove the pro-life clause of our Constitution in the next two or three years, if not sooner. The Labor part ,for years has been pushing for



abortion and with the Same-Sex marriages legalized on Friday, May 22, 2015 it is expected that the abortion law will be passed also.

Thousands of protesters took to the streets of Dublin on September 26th, 2015, in a demonstration against the country's restrictive abortion law, which criminalizes terminations — even in cases involving rape, incest, or fatal fetal abnormality. The “March for Choice” followed a route through the city center of the Irish capital, and saw many women and men pulling suitcases behind them, a gesture meant to symbolize the estimated 10 to 12 women who travel to the UK each day for abortions.

The marchers called for the repeal of the Irish Constitution's eighth amendment — introduced in 1983 — which says that an unborn child's right to life is equal to that of its mother.

In recent weeks, high-profile Irish women, including Irish Times columnist Roisin Ingle and comedian Tara Flynn, have gone public about their abortions, provoking debate across the country and ensuring that the issue will remain a heated topic of discussion in the run up to next year's general election. “Having a baby that first time would not have been best for me,” Ingle wrote. “I have not had one scrap of regret or shame about what I did.” (Irish Times 26/9/15)

These women are fighting to legalize abortion for women and girls who are pregnant with babies conceived in rape and incest and other circumstances. Yet, less than 1% of all abortions are performed on women who were raped or were victims of incest, the pro-choice activists insist that abortion must be legal for these women, even if it leads to thousands of women a year having abortions for other reasons.

Many women from around the world are coming out with their stories and why they didn't abort their child even though they were conceived in rape. Ms. Kathleen DeZeeuw, the mother of a child conceived in rape, spoke out against pro-choicers who were making the argument that abortion must be legal in cases of rape: I, having lived through rape, and also having raised a child ‘conceived in rape’, feel personally assaulted and insulted every time I hear that abortion should be legal because of rape and incest. I feel that we're being used to further the abortion issue, even though we've not been asked to tell our side of the story.

Statistics about rape victims and abortion are surprising to many people. There have been two studies done about pregnant rape victims. In each study, 70% of the women chose to keep their babies. This defies the stereotype that all raped women want abortions.

If fact studies indicate that pregnancy need not impede the victim's resolution of the trauma; rather, with loving support, nonjudgmental attitudes, and empathic communication, healthy emotional and psychological responses are possible despite the added burden or pregnancy.

'Fatal fetal abnormally' so in other words a fancy way of saying you have the honor of being a parent to a child with special needs! So if somethings isn't 'right' you abort that child? Where is their choice? Who is their voice? Where is 'Equity for all'?

To me a human life is precious. I don't understand how government has all the laws , rights and protections for a child as soon as it is pushed out of its mother's body (Children's Rights UNCRC), but up to a few hours before a child is born it is classed as a 'Fetus' and 'Is not alive' and can be legally aborted.

What is wrong with the world and my country? There are time that I am ashamed to call myself Irish and this is one of them. I am only too sad that I am not of age to vote. For it is in the hands of the younger generation that the fate of our country lies and from what I've seen so far...May God Have Mercy On This Nation!!!

Psalms 127:3 - Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Jeremiah 1:5 - Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Historical Marker:

*“A Political Dissenter”*

by C. H. Spurgeon

From the March  
1873 *Sword and  
Trowel*

DURING the last month it has been our lot to be abused both in public and by letter as few men have been, for having in a few sentences expressed our belief that Caesar had better mind his own things, and let the things of God alone. Many of the letters we have received are of such a character that they would disgrace the cause of Beelzebub himself. Certainly, the alliance of Church and State will never come to an end from want of bullies to defend it. A few communications have been courteous, and even rational, but by far the larger proportion have been simply an amalgam of abusive epithets and foolish bombast. We are by no means fond of such things, and yet so far from being depressed by them they have even caused us a little extra mirth. Our experience as to the effect of furious attacks has been somewhat similar to that of Luther, of whom Michelet has the following note: "Being one day in very high spirits at table, 'Be not scandalised,' he said, 'to see me so merry. I have just read a letter violently abusing me. Our affairs must be going on well, since the devil is storming so.'"

From the remarks which follow we most emphatically exempt certain honorable clergymen who love a man none the less for being outspoken, and do not require silence as the price of their friendship. Some such we know and honor. They are men of a

noble stamp; fair antagonists when they must oppose, and brethren in Christ even then. Would God there were more such, and then the exasperations which now embitter discussion would give place to mutual concessions, or at worst to courteous arguments.

Among the charges hurled at us is one which our accusers evidently regard as a very serious one. They call us "a *Political Dissenter*," and seem as if they had delivered themselves of a terrible epithet, whose very sound would annihilate us. It is a curious fact that neither the sound nor the sense of those awful words has impressed us with fear, or moved us to repentance. Politics, if they are honest, are by no means sinful, or the office of a legislator would be fatal to the soul, and Dissenters, if they dissent from error, are commendable individuals: as, therefore, neither the "*political*" nor the "*dissenter*" is necessarily bad, the mixture of two good or indifferent things can scarcely be intolerably evil. One would imagine from the mouthing which our opponents give to the words, that a political Dissenter must be a peculiarly ferocious kind of tiger, a specially venomous viper, or perhaps a griffin, dragon, or "monster dire, of shape most horrible;" but as far as we can make out the meaning of the words, he is only a Dissenter who demands his natural civil rights, a Nonconformist who longs for that religious equality before the law which impartial justice should award to every citizen. A Dissenter who is godly and humble, and knows his duty to his betters, and walks in a lowly and reverential manner to them, is never political; he is styled *pious*, and held up to admiration at meetings of the Church Defence Association, though at other places, seeing that with all his piety he is still a Dissenter, he is duly snubbed by the same parish priests who so much admire him. If a Dissenter would have a good report of those within the Established pale he must toady to all rectors, vicars, and curates—he must "bless God for raising up such a bulwark for our Protestant liberties as the Church of England as by law established," or at least; he must be contentedly silent under his wrongs, and never open his mouth to obtain his rights. Cease to be a man, and you will be a *pious Dissenter*; but speak out and show the slightest independence of mind, and you will be an odious *political Dissenter*. Be thankful for *the toleration which you enjoy*, and eat your humble pie in a corner, and the rector will condescend to meet you at the Bible Society's meetings; but dare to call your soul your own and you shall be put into the black books, among those dreadful emissaries of Mr. Miall. Piety in the clerical mind is pretty generally synonymous with subservience to their reverences, but we hope that without being utterly impious we may question the correctness of their judgment. Some of the most prayerful, spiritual, and Christ-like men we have ever met with, were as fully convinced of the evils of the present establishment, and as earnest for separation between Church and State, as ever we can be. They were saints, and yet political Dissenters: they lived near to God, and enjoyed

daily fellowship with heaven, and yet, like the apostle Paul, they valued their civil rights, and spoke out when they saw them invaded. As names and forms of departed worthies rise before us, men of whom the world was not worthy, who were the political Dissenters of their day, we feel reassured, and are by no means disposed to change our company. The men who judged the piety of our predecessors, as they now judge ours, must be little acquainted with what piety means if they separate it from courage and independence. Their endorsement of our piety we never asked, and if they gave it we should begin to suspect our own position before God. Far from us be the cringing, cowardly sycophancy which makes the poor dissenting minister the patronised minion of the aristocratic rector; equally far from us be the obsequious silence which gains custom for the Nonconformist tradesman who sells his conscience as well as his wares. If these be *pious*, may we be clear of such piety. To us let it happen to speak the truth and bow the knee to no man, if this be what is meant by being political.

