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"And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh" Mark 10:8.

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Lifting Up The STANDARD

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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Survival Tips For Our Age of Apostasy

I. Face The Facts Concerning Our "Movement"

There are no Scriptural grounds for our movement. The truth is, apostasy found it's way into evangelism through the evangelical movement and apostasy is finding it's way into fundamentalism through our fundamental movement. **God's plan and only plan for this age is the local church. We are not suggesting we should not get together with churches of like faith.** We are saying, and saying without apology, forget the movement.

The dictionary says a movement is "a group of people working together to advance their shared political, social, or artistic ideas." It is interesting to note that the dictionary does not mention anything about a Christian movement. When as Christians we organized our movement we organized something outside of God's local church. We organized something that has no directions in the Bible for its operation.

Para-church ministries, have taken over the functions that were given by God to local churches. There are no Scriptural grounds for any Christian organization to exist outside of the authority of a local church. **Absolutely none!** One of the main reasons we face the apostasy of our day is the flood of para-church movements that are "doing that which is right in their own eyes." They can organize it in a manner that is "right in their own eyes" because the Bible has no instructions concerning any ministry outside of the local church. **None!**

God wrote, "**Pastoral Epistles**" giving details to pastors as to how God wanted things done in local churches. God gave no epistles for college presidents,

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Apostasy

Apostasy is not the absence of truth it is the subtle addition of truth mixed with error.

All that is necessary for apostasy to triumph in our churches is for preachers to refuse to face the facts.



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newspaper editors, radio pastors, TV pastors, mission board directors, city-wide crusade organizers, seminar conductors, or any other para-church organization.

During the past century we decided to ignore God’s plan and “do that which is right in our own eyes.” We have started colleges, radio ministries, newspapers, magazines, city-wide crusades, seminars, mission boards and other organizations outside of the authority of the local church. We have never had more means at our disposal for the promotion of the Gospel and have never had less of the blessings of God upon our efforts.

Our Fundamental Movement

We Organized A “Special Committee”

Our “special committee” of Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, (very few Baptists) and other denominations organized our fundamental movement. We got together with baby baptizers and formed what we called fundamentalism. J.C. Ryle, one of the men on our “special committee” said, “Its members are entirely agreed on all the weightier matters of religion, for they are all taught by one Spirit.”

Agreed On The Weightier Matters?

If the truth be told, Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Baptists were not “of one mind” concerning baptism; however, the truth could not be told if they were going to keep the unity in our new fundamental movement.

Baptism is one-third of the command of Christ in Matthew 28:19; however, nothing was written in all of our twelve volumes of fundamentalism about baptism and for the sake of unity in the movement our compromising, “fundamentalists” remained silent about it.

Leander Whitcomb Munhal, a Methodist evangelist wrote in “The Fundamentals” concerning, “**The Doctrines That Must Be Emphasized.**” He did not mention baptism, and neither did any other writer of “The Fundamentals” deal with baptism. Our movement began with a “special committee” of compromisers who were more concerned about unity than defending the truth.

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2. Teach Your Congregation The Facts.

If you are the pastor of a local church your people need to know that the fundamental independent Baptist **movement** is sick unto death.

The First Movement Was Organized By Moses.

At the advice of Jethro Moses rejected his God-given responsibilities and organized a committee of seventy men to do what God had told him to do.

The Result,

1. Moses lost some of his power with God.

Numbers 11:17,

“I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them.”

2. His leadership was challenged.
3. His own brother and sister challenged his authority.
4. Ten spies challenged his authority.
5. Soon there was anarchy among the leaders.
6. That organization became the Sanhedrin.
7. They voted to crucify the Son of God.



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I am not saying we should not be fundamental. I am saying we cannot be fundamental in the Bible sense of the word and be a part of our inappropriately named “fundamental movement.”

I am saying we need to expose the movement for what it is, or perhaps we should say for what it isn't. Simply put, it isn't Scriptural, and it never was! God's program is the local church. Anything outside of the local church is part of a movement.

We Will Lose Our Young People

If we do not teach our congregation the facts about the apostasy that has flooded into our movement.

Hosea 4:6,

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

It wasn't because the knowledge wasn't available.

- They “rejected knowledge.”

There was a price tag on rejecting knowledge.

- “Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee.”

The Blame For Rejecting Knowledge Was Put at The Feet of God's Leadership.

- “Thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God.”

The Young People Were Lost.

- “I will also forget thy children.”

3. Choose Your Companions Carefully

One of the greatest sources of influence is the friends we choose because we will become like those we choose as friends.

Amos 3:3,

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

We need companions; however, we must choose the right kind of companions.

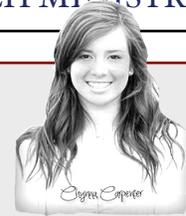
Psalm 119:63,

“I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.”