It is easy to throw stones at others, but glass houses should whisper caution. If it be so terrible an evil for a Dissenter to be political, what must be the condition of a *political Churchman*? Yet every clergyman is just *that*, since he is the employee of a political church, or rather he is commissioned by the political authorities to attend to the national religion; he is therefore a political Churchman *ex officio*. Moreover, if it be a serious injury to the piety of a Dissenting minister to attend a meeting of the Liberation Society once in a year, is there no loss of grace in attending a Church Defence Association? Mr. Spurgeon speaks about a score sentences in a sermon upon Caesar and his proper sphere, and this is so detrimental to his soul's prosperity that he receives letters by the score from excessively gracious Churchmen who are in agonies over his spiritual declension. This is very kind, and motherly, but is the like care taken with that excellent man, Mr. Ryle, who has not only delivered a great many political speeches, but has written pamphlets on the subject of Church and State? We trust our worthy brother has been nursed with much watchfulness, for he has the political disease very heavily upon him if we may judge from certain of his tracts. He is a fearful instance of a Political Churchman. We believe the High Church party consider him to be a Dissenter, and we rejoice to believe that they are pretty near the mark, judging the good man doctrinally; and if they are right in their views Mr. Ryle is a political Dissenter himself, only he is out of his proper place. Will some of his friends remind him of his danger? And will they at the same time take note, that for every word upon politics spoken by us, pious churchmen can be found who have uttered ten or a hundred. In them it seems to be commendable, and in us censurable: how is this?

To the spiritual Churchman we would say:—Take the eighteen volumes of the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, and see if you

can find eighteen pages of matter which even look towards politics; nay, more, see if there be one solitary sentence concerning politics, which did not, to the preacher's mind, appear to arise out of his text, or to flow from the natural run of his subject. The abstinence of the preacher from such themes would be eminently praiseworthy, if it were not possibly censurable; for he may have neglected a distasteful duty.

The truth is that many of us are loath to touch politics at all, and would never do so if we were not driven to it. Our life-theme is the gospel, and to deal with the sins of the State is our "strange work," which we only enter upon under the solemn constraints of duty. To see Popery made the national religion has aroused the gentlest among us. An evangelical church, imposed upon us by the State, was a grievance and a wrong, but to force a shamelessly Ritualistic Establishment upon us as the national religion is a tyranny which no Englishman ought to bear. Is an Anglican priest to swing his censer in our faces in the name of the nation? Are the idols and breaden deities of Ritualism to be held up before us, with this exclamation, "These be thy gods, O England!" The case is so, and we protest for we are Protestants—we will not tamely endure it for we worship the living God. We will go on with our spiritual duties quietly enough if those in power will deal out equal measure to all religions. We shall be delighted to have no more grounds of appeal to public justice, and no more reasons for difference with our fellow Christians. If we are political, give us our rights and we shall be so no more. If our spirituality be precious to our antagonists, let them deliver us from the temptation which puts it in peril.

For a Christian minister to be an active partisan of Whigs or Tories, busy in canvassing, and eloquent at public meetings for rival factions, would be of ill repute. For the Christian to forget his heavenly citizenship, and occupy himself about the objects of place-hunters, would be degrading to his high calling: but there are points of inevitable contact between the higher and the lower spheres, points where politics persist in coming into collision with our faith, and there we shall be traitors both to heaven and earth if we consult our comfort by slinking into the rear. Till religion in England is entirely free from State patronage and control, till the Anglican Papacy ceases to be called the national religion, till every man of every Faith shall be equal before the eye of the law as to his religious rights, we cannot, and dare not cease to be political. Because we fear God, and desire his glory, we must be political—it is a part of our piety to be so. When nearest to God in prayer, we pray that his church may neither oppress nor be oppressed; when walking in holiest fellowship with Jesus, we long that he alone may be head of the church, and that she may no more defile herself with the kings of the earth. Let not our opponents mistake us: we dare carry our cause before the throne of God, and habitually do so. Our protests before man are repeated in our prayers to God. Our deepest religious

emotions are aroused by the struggle forced upon us. We will not say that Nonconformists who are not abused as political Dissenters are not pious, but we will say that, if *we* shirked the work which makes *us* political, we should prove ourselves traitors to the Lord our God. The curse of Meroz would fall upon us if we came not up to the help of the Lord in this the day of battle. The history of the nation, and the destiny of millions, may depend upon the faithfulness of Nonconformists at this hour, and our persuasion is that the day will come when it shall be fame rather than dishonor to have been reckoned—A POLITICAL DISSENTER.

## House Leadership Debacle

### [“House Speaker John Boehner Stepping Down From Congress”](#)

By Michael Lotfi, September 25<sup>th</sup> Truth In Media

“WASHINGTON, September 25, 2015— Just two days ago, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John Boehner (R-Ohio) was making headlines— conservatives were planning a coup to throw him off of the Speaker’s perch. Today, Boehner has announced that he will be [stepping down](#) from Congress next month.

On Wednesday, *The Hill* reported that conservatives were [planning](#) a coup to throw off Speaker Boehner due to Planned Parenthood funding.”[Click to Read the whole story!](#)

### [“Bill Flores for Speaker of the House? Only If Paul Ryan Doesn't Want It”](#)

By VICE News, October 12

“Flores is a conservative businessman who was elected to Congress in 2010 as part of a wave of Tea Party candidates. He is chairman of the largest conservative caucus in the House of Representatives, the 172-member Republican Study Committee (RSC), which is comprised of more than two-thirds of the Republican membership.

Last week, Flores said House Republicans had to find a leader who can unite its quarreling moderates and right-wingers now that Speaker John Boehner is retiring and the presumed front-runner for the post, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, has withdrawn.” [Read report here.](#)

### [“Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House?”](#)

by Charles Scaliger, October 15<sup>th</sup> The New American

“The youthful and energetic Ryan is well-liked by most of his Republican colleagues, and his selection as Mitt Romney’s running mate in the last presidential election has made him a

## U.S. Presidential Candidates and Debates

### [“If GOP Debate Stage Can Fit 11, Let Third Parties In General Election Debates”](#)

By Barry Donegan, September 18<sup>th</sup> Truth In Media

“If CNN can fit 11 candidates into its highly-successful Republican presidential debate, then what is the harm in including in general election debates the one or two third-party candidates each election cycle who successfully obtain ballot access in enough states to have a mathematical possibility of winning the presidency?” [Read article, click here](#)

### [“How Private Prisons Are Profiting From Locking Up US Immigrants”](#)

By Keegan Hamilton, October 6<sup>th</sup> Vice News

“Willacy's 2,834 inmates were mostly immigrants jailed for coming back to the US after getting kicked out at least once before and other low-level "criminal alien" offenders who also faced deportation, potentially through dangerous border crossings. Overcrowding was a constant issue, and the majority of the detainees were packed into 10 large, dome-shaped tents made of Kevlar.”

“Depending on the outcome of the 2016 presidential election, the US could double down on these policies or reverse course by reforming the immigration system and rolling back mass incarceration. The industry doubled in size between 2000 and 2010 as the US cracked down on undocumented immigrants, and the two largest private prison corporations, the GEO Group and Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), now take in a combined \$3.2 billion in annual revenue. Advocates see next year's vote as a moment of truth.”

“Campaign rhetoric aside, a more insipid and often overlooked factor lingers for both parties: the influence of private prison corporations. GEO, CCA, and MTC spent more than \$32 million on federal lobbying and campaign contributions since 2000, according to a 2012 review of Federal Election Commission data, which included political contributions made by the companies' employees.” Please read the full report by clicking here

### [“Pollsters Criticize Use of Polling Minimums to Exclude Candidates from Debates”](#)

By Barry Donegan, October 6<sup>th</sup> Truth In Media

“The issue of minimum polling requirements being used as a qualifier for debates is currently causing significant controversy in both major political parties' primaries, as both of them now use ever-changing polling minimums to narrow down the number of candidates throughout the election cycle, and in the general

household name. But Ryan — like Boehner and his previous anointed successor, Kevin McCarthy — is no principled advocate of limited constitutional government. Instead, his voting record shows him to be a typical Beltway big government “conservative,” eager to find “common ground” with the Democrats he was elected to oppose — in other words, to continue to grow government and government spending, but at a less manic clip than the Democrats want.” [Full Scoop here](#)

### [“The obsession of the House Freedom Caucus”](#)

by Jake Sherman, October 15<sup>th</sup> for Politico

“Rep. Justin Amash, a leader of the House Freedom Caucus who helped plunge the House of Representatives into an unprecedented state of chaos, wants to talk about rules.

The House rules. How he believes John Boehner didn't follow them, and how the chamber's next leader needs to. Amash and his crew want a robust committee process. They would like more amendments and no more end runs to fast-track legislation to the House floor. If the next leader does those things, he or she might not have to constantly worry about the Freedom Caucus. Return to “regular order,” and the Republican Conference just might be able to return to normal.

“The problem isn't that he isn't conservative enough,” Amash told about 40 people here during a town hall meeting Wednesday evening, referring to John Boehner, who announced his resignation amid growing pressure from Amash's group. “The problem is he doesn't follow the process. He operated a top-down system, and still operates a top-down system because he hasn't stepped down yet. Which means that he figures out what outcome he wants, and he goes to the individual members and attempts to compel and coerce us to vote for that outcome.””

[Please click here to read the whole article at politico](#)

### [“How Speaker of the House Is Really Chosen”](#)

by John F. McManus, October 21<sup>st</sup> The New American

“While the House Republicans are trying to figure out who will be their next speaker, it's worth a look back a few decades when this extremely important post was suddenly vacated. After riding high with the 1994 GOP victories he helped engineer, and getting inordinately favorable media attention for his namby-pamby “[Contract With America](#),” [Speaker Newt Gingrich](#) announced his retirement. His bolt-out-of-the-blue decision stunned many. But the selection by GOP House members of little-known Illinois Congressman Dennis Hastert as his successor outdid even the Gingrich departure.” [Read it!](#)

election, in which the Republican and Democrat controlled Commission on Presidential Debates requires independent candidates to meet a nigh-impossible 15 percent minimum threshold of support in national polls.” [Click here to read rest of this report](#)

### [“Presidential Tryouts”](#)

By Butler Shaffer, October 8<sup>th</sup> Lewrockwell.com

“In 2015 – as in prior years before the holding of another presidential election – the Political Establishment (i.e., the Owners) are holding open-auditions for those interested in being considered for the subsequent year’s title role candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties. The Owners are particularly desirous of finding the one contender from each party who will [1] be safe for and obedient to the interests of the Owners (“Ron Paul, please get off the stage!”); [2] will adhere to the prepared script, with no ad-libbing; [3] be capable of convincing a sufficient number of members of the species *Boobus Americanus* that they truly represent their interests; and [4] appear “presidential” (ooops, “empirical”) enough to be a symbol of “American Exceptionalism” so as not to embarrass the Establishment” [Click here for more](#)

### [“The Dispiriting Democratic Debate”](#)

By Daniel Larison, October 14<sup>th</sup> The Conservative American

“As far as it concerned foreign policy issues, the [first debate](#) among the Democratic presidential candidates was a dispiriting affair. Hillary Clinton sailed through the evening virtually unscathed while her opponents struggled in vain to challenge her on anything. O’Malley’s criticism of the Libyan war remained vague and anemic, Sanders’ statements on Syria were dull and lacking in specifics, Chafee was generally hopeless, and Webb went out of his way to emphasize his biggest weakness by repeatedly touting his opposition to the nuclear deal with Iran. This allowed Clinton to shrug off criticisms of her support for the Libyan war, mute her differences with the rest of the field on Syria, and present herself as the most polished and prepared candidate of the group. The opportunity to attack Clinton on her foreign policy vulnerabilities was completely squandered, and none of the other candidates rose to the challenge last night.”

[Click here to read article](#)

### [“The Fix Is In for Hillary, Says DNC Official”](#)

by Bob Adelman, October 16<sup>th</sup> The New American

“The anonymous insider and tipster rattled off the names of those in control of the DNC, including vice chair Maria Elena Durazo, CEO Amy Dacey, and Reverend Leah Daughtry. Five out of the nine elected leaders of the DNC are women (including Schultz), along with a majority of the vice chairs of the various committees. The DNC has more women than men in elected

positions, and females hold the party’s top executive roles including the DNC’s chair, three of its five vice chairs, and several top public relations people.” [Click here for the complete story](#)

### [“As Campaign Cash Flows to Ben Carson, Jeb Bush Cuts Staff Pay and Operations”](#)

By Olivia Becker, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Vice News

“The Bush campaign's decision to drastically cut costs was only one piece of recent bad news. The latest *Des Moines Register*/Bloomberg Politics poll in Iowa released on Friday shows Carson and Trump continuing to hold massive leads over the rest of the GOP field, polling at 28 and 19 percent respectively in favorability amongst Republican caucus-goers. Bush fell to fifth place, with five points. He also came in second, tied with Lindsey Graham, among the candidates that most Republicans want to see drop out of the race altogether.” [Read story at Vice, click here](#)

*“What is our country's real problem?”*

by Bro. Todd Bryant



*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!” – Psalms 33:12*

The verse before us today primarily speaks of the nation of Israel as “the people whom he has chosen as his heritage”. However, one can certainly make application of the general truth as stated in the first part of the verse – “Blessed is the nation who God is the Lord”. It is this portion which we wish to consider today.

Presidential primary time is upon us. Jesus clearly told Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world” (John 18:36). We, as followers of Christ, are to be fighting for a kingdom which is not of this world. Without a doubt, far too many believers are more interested in who the next Republican or Democratic candidate is than they are about the salvation of their neighbor. This is a great tragedy of our day. The salvation of one soul ought to be enormously more important to us than whether we have national healthcare or lower taxes. There isn’t one reader of this article that wouldn’t give up any number of freedoms for the eternal salvation of their child. In reality, it shouldn’t matter whether it’s a child or not. The making of disciples is the marching order of the Lord’s New Testament churches. Sadly, little energy is being spent on this today. Even more sadly, it seems a political “gospel” has

replaced the true one.

None of this implies that our vote doesn't matter. It certainly does. It matters for you and it certainly matters to God. Paul told the saints at Corinth, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). This mattered in the subject that he was discussing at the time (i.e. eating and drinking). However, it also mattered in "whatever you do". Christian people are to "do all to the glory of God". This includes voting. The main thing to consider when you vote for a candidate is whether your vote glorifies God or not. Some may argue that the candidate which most glorifies God doesn't have a chance to win. To that, we say it's irrelevant. And honestly, that may be why "good candidates" are generally unelectable. Christian people are refusing to vote for the candidate which most glorifies God and are voting for the candidate which is most supported by their worldly cohorts. Since "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20), this ought not to be the case.

Sadly, one thing seems to be lacking from all of our politicians today no matter the persuasion. Few, if any, have identified our real problem – we are a nation whose god is humanism. Our nation as a whole has no regard for the God of the Bible and His standards. We murder an average of 4000 babies daily in our nation. This is done legally and even funded by tax money. The largest government supported group has even been selling body parts of these murdered children to the highest bidder. These actions reveal the real problem in America today. We have a heart problem. Our god is ourselves.

Child of God, seek out a candidate that will seek to change the heart of this nation. The truth is, "The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God" (Psalms 9:17). If our nation doesn't realize this, we are doomed. The worst part is, it appears most Christian people haven't realized this either.

## Refugee Crisis

["Brazil Opens Arms Wider to Syrian Refugees than Many EU Nations"](#)

Franco Bastida September 7, PanAm Post

"Brazil's National Committee for Refugees ([CONARE](#)) estimates that 2,077 Syrian refugees have received asylum in the country since 2011, [surpassing](#) Greece (1,275), Spain (1,335), Italy (1,005), and Portugal (15).

Germany (67,075) and Sweden (39,325) lead the way in accepting Syrian refugees in Europe, followed by Belgium (5,430), France (4,975), the United Kingdom (4,035), and Norway (2,995).

In the Americas, Brazil is second only to Canada (2,374), followed by the United States (1,243), Chile (1,220), Argentina (233), and Uruguay (117)."

"In 2013, CONARE [authorized](#) the automatic issuing of humanitarian visas for Syrians and citizens of other nationalities affected by the Syrian Civil War.

The amendment facilitates the asylum-application process for refugees, according to UN High Commissioner for Refugees officer Andrés Ramirez, since refugees can work and have access to education and health-care services while they await the resolution of their cases, unlike other countries.

"Brazil has maintained an open-door policy for Syrian refugees. The number is still low, in part due to the geographic location. It is without a doubt an example other countries should follow at the international level," Ramirez said. " [Full report at PanAm Post, just click here](#)

["Governments Give Migrants a Disastrous Mix of Social Welfare and Bureaucracy"](#)

Justin Murray September 14, For Mises Daily

"The problem is not unique to Europe. Many of these same migrants find their way to Brazil then die through the various jungle crossings attempting to reach the United States. This was true for [five migrants from Ghana](#), an African nation, found dead in the jungles along the Panama-Colombia border This is a terrible loss of life and while most agree that "something" must be done, we have to question first what the underlying cause of this migration is and what that "something" should be.