Proverbs 13:20,

“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

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A Perfect Wedding

Almost every girl dreams of their wedding day, even the girls who say that they're never going to get married. I know this, because I was that girl. I said, repeatedly, that I was never going to get married. I'm convinced that I was so adamant about not getting married because I thought that no one would want to marry me, or that it was just an uncomfortable topic. Nevertheless, I still dreamed of what kind of wedding dress I would “hypothetically wear if I was to get married,” and little details of my “wedding that probably will never happen.” Regardless of whether I actually *wanted* to get married, I wanted God's will for my life, so I was willing to do anything...even get married. The irony of that is, not only am I married, but I got married when I was eighteen. Some people think I'm crazy, and some people think I got a fairytale that could be forged from a storybook. Whichever it is, it doesn't matter to me; I didn't get exactly what I planned for my life, but I got God's perfect plan -- and it's so much better than what I could have planned.

Last summer, my best friend proposed to me and obviously, I said yes. When he proposed, *my* plan was to be engaged for a while and plan a “perfect” wedding. Shortly after he proposed, circumstances arose and we felt God wanted us to get married sooner, quite a bit sooner. After a couple months, we decided we were going to elope. We would plan a time where we would just “run away” and marry, sweet and simple. That's a fairytale, right? Perhaps, but it's not this one. After deciding we were *not* going to elope, we were just going to have our Pastor marry us and we would leave for our honeymoon. That wasn't our fairytale either.

On our wedding day, we had most of our family and church family in our little church at our ceremony. We planned our wedding and honeymoon in one week. I bought a simple dress for \$50, and my husband wore his suit. I bought a dozen roses for \$20 dollars, and wrapped a red ribbon around them for my bouquet. I went and got my hair and makeup done, and my friend picked me up and brought me to the church. I went downstairs through the backdoor where my two best friends were waiting to help me into my

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The word "fool" in the Bible does not refer to a mentally deficient person but rather to one who has a rebellious spirit toward the Word of God.

Choosing Scriptural Companions Demands Separation

The scriptures below are plain and simple but they are very costly.

Second Thessalonians 3:6,

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

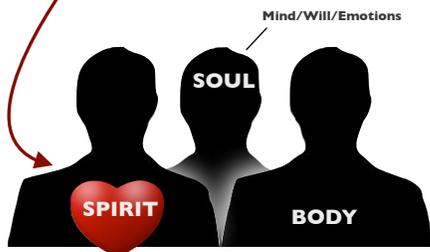
It is sickening that in the 60s we separated from the evangelical movement when they were far less guilty of violating Scriptures than our fundamental movement is today.

Teaching "damnable heresy." They teach that our Lord didn't know what He was talking about when He said, "I tell you nay, except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). It was fundamentalists Jack Hyles and Curtis Hudson of the Sword of The Lord, that led thousand of preachers in our movement to dump the doctrine of repentance in order to reach more people with their so-called "soul-winning." Thousands of people who prayed a little no repentance prayer will end up in Hell because of our heresy promoting leaders; however few see this as a reason to separate from the movement. As long as their hair is off the ears and off the collar they can teach this "damnable heresy" with the support of thousands of puppet preachers in the movement.

Second Thessalonians 3:14,

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

How The Spirit Guides Us Into All Truth



The Holy Spirit does not communicate with us through our minds.

"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding" (Job 32:8).

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dress. I walked down the aisle to "Be Thou My Vision" that they play beautifully as a piano duet. Our Pastor married us, his son took our wedding photos, and we left for a four-day honeymoon. Our wedding cost less than a cell phone, and it was beautiful. Was it everything I dreamed of? No, it was more.

I dreamed of a gorgeous ball gown with a huge bouquet of red roses, a tiara, and perfect hair and makeup. I envisioned walking down to my handsome husband-to-be in a white tuxedo with his groomsmen with matching ties. I thought my bridesmaids would wear elegant red dresses with white roses, and we would have practically every person that knew us at the wedding. We would have outstanding invitations, decorations, favours, and a tremendous reception. I would feel beautiful, something I never felt before; and I would look in the mirror and feel like a princess. We would have a perfect ceremony, with a perfect reception, and we would go on a luxurious honeymoon to somewhere tropical.

It sounds like my simple little wedding could never trump the wedding I dreamt of; but, it did more than that. I'm so happy that our wedding turned out the way it did. I'll let you in on the secret; a wedding is more than flowers and feeling like a princess. It isn't looking at yourself in the mirror with your costly bridal gown and thinking you're beautiful; it's walking down the aisle in your simple white dress seeing a man that loves you more than you could ever imagine, look at you and tell you that you've never looked more beautiful. It's a covenant, before God, that you will love each other in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, till death parts you.

We think that a wedding is a big party, or a day to compromise our beliefs and standards; and some think their wedding has to be bigger and better than the last. It's not a showcase, and it is not necessary to spend every penny you have, and don't have, on everything a wedding "is supposed to have." God didn't intend for weddings to be that way. Every penny we have is God's, and we are just stewards. It isn't necessary to spend His money on materials that we'll only use for a day. You don't need it to have a perfect wedding; marrying the man God created you for is perfect all by itself.