### Underlying Cause of the Migration

Much has already been written by the degree of instability caused by foreign war policy and the distorting effects of foreign aid that usually props up corrupt military dictatorships. The more interesting observation of the latest migration crisis is not that it is happening, but where the migrants are headed." The complete article can be found [here](#)

["Why the Gulf isn't to blame for Syrian refugee crisis"](#)

Barın Kayaoğlu September 15<sup>th</sup>, for Al-Monitor Turkey Pulse

"International anger is palpable. Just Google "[why aren't Gulf countries](#)" without completing the question and links will appear to articles blasting oil-rich Arab states for their perceived indifference to the plight of Syrians fleeing their country's tragic civil war. The Washington Post claims that Gulf countries are doing "[next to nothing](#)" for Syrian refugees, and an [Amnesty International infographic](#) shows how only five countries — Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt — host 95% of the refugees."

and,

"So why is there a discrepancy between Gulf countries' official positions on Syrian refugees and their alleged inaction? According to a Bahraini analyst who spoke to Al-Monitor on condition of anonymity, "Geography matters." He said, "Unlike

Turkey, Jordan or Lebanon, the Gulf states share no land borders with Syria. And in contrast with Europe, Gulf states are inaccessible via the Mediterranean.” In other words, most Syrians find it more convenient to head to Europe than the Gulf.

Another reason is the traditional Arab taboo against boasting about one’s charitable efforts. Riyadh’s Sept. 11 announcement said, “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia does [not intend to speak](#) about its efforts to support Syrian brothers and sisters during their distress.” It is poor form in Arab culture to praise what is essentially a humanitarian obligation.” [Read the rest here](#)

#### [“Why Eastern Europe Rejects Refugee Quotas”](#)

Adriel Kasonta October 1 for The American Conservative writes:

“Support for accommodating migrants is concentrated in the continent’s western nations, with highly diverse societies and a recent history of support for new arrivals from former colonies. But in the east, former communist countries object to again having policies imposed upon them by others.”

and “The countries known as the Visegrad Four feel that distribution of migrants should take place on a voluntary basis. They have also demanded better protection of the borders of the Schengen Area (the zone inside the European Union where travelers move across borders without any passport controls), more defenses against smugglers, and a streamlined process for returning refugees to their country of origin.

The problem is not going away anytime soon. Almost 340,000 migrants and refugees have been spotted at the borders of the European Union since January, according to border agency Frontex, travelling through Hungary and Austria into Germany. With a location adjacent to the Balkan peninsula—itsself a gateway to Turkey—and passport-free travel to the rest of Europe, Hungary is particularly attractive to tens of thousands migrants from the Middle East and beyond.” [Read full article](#)

## **The Iran Nuclear Deal**

#### [“Massie, Amash Citing Constitutional Concerns Oppose Iran Deal”](#)

by Joe Wolverton, II, September 13<sup>th</sup> The New American

“-two of the most constitutionally consistent congressmen voted to oppose President Barack Obama’s agreement with Iran regarding the latter’s nuclear ambitions.

U.S. Representatives Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Justin Amash of Michigan explained that their decision to reject the president’s plan was based on their understanding of the

Constitution and their role as members of the House of Representatives.” [Click here for article](#)

#### [“Squandering the Opportunity Created by the Nuclear Deal”](#)

By Daniel Larison, September 17<sup>th</sup> The Conservative American

“Iran hawks want to change the subject back to their obsession with confronting and “rolling back” Iranian influence, and many deal supporters don’t want to link the deal with anything like rapprochement so as not to appear “weak” on Iran. Hawks are hostile to the deal because it makes it more difficult to sell confrontational policies, but that doesn’t mean they are going to keep trying to sell them whenever possible. In the absence of concerted opposition to that and a sustained effort to pursue engagement on other issues, the hawks may get the U.S. and Iran back on the collision course they have been seeking for many years.” [Click here to read more](#)

#### [“Bibi’s UN speech nothing more than hollow words”](#)

by Mazal Mualem October 2<sup>nd</sup> Al-Monitor Israel Pulse

“The speech was dedicated mostly to the Iranian threat. In that sense, it was of no importance given that the [agreement with Iran](#) is a done deal. The Palestinian issue only merited a few minutes in Netanyahu’s speech: He blamed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for the current situation and reiterated his commitment to the vision of two states. There was no hint in his words of a plan in the face of what appears to be the early signs of a [third intifada](#).

The [horrifying murder](#) of young parents Eitam and Naama Henkin near Nablus by Palestinian terrorists in front of their four small children, only an hour after Netanyahu ended his speech, focuses attention on the truly burning issue at hand. The conflict with the Palestinians is not an existential threat to the State of Israel, certainly not when compared with the [Iranian motivation](#) to obtain a nuclear bomb and its threats against Israel, but the Palestinian issue is the [most pressing](#) and immediate one on the prime minister’s desk. Ignoring it only intensifies it.

The political reactions on the Israeli right, and of course by the [prime minister](#) who is still in New York, blamed Abbas. They linked his “inciting” speech the day at the UN General Assembly Sept. 30 to the murder of the Henkin parents, who left behind four children between the ages of 8 months and 9 years.

They may be right. These are the types of accusations that are open to interpretation.” [Read the complete article by clicking right here](#)

#### [“Iran hard-liners call parliament vote on nuclear deal illegal”](#)

by Arash Karami, October 14<sup>th</sup> Al-Monitor Iran Pulse

“Mehrdad Bazrpash, a Tehran parliamentarian and the editor of hard-line Vatan-e Emrooz, criticized the process by which the vote came about yesterday, and said, “The JCPOA, which was the result of 22 months of negotiations, [should not get 15 minutes](#)” for a vote. In the session for the vote of the nuclear deal, parliament Speaker Ali Larijani was accused of pushing the vote forward and not allowing parliament members to offer amendments or recommendations. Iran's parliament had in the days previous been debating the deal and had even convened a [special committee](#).

Bazrpash continued on the parliament floor, “In your opinion, was an expert or legal bill ratified? Were Articles 65 and 66 of the constitution observed? History will judge on this matter.” [Article 65 of Iran's constitution](#) defines the number of parliament members to be present for a legally valid session. Bazrpash did specify how the law was violated.” [Read the whole story by clicking here](#)

### [“Europe seen as wild card as Iran nuclear deal goes into effect”](#)

by Julian Pecquet, October 19<sup>th</sup> Al-Monitor Iran Pulse

“With the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) having gone into effect Oct. 18, skeptics worry that a trickle of European companies entering the Iranian market will soon turn into a flood. They say that could neuter the non-nuclear sanctions that are supposed to stay in place under the deal, while making it harder for Europe and the United States to collaborate on snapping back nuclear sanctions if Iran violates its terms.

The future of the sanctions regime "really depends on how assertive will US authorities be early on in the game, because it will set the precedent and the tone for the Europeans," said Emanuele Ottolenghi, a senior fellow at the hawkish Foundation for the Defense of Democracies who has advised Congress as well as several European foreign ministries on Iranian issues. He told Al-Monitor, "If the Europeans see that there are little consequences and there is little action against them, they'll push the boundaries, no doubt." [Read the full story here](#)

### [“What's so special about Iran's latest missile?”](#)

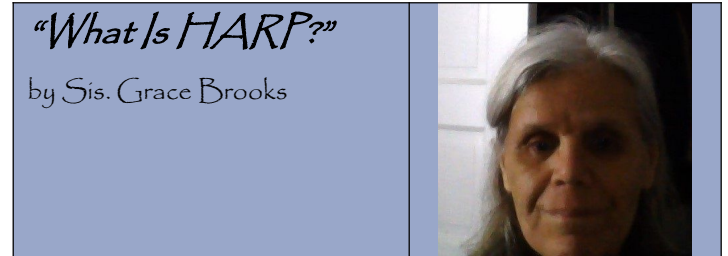
by Abbas Qaidaari, October 20<sup>th</sup> Al-Monitor Iran Pulse

“TEHRAN, Iran — Last week, Iran's Ministry of Defense managed to successfully test-fire its Emad medium-range ballistic missile. According to Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehghan, “This is the [first ballistic missile](#) developed by Iran that can be precision-guided until it reaches its target.” A few days later, for the first time, Iran's state television broadcast

a report on one of Iran's biggest [underground storage sites](#) for Shahab ballistic missiles.

Considering the imminent implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action struck between Iran and six world powers, the two moves are a sign that Tehran wants to flaunt its military might and determination to expand its military power.”

[Read more click here](#)



It is a beautiful, hot summer day in The Pas, Manitoba, Canada. Three fishermen were fishing on Lake Iskwasum. What is so unusual about this? Fishermen are out in their boats on the millions of lakes and rivers in Manitoba all summer. In the winter there's even ice fishing, fishing through the ice.

But these gentlemen heard an unusual, loud, and scary sound. Upon returning home they did some internet research. The result was, on Youtube, they found a video, filmed right here in The Pas, of the very same sound.

Further research took them to a website which documented a U.S. research program. HARRP. These letters stand for HIGH ALTITUDE AURORA RESEARCH PROGRAM.

But they told us, this is an innocent. Harmless. Necessary research program. It is used only to improve radio communication at high altitudes such as satellites, to name only one. This is accomplished by beaming high frequency radio signals into the atmospheress from antennas. Antennas at HAARP's location in Alaska. These rays of energy could then potentially be reflected back into the Earth's ionosphere on an extremely low frequency, called ELF waves. This can change the ELF waves to an extremely dangerous weapon.

### **ELF**

The ELF waves are capable of penetrating the brain. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxj0JOFWnVM>. Hold your vibrating cell phone to your head. Multiply this force by two million. This is the potential of HAARP. As if this isn't enough, the vibrations could influence brain activity. They could brainwash you, TO SAY THE LEAST. And make you do anything. This could not only paralyze you completely, but could cause you to go insane. These waves can also make their way through concrete walls and steel.

From there, this experimental program went on to explore the use of these beams to build a protective defense against intercontinental ballistic \The program is kept from the public for



"national security." HAARP and electromagnetic weapons that can be used in war like conditions do exist.

[HAARP website](#), "HAARP is a scientific endeavor aimed at studying the properties and behavior of the ionosphere, with particular emphasis on being able to understand and use it to enhance communications and surveillance systems for both civilian and defense purposes." The [ionosphere](#) is the delicate upper layer of our atmosphere which ranges from about 30 miles (50 km) to 600 miles (1,000 km) above the surface of the Earth.

Experiments are conducted which use electromagnetic frequencies to fire pulsed, directed energy beams in order to "temporarily excite a limited area of the INSOPHERE." Scientists admit that disturbing this sensitive layer on purpose could have major and even disastrous consequences. In the University of Ottawa, and Alaska, Concerned HAARP researchers reveal evidence suggesting that these disturbances can even cause tsunamis and earthquakes.

Canada's public broadcasting network [CBC](#) and the History Channel, reveal in a well researched document, the inner workings of HAARP. The CBC includes this key quote:

"It isn't just conspiracy theorists who are concerned about HAARP. In January of 1999, the European Union called the project a global concern and passed a resolution calling for more information on its health and environmental risks. Despite those concerns, officials at HAARP insist the project is nothing more sinister than a radio science research facility."

You can view the European Union (EU) document which hardly questions HAARP and similar into question. [click here](#).

Bullet point 24 in this document states that the EU "considers HAARP by virtue of its far-reaching impact on the environment to be a global concern and calls for its legal, ecological and ethical implications to be examined by an international independent body before any further research and testing." The EU document further states that the EU regrets the repeated refusal of the U.S. government to send anyone to give evidence on HAARP.

The result of the research was that, instead of trying to create a massive EMP at ground level using a massive nuclear bomb detonated in the atmosphere, the most effect technique would be to set off a smaller nuclear weapon in the earth's ionosphere. The atmosphere itself would limit the distance of an emp pulse; but a pulse originating above the atmosphere would prevent the initial radiation from changing the air and "shorting out the emp in the air itself."

Instead, a High altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP) would propagate itself through the ionosphere at a great distance, allowing a single, small detonation to cover (and disrupt) the entire North American continent.

Here's where HAARP comes in.

From the official HAARP website:

The goal of this program is to further advance our knowledge of the physical and electrical properties of the Earth's ionosphere which can affect our military and civilian communication and navigation systems. The HAARP program operates a world-class ionospheric research facility located in Gakona, Alaska.

In other words, the installation in Alaska manipulates the ionosphere at high latitude; the same area of the earth where a single HEMP could affect the whole continent. Basically, a HEMP is far more affective at high latitude (near the poles), and would distort the blast across the American land-mass.

Now the SCARY part.

More nations than the U.S. are experimenting with these high frequency signals.

HARRP, it doesn't matter what country, has moved on in the direction of weather control.

This is not so innocent. This could give a country the ability to get the weather to do what's wanted in one part word. What would this end up? Producing ideal conditions in one country and famine in the other

How is HAARP supposed to defend America (and Canada as well)?

By ionizing the ionosphere ahead of a HEMP; this would "short out" the expanding EMP-bubble and prevent it from reaching the earth's surface with deadly magnitude.

The underlying theory of this project is good, but at no way outweighs the alarming cons of it's technology.

And yet they continue with this program in spite of the many protests.

**SCAREY STUFF INDEED BUT US, THE PUBLIC, SHOULD KNOW. FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVIL CONSIRICY OF MIND AND WEATHER CONTROL.**

Matt 24:7 for nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences in divers places.

*MATTHEW 21:11 And great eartquakes will be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences: and fearful sights and great signs there shall be from heaven.*

A lot of the earthquakes and other so called natural disasters are not natural. They are man made.

It is true the Bible warns us of troubled times such as ever has been or will be again. He gave us signs to watch for. But are these man made disasters God's schedule? Are we as close to the end times as power hungry dictators would like us to believe? We will have to wait and see, won't we? As a follower of Jesus, I would rather wait for God's schedule to play out rather than be stampeded into frightened chaos by the powers that be that want to control our minds.

Those that heard the noise around The Pas, Manitoba said it was such as they'd never heard before. It sounded like all hell was about to break loose. These gentlemen may not be far off the target. Right?

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## World Politics and Elections

### [“Lifting the Veil on Venezuela’s Political Prisoners”](#)

Sabrina Martín October 16<sup>th</sup> PanAm Post

“Amid rampant inflation, shortages, and social unrest, Venezuelan human-rights activist [Virgina Zamora](#) became worried that the public would soon forget about the country’s political prisoners.

That is why she launched [#LiberenALosPresosPolíticos](#) (Free the Political Prisoners), a campaign that features all those who have been persecuted by the Venezuelan regime, but who time may have forgotten.

The Popular Will activist tells the *PanAm Post* that she wants to remind Venezuelans who the political prisoners are: their names, their cases, and how they arrived at their current circumstances.”

[Read the whole story here](#)

### [“Anti-immigration party wins Swiss election in 'slide to the Right”](#)

By Reuters, October 19<sup>th</sup>

“The anti-immigration [Swiss](#) People's Party (SVP) won the biggest share of the vote in Sunday's national parliamentary election, keeping pressure on Bern to introduce quotas on people moving from the European Union.” Complete [story at this link](#)

### [“Latin America’s New Class of Dictators Have Hijacked Democracy”](#)

By Carlos Sabino, October 20<sup>th</sup> PanAm Post

“Bolivia is the latest example of how Latin American dictatorships consolidate themselves. President [Evo Morales](#) aims to run for office again in 2019. If he wins, he will have been in power for two decades by the end of his fourth term.

Previously, Ecuadorian President [Rafael Correa](#), and his Nicaraguan counterpart [Daniel Ortega](#), achieved a similar victory, following in the footsteps of the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez” [Read this opinion piece here](#)

### [“Climate Alarmists Cheer Ouster of Canada PM”](#)

by Alex Newman, October 21<sup>st</sup> The New American

“With the [electoral defeat this week of conservative Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper](#) (shown) and his more liberty-oriented party, tax-funded global-warming theorists and the governments that support them breathed a sigh of relief. Now, with Harper and his [recently ousted Australian counterpart](#) out of the way, analysts say the United Nations and its mostly autocratic members have a better chance of success. At least one prominent opponent of the “climate hoax” is warning that Harper's fall will facilitate the imposition of a “one world government.” But despite the apparent victories for global-warming alarmists, the UN's radical “climate” agenda still faces major, potentially insurmountable hurdles — and not just because the [undisputed satellite temperature record shows there has been no global warming for almost two decades](#) and counting, [debunking every one of the UN's climate models.](#) ”  
[Read the rest at The New American](#)



“-God be merciful to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

*“Out Of The Abundance  
Of The Heart The  
Mouth Speaketh”*

by Bro. Curtis Pugh



“I thank thee Lord that I am not like those poor presumptuous people that believe in election. Lord, I was born with a glorious free will; I was born with power by which I can turn to thee of myself; I have improved my grace. If everybody had done the same with their grace that I have done, they might all have been saved. Lord, I know thou dost not make us willing if we are not willing ourselves. Thou givest grace to everybody; some do not improve it, but I did. There are many that will go to Hell who were as much bought with the blood of Christ as I was. They had as much of the Holy Ghost given to them. They had as good a chance, and were as much blessed as I am. It was not thy grace that made us to differ. I know it did a great deal, still I turned the point. I made the decision for Christ. I made use of what was given me, and others did not - that is the difference between me and them.”

I did not compose the prayer above. It seems to be anonymous. I have only edited it a bit. I have left it substantially the same and present it here for your consideration. It agrees with the ideas of many today, viz. that the will of men was unaffected by the fall of Adam. They think they have complete freedom of the will and therefore have the ability to come to Christ if properly persuaded by someone. This is the belief-system of those who oppose God’s sovereignty in choosing whom He will save. It is the belief-system of the vast majority of professing Christendom today. I will be so bold to say that if you can from your heart pray the prayer above, you do not understand how God saves sinners. More than that, I fear that in all likelihood you lack a heart understanding of God’s holiness and your sinfulness. You may know of your sins and God’s holiness intellectually, but your heart is revealed by your speech for Jesus said, “**...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**” (Matthew 12:34) From that verse comes the title to this article. Our speech betrays the innermost thoughts of our hearts, and especially do our prayers. You can often tell more about what a man believes by listening to him pray rather than listening to him preach! And the words of the prayer above reveal that one who prays in that manner thinks himself capable of coming to Christ by his own ability. God’s Word tells us that Jesus said, “**No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**” (John 6:44) And again Jesus said, “**Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto**

**me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**” (John 6:55) Anyone who can from his heart pray the above prayer does not believe those last two verses – or most certainly does not understand them! Man certainly has a will. That will is free to act according to man’s nature. But the problem is that man inherited from father Adam a fallen or depraved nature. Because of this, man can only choose to do evil, but since man’s depraved heart loves sin, men think that they have free will. In Jeremiah 17:9 the Lord tells us “**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**” And again the Lord says, “**There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.**” (Proverbs 16:25) Do not rely upon what you feel or think is right! What God says is right and true! The mind of an unregenerate person “**...is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**” (Romans 8:7) How can a natural son of Adam of himself, with unchanged heart and disposition, come in a saving way to Christ? He cannot!

Some people do choose to live a life of refined evil as their sensitivities are repulsed by gross sins. Some even choose a life of religious evil. Some of the motives of men are selfishness, greed, and desire for money and possessions. Some people think ahead and consider eternity, but their motives are still selfish ones. They are not motivated by a concern for the glory of Jesus Christ. They are concerned with securing themselves eternal bliss by their good works. Such people as these may choose a refined, religious life full of good deeds, church activities, and positive thinking. Jesus was visited one night by one such very religious individual whose name was Nicodemus. Jesus told him, “**Ye must be born again.**” (John 3:7) This new birth or as the translators gave as an alternative reading in the margin, to be “**born from above**” is also called regeneration. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ wrote concerning regeneration these words: “**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**” (Titus 3:5, 6) Here, as in other places, the Bible clearly states that salvation is not by works or good deeds. It is not by religious rituals and observances. Salvation is only by the mercy or grace of God. That means that salvation is a gift and comes to the elect of God as do many other gifts. Such gifts as genius, musical abilities, artistic talents, etc., are all gifts. Some people are endowed with these gifts from birth. They received these gifts without having done anything to deserve them. Neither did they reach out and take them. They received them in a passive and unconscious manner. So it is with regeneration. It is all a work of free and sovereignly dispensed grace. That is what the phrase salvation by grace means.

This new birth or regeneration is truly a matter of being born from above. It is God’s work, not a man’s. We notice another

thing in the last quoted passage above. This regeneration or new birth washes the recipient. Notice the words, **“the washing of regeneration.”** This does not mean that some kind of washing regenerates. Washing in water or any other liquid cannot bring about regeneration. The Bible says here that it is the regeneration that washes. One thus regenerated is cleansed from sins. Furthermore, this passage says that this new birth is the **“renewing of the Holy Ghost.”** All that a baby faces in life is new to him. He has no previous “record” of sins and so it is with the sinner who has experienced **“the washing of regeneration.”** And all this **“He (God) shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”** All that God does to, for, and in His elect ones comes **“abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”** **“Abundantly”** means amply supplied or without any lack or need. We do not bring this abundance of the Holy Spirit down upon us by praying, seeking, making vows or by doing anything. Jesus Christ has done all required by the Father. He paid the price required. He met the demands of divine justice so that in regeneration God shed His Holy Spirit upon us **“through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”** God is not a piker who gives stingily. Neither does He lack anything. His gift when He washes His elect by regeneration is abundantly sufficient. And when regeneration or the new birth comes to one of Christ’s lost sheep, that sheep is taught by the Word that there is nothing good or worthy of this new birth. How can such a regenerated sheep pray such a prayer as the one above?

In the days of the apostles there were many Jews who perverted the gospel of Jesus Christ. They said, ‘It is fine to believe in Christ, but you must also keep the law (do good works) in order to stay saved.’ Paul wrote to counteract this by saying that such men were not true or spiritual Jews – that they lacked spiritual or inner circumcision of the heart. He wrote instead, **“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”** (Philippians 3:3) Whenever you find someone who is content to worship with outward show, whether stilted rituals and ceremonies or other outward, perhaps spontaneous physical activities and bodily show, they are not worshipping God in the Spirit. When you find folk whose rejoicing is in worldly activities which have been brought into the churches in order to keep attendance high, neither are these rejoicing in Christ Jesus. And whenever anyone has **“confidence in the flesh”** neither have these experienced this spiritual “circumcision” about which Paul wrote. Those who think themselves able to take the first step in coming to Christ – whatever they think that step may be – have confidence in the flesh. Therefore fear for those who pray according to the belief-system of the prayer above!

In the matter of salvation, confidence in the flesh is an acid-test as to whether or not a person has been regenerated. People who are confident of salvation because they prayed a prayer, made a decision, accepted the Lord, went down to the front, joined the

church, were baptized to wash away their sins or whatever else that may have been required by some religious group, have confidence in the flesh. Regenerated sons of God **“have no confidence in the flesh.”** Like Paul, they say, **“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...”** (Romans 7:18) This because when the Holy Spirit regenerates a person they see themselves, not in contrast with other people, but in contrast with the Holy One, the God revealed in the Bible. They cry out, like did Isaiah, **“...Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”** (Isaiah 6:5) Having godly sorrow worked in them, they cry out like Job, **“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”** (Job 42:5, 6) Have you experienced this godly sorrow? This godly sorrow cannot be manufactured by a preacher telling sad stories or by a sinner wanting to go to heaven. You cannot break your own heart over your sin nature and your acts of sin! The Bible says, **“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”** (Psalm 34:18) Again the Psalmist wrote, **“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”** (Psalm 51:17) God says in Isaiah 66:2 **“...but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.”** Do you abhor yourself? Do you have a broken heart and a contrite spirit over your sin and before God? Have you been brought to see that you deserve eternal punishment because of your sin? Do you see that if you receive justice you would be cast into the lake of fire? Only such God-wrought broken hearted sorrow will work repentance in anyone. Paul said so when he wrote, **“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”** (2 Corinthians 7:10) Do not be fooled into thinking that temporary emotions stirred up by some preacher, the death of a loved one, or some other catastrophe is godly sorrow! Broken heartedness and awareness that you cannot please God in your flesh are the mainsprings by which God works repentance and then gives faith to His elect. Have you sorrowed after a godly sort? Has this caused you to turn to God in unfeigned repentance and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you still experiencing repentance daily as God makes you aware of your sins even as a regenerated child of God? Do you continue walking humbly before the Lord knowing that if He should withdraw His hand of grace you would plunge into the depths of sin? Or, do you have confidence in your flesh thinking that you can continue living for the Lord on you own?

Earlier in this peace it was pointed out that the mouth speaks what is in the heart. Because of and in connection with that, Jesus stated, **“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”** (Matthew 12:37) What

do the words you speak in prayer reveal about your heart? Do you have confidence in the flesh? Are you trusting in having gone down to an altar or having made a public profession? Do you think you are regenerate because you made a decision for Christ? Are you able to pray the prayer that composes the first paragraph of this article? May God give you grace to see the utter foolish wickedness of that prayer. May He show you that without Christ's imputed righteousness you are a stench in the nostrils of our Holy God! May godly sorrow be your experience and may you be given **"repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."** (Acts 20:21)

## *Labor In Love: Blue Collar*

We have interviewed and shared stories of quite a few people since the start of this column many of the people we have been blessed to talk to about their labors have been in education, medical, and childcare. These are hard jobs that require dedication and are rewarding to those who God has called into those fields. Never the less there are other lines of work that thus far we haven't covered. "Blue Collar" jobs are not glamorous and some times even looked down upon. Yet these jobs are just as necessary as any other. What would we do if we didn't have mailmen, garbage collectors, construction workers, fry cooks, grocers, manufactures of all sorts, farmers? The list could go on and on. Few people want to make a career out of these or other 'menial' jobs, but some people do. I'm thankful for them just as I am thankful for the first responders, medical professionals, and even those in education and legal fields such as those brothers and sisters we've interviewed in previous issues. This is not a class warfare column but one intended to share encouragement and light on the many labors God has blessed His children with and through.

All of that being said with our theme being Humility this issue I thought it would be a good time to speak with a "blue collar" worker for this issue. Our interviewee has been a long time member of our staff, contributing articles and advice since Baptists For Liberty started, and like most of the preachers I know he has worked a full time job to support his family.

"My name is Steve McCool. I was born and raised in Northeast Texas."

"The Lord saved me July 18<sup>th</sup> 1991. I was 21 almost 22 at the time. I had been struggling with salvation for almost 13 years before that. The Lord had me in a good church with a good pastor. I had come back from a State FFA Convention. My

parents had gone on vacation and I was home alone. I called the pastor I had grown up under and we talked and he prayed. He was about to leave when I begged him not to go. He told me all I had to do was say yes to the Lord's calling and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. I felt a complete peace fall over me at that moment. I knew with out a doubt I was saved. I called my grandmother. We both cried. I called my best friend and talked with his mom. What a joy to have that burden lifted!!!"

"I am a member of Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX. I live in Sandston, VA. Currently I attend church services at Victory Baptist Church in Courtland, VA"

*What is it that you do?*

"I currently manage a small aircraft parts warehouse."

*How long have you been doing it?*

"I have been doing this particular job for a little over one year. I have been with my company for 11 ½ years now."

*How did you get into this line of work?*

"I work on my cousins farm while going to college. Then I worked in several small welding shops for about 10 years. The physical work was getting hard on me the older I got. So I started looking for something where I could have a retirement and some health benefits. I applied for a warehousing job and got it. In less than 5 years I worked my way up from an hourly employee to a front line supervisor. My first year as supervisor I had 22 employees in 5 different buildings. It was too much for one person so I was asked to take over the shipping department in our building. I worked that for about 4 years. I was asked to apply for the job I currently have and my wife and I prayed about it over a weekend and the Lord blessed us."

*What are some of the political or social politics you face in your at work and how do you handle them?*

Most of the folks I work with now seem to be pretty conservative minded. So far we have not had much time to talk politics. Where I worked back in Texas(same company) you had a wide range of political thinkers. That place was a union shop. So you had the union members who were mostly Democrat. Most of them were so illogical when it cam to politics it was unreal. The union had done a good job of brain washing most of it's members.

*Do you have a specific example of how the Union members are brainwashed?*

"The Union publishes a news letter, I think once a month. It is inundated with liberal politicians. The Union is a big supporter of liberals when it comes to election time. They are constantly telling their members to get out and vote for only Democrats. They will not put any support behind anyone who is conservative."

*Advice for anyone currently in this field or thinking about it?*  
“Logistics is a great field to get into. There is always room for advancement if you want. If possible get a 4 year college degree. It will make life much easier and promotions more attainable.”

*What kind of degree would help in your field?*  
“Any degree in Business or Business management is what my management always looked for in a new hire. But me personally, I think a degree in Logistics would be more fitting.”

*What are ways God has blessed you through your job?*  
“I did not finish college. But God has used what schooling I had to help me get jobs I otherwise would not have been able to get. In just a few short years the Lord helped me work my way up from an hourly employee to a Front-line Supervisor. During that time I was able to work unlimited amounts of overtime. It was hard on my wife and family but it was a tremendous financial blessing that we muchly needed at the time. The job I am in currently got us moved closer to my wives family. With her mother having cancer now this has allowed us to send my wife to visit her mother when needed. It has also provided a way for my wife and her sister to form a close relationship they did not have before.”

*Keeping in mind our theme being humility do you have any closing thoughts you'd like to add?*  
“One of the things I have learned is to always tell the truth. If things go bad or wrong on the job always tell the truth. I have earned the respect of most of my former management and my current management by sticking to the truth.”

## *“Love Afoot”*

by Bro. Jeff Short

*If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. ~ [John 13:14](#)*

*Thoughts from [John 13:1-17](#)*

A few days after the triumphal entry, Jesus was in Jerusalem in the upper room with His disciples. They had prepared to eat the Passover meal there. This night was an exception to His usual routine. At that time, He was spending His days teaching in the temple and His nights were spent on the Mount of Olives ([Luke 21:37](#)). This night He came into the city, with His disciples, to eat the Passover and do what He needed to do before His arrest and subsequent crucifixion.

Washing His disciples' feet was one of the things He needed to do. Foot washing was a common occurrence in that day, for obvious practical reasons. It was a task most typically performed

by the lowest, menial slaves. Washing the feet of one's peers was humbling. Washing the feet of one's inferiors was unthinkable.

Jesus was the superior in the room. What He did in washing the disciple's feet was culturally unthinkable. This is likely the reason Peter said what he did when Jesus came to him ([John 13:6, 8](#)). Peter had a knack for saying what everyone else was probably thinking. The account does raise some questions we need to answer.

### **Why did Jesus do this? What is this all about? Why is it in the Bible?**

Some would say that it simply means we should wash each others' feet and many have special services where they do just that. Others would say that it is just an object lesson and so it is a general teaching on humility and serving one another. I don't believe either of those interpretations is entirely correct and there are good reasons internally and externally to dismiss them.

### **External objections**

By external, I mean outside the text of [John 13:1-17](#). The external are not equally significant with the internal reasons, but they are more compelling when taken together with the internal.

1. The general humility and service interpretation. If the text means nothing more, then Jesus is here presented as an humble teacher in group with others, such as Ghandi, the Buddha, the Dalai Lama, or Confucius. If the text means nothing more, there is nothing distinctly Christian about it. It's an act any humanist philosopher could perform and endorse.
2. The public foot-washing service/ordinance/practice interpretation. Foot washing was a common occurrence that was much more pragmatic than ceremonial. I'm sure there was a ceremonial aspect when dignitaries were at some high function, but normally it was inglorious. It is not common today precisely because we don't have the contextual conditions to make it necessary. So, whenever it is practiced by Christians today, it is preeminently ceremonial. There seems to be an inconsistency, or even a contradiction, in having a public ceremony where a person can display their humility. The general trend of biblical teaching on service is for it to be more secret than open.

*“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 6:1*

*“But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut*

thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:3-6

“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:16-18

3. One more lesser objection to the public service interpretation. I say it is lesser because it is the argument from silence. I know the argument from silence is a dangerous one. I know it usually evokes the sophomoric retort, “The Bible doesn’t say they didn’t either.” The argument from silence can never stand alone, but that doesn’t mean it cannot contribute when weighed together with other things. So here it is. There is not a single reference in the New Testament where the church practiced this. Though there are later references to the Lord’s Supper, there is no mention of foot washing. I’m also unaware of any references in church history before the third or fourth centuries to the practice.

### **Internal objections**

The internal reasons to discern more in this text come from the text itself. These are the most compelling and give the external reasons more weight. I see three primary pointers to greater meaning in the text.

1. The first three verses explain what was on Jesus’ mind and therefore moving Him as He took the towel to wash the disciples’ feet.

“Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God— [John 13:1-3](#) (Emphasis added)

These verses point to more than a lesson on humility. He had His death on His mind and His love for His own. Jesus knew it was time to lay down His life in ultimate expression of love for His own ([John 15:13](#)).

2. Peter’s reaction and Jesus’ response to the foot washing point to more going on.

“Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, [Lord, dost thou wash my feet?](#) Jesus answered and said unto him, [What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.](#) Peter saith unto him, [Thou shalt never wash my feet.](#)”— [John 13:6-8](#) (Emphasis added)

Peter’s objection seems reasonable, but Jesus tells him that he does not understand what is being done. He said Peter would understand it “hereafter,” which means after His death. If Jesus was just washing Peter’s feet and thereby teaching Peter to wash the other disciples’ feet, then Peter would easily have understood that without need to look upon it through the lens of Jesus’ death on the cross. There is more going on than the foot washing.

3. Jesus’ explanation to the disciples afterward points to more in meaning.

“So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, [Know ye what I have done to you?](#)”

— [John 13:12](#)

This question is in the same vein with His statement to Peter. They didn’t understand what He had done and wouldn’t until after His death and when He opened their understanding.

These are good reasons to see that Jesus did not institute a foot-washing service in these verses, but rather He did something that had to do with His death and His love for His own. In the next part, we want to consider what this is about and also what it means that He did tell His disciples to wash one another’s feet.

In the first part, we considered some reasons why this passage is not about instituting a foot-washing service, nor is it a general teaching on humility and service. We considered reasons internal and external to the text. One of the reasons comes from the very start of the passage ([John 13:1-3](#)) that reveals some thoughts in the mind of Jesus that were moving Him to take the towel and wash. Whatever this act means, it must be consistent with His thoughts.

We certainly don’t want to stop at saying what the passage doesn’t mean. We want to know what it does mean. The thoughts on Jesus’ mind are one contextual piece to help us discern that. Another important contextual piece must also be considered. We must look at what was on the minds of the disciples before Jesus took the towel and started to wash.

### **The broader context**

Jesus knew His time was at hand. In fact, He was hours away from being arrested. He also knew He was moments away from instituting the memorial supper. Jesus also knew what was on the mind of the disciples.

The Gospels tell us there was an ongoing strife between the disciples. They were arguing which one of them was the greatest disciple ([Matthew 20:20-28](#)). On the way to this very supper, they were arguing about this ([Luke 22:24-27](#)). This was not an isolated incident, but rather an ongoing problem. They were striving over this at least a year earlier while going with Jesus from Galilee to Capernaum ([Mark 9:30-37](#)). They were so preoccupied with this that they did not understand Jesus when He spoke about His death.

So, about to partake of the Lord's Supper and hours away from Jesus' arrest, they were striving with one another about which of them was the greatest. Their minds were fixed on exaltation and reward. Each thought their standing was better than the others' around them.

It's easy here to chide the disciples and even wonder how they could be thinking about this at a time like this. However, let's not be too quick to condemn them. Have you ever thought yourself better than, i.e. looked down on, some other Christian because they weren't a member of the church you're a member of? Have you perhaps looked down on someone because maybe they didn't understand some of the truth you understand from God's Word? So how are we any better than the disciples here when we are fixed on rewards or position. Remember that Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for thinking themselves better and that they wouldn't have done what others before them did ([Matthew 23:29-30](#)).

In the midst of all this, Jesus arose, took a towel, poured water in a basin, and then washed the disciples' feet. The disciples wouldn't have thought anything out of place if one of the disciples had risen up and washed Jesus' feet. But while each was thinking himself better than the other, they wouldn't have stooped to wash their brother's feet. Yet Jesus did the unthinkable when He washed their feet. What did it mean?

### **The application and the new command**

After He finished, Jesus did give the imperative to His disciples.

*“So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”* – [John 13:12-17](#)

Verse 14 does say, “Ye also ought to wash one another's feet.” Obviously, this act is not excluded from the service we should do. There really is no service that we should see as too low or beneath us to do. If you are in a circumstance where your brother's feet need washed, you shouldn't hesitate to do it. However, that is quite different from washing feet in a ceremonial display.

I assert again that if this is all that is meant, Peter and the disciples would have readily understood it without explanation and without need for revelation through the cross. Verse 15 gives us reason to look for more. It sounds very similar to something Jesus said a little while afterward.

*“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”* – [John 13:34-35](#) (Emphasis added)

In verse 15, Jesus said, *“For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you”* (Emphasis added). And He went on to say a couple of chapters later:

*“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”* – [John 15:12](#) (Emphasis added)

Jesus gave a new commandment and, in some way, the act of washing the disciples' feet is connected. The new command was to love one another, but that doesn't sound very new. All the way back in [Leviticus 19:18](#), the law commanded to love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus perhaps expanded that a bit, or corrected a false notion of it, in [Luke 6:31-36](#) to include loving your enemies, but He doesn't call that new.

The new command involves brotherly love and sacrifice ([John 13:34-35](#); [15:12-17](#)). That is new and it is also new that we have not only a command but also a perfect example in life with Jesus Christ. Great love is expressed ultimately in life-sacrifice ([John 15:13](#); [1 John 3:16](#)), but it is also expressed in the lowest service. John made that link in his first epistle when he immediately talked about giving your brother what he needs right after laying down your life for him.

*“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”* – [1 John 3:16-18](#)

Part of John's point is about truly having God's love in us. If we have the Father's love, we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren and we also should have compassion and give to our brother who has need. You can't have one without the other. It is all the same love.

John calls this the “perfect” love of God. The word underlying perfect here doesn't mean perfect in the sense of flawless, but rather it is complete or fulfilled. God's love is perfected in us, or fulfilled in us, not only when we have received it, but when we have shown it to others.

That brings us back to Jesus washing the disciples' feet. He said what He did was an example and linked it with the command to love one another. What He did here was complete the example of

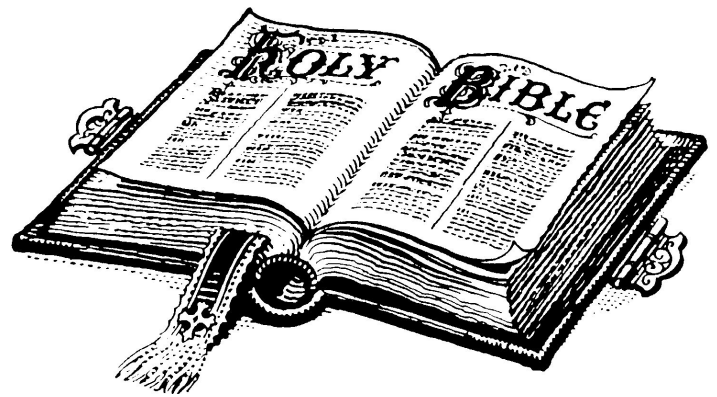


God's love. He expressed it in the ultimate way by laying down His life, but He also expressed it in the lowest, most humiliating service, by washing their feet. The love that took the beating, mocking, and crucifixion, is the same love that took the towel, basin, and feet of the disciples. This is how we are to love one another, from the least service to the greatest sacrifice. And "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" ([John 13:35](#)).

## Proverbs 16

- 1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.
- 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
- 4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
- 9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.
- 10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
- 11 A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.
- 14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
- 18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

- 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.
- 27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.
- 28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.
- 29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.
- 30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
- 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.
- 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
- 33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.



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