

Anyone Can Be Great Because Anyone Can

Serve

MLK, Jr.

We don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.

Dwight Moody

The holidays are here! Did you forget to set your scales back 10 lbs?

When God gives you something to say, He will grant you the audience to say it! Editor



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'No Pretense Here'



The Future Is Not For Wimps!

Exact excellence. That's a phrase I heard this week. My mind did a cartwheel, trying to grasp what exceeds mere excellence. Is there anything so fine, so wonderful as 'exact excellence?

We've all heard more info on the Duck Dynasty debacle than we want to hear. Yet the advent of the New Year begs mention of it here. Perhaps you've not heard the story in quite these terms! Real truth comes out sooner or later.

Some speculate that NY executives produced the new series starring the Robertson family, thinking it would bring a good laugh to TV viewers. Instead, it brought *inspiration!*

A&E hadn't counted on that! Yes, the show made money, but they already had tons of that! A&E being a huge advocate of the LBGT movement,1 many gays flocked there to work. and they weren't happy at all about the success of a series that honors God & His word.

Hence the setup at GQ...

So in the GQ interview where the controversy began and was 'staged', (an A&E executive was there) it was already known that Phil was a Bible believer. So when asked the *right questions*, they got the response they sought... (Jesus warned us of wolves, and there are none so fierce or cunning as many gays! Example: Phil didn't call for jobs lost - but *they* did!)

A&E will profit from record viewers in January when the 9 already taped series opens. They own all Duck Dynasty items –now flying off shelves!

The Robertsons own the Duck Commander items and were wealthy before A&E signed them! When this saga plays out, who wins...? A&E? The Robertsons?TV viewers? The public...?

No....the church! The fix

is in for 2014 to get the church on the same page as it once was, naming sin for what it is! In so doing, the truth that still frees, can now liberate the public!

Where has the church been? The answer – Silent on issues that matter to society and broken people. Backslidden with no FEAR of God in the House. The vapid silence of the church has permitted political correctness to flourish in that vacuum... due to no standard raised, by a church too 'world-friendly'.

Sad statistics show that 3 out of 4 Christians don't even vote... yet many place their hope politics to better things which is pure fallacy. America is too far gone! Enemies of freedom now prevail in Wash. D.C. Like Jeremiah's day when prophet, priest, and princes were corrupt, there are no more statesmen, none who are 'valiant for the truth' and no more excellence!

Not being press savvy, Phil Robertson's delivery in the GQ interview could've been more excellent, if he'd pointed to scripture to make his point, then stated 'These aren't MY words. I'm only the messenger. I'm not authorized to change the message! Your argument is not with me, but with God."... could've foreseen a 'setup'. But perhaps God planned it all. No second-guessing.

Whatever the timing, this huge controversy is intriguing because as was said in a WWII movie I saw last week, Watch on the Rhine, "The world is going bad." Friends it's not going to get better! America is in pre-war indoctrination now, fueling hatred of - races.

classes, wealth, Christians, or good, right. and true!

So Phil's words may well be a wakeup call to the church, identifying sin for what it is... so the real church can now get onto the same page and thus Bring Back God's Glory - to restore true holiness and harmony among His people

What harmony, you ask? Fair question. An orchestra achieves harmony only if they agree! Every member must agree on a single note. If they do not, cacophony occurs. When the t-r-u-e church agrees their only criteria for Truth and Holiness is scripture, there'll be unity - not until!

Unity equals p-o-w-e-r! In this case, G-L-O-R-Y. It's when the world will see Jesus for Who He is, the Express Image of God – Exact Excellence! No improvement needed!

God is fixing it too, so His people will not put their hope in gov't, but in God alone! To 'set' their hope in Him and to teach their children likewise.2 He's our only Rock in troubled times!

You may say, that's fine for others, but I'm weak, I'm old...I have no influence! You're a prime candidate. God's looking for you!

How can a weak, flawed people reveal His Glory? Something they know...! 'Those who know their God shall be strong and do exploits.'3 They walk in the Spirit, put no confidence in the flesh cuz they know their weakness is God's strength!4 Wimps exclude themselves because of their herd mindset that chooses lies over truth.

God's holy people shine!5 My pastor said, 'Jesus has already won the war. Ours is to announce His reign."

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I was told this dog looked like Me..... I have to have one!

The greatest element found in hell,

 $\label{eq:summed_up} \mbox{summed up in a word.}$

<u>Surprise!</u>

The man who seeks only forgiveness for his sin, trifles with Christianity.

Unknown

Consider both the kindness & severity of God...Romans 11:22

I discovered recently that California classrooms are not permitted to use the name of Jesus. But....the 5 pillars of Islam are memorized and prayers to Allah are taught. Don't you wonder what war veterans think of that, whose first rule of warfare was 'Know your enemv'? Speaking as one who has read the Quran, studied the life of Mohammad and lived with a Muslim -This is Political Correctness run amuck ... Glorified Ignorance!

Marriage and the church have in common, when they work, nothing is sweeter or more wonderful. But when they don't....it's a little hell on earth! A church that is functioning scripturally builds its people up through spiritual worship, study, & Biblical skills of righteousness.

My experience has been, that too many folks have a very skewed concept of the Love of God. I call it sappy, sloppy agape because it only oozes a soft & fuzzy Jesus. I mean, have they even read the scriptures where Jesus overturned tables in the temple, then ran people out with whips? Twice.

Or that we're told Jesus had joy above his peers because he hated something? Yes, He had the proper 'balance' – He loved righteousness and hated iniquity!6 Jesus is both tender & fierce! Respect that in Him!

But the PC police now operate in the church too, spying on all behavior to determine whether we're operating in their twisted perception of love!.... We musn't hurt anyone's feelings!

This too is glorified ignorance!

The gospel message is confrontational of necessity. It requires a decision ! If we do not present the good news to others, we're consigning them to an eternity in hell. I wonder if many parents will have the blood of their own children on their them because they didn't warn them there is a hell to shun...?7 Check out the story of Eli in I Samuel. ...

Scripture tells (but people often don't) of Phineas, who pleased God because "he was jealous with the jealousy of the LORD." If you want to understand the fierceness of the cross...read that story.8 God hates sin! Where is any fear of God? -and hatred of sin? Are we representing the wrong Jesus...?9 Still... it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!



Dear Santa, I've been good all year. Ok, most of the time.Once in a while. Never mind, I'll buy my own stuff!

Never follow a parked car. You'll get nowhere. Never follow a parked preacher either. Follow the Holy Spirit. Reinhard Bonnke

Refs: 1) Rom.1:32 2) Ps 78:6,7; 3) Dan.11:32 4) Rom.8:8,14 Phil.3:2; II Cor. 12:9 5) Phil 2:15 6) Heb.1:9 7) Acts 20:26+ 8) Num. 25:1-12 7) II Tim 3:5 8) 2 Pet 2:1, Acts20:26-30 9) IICor.11:1-16 10) Heb. 10:26-27,31 11) I Pet. 5:7 12)II Tim 1:7

Bridle Your Thoughts....and Nightmares

Dear Agatha: I have two children in elementary school. I love them dearly, and my husband as well. But lately, I've been having nightmares about the children – terrible nighmares, the same one over and over. It is of mean and cruel men who torture my children before my eyes. I haven't been sleeping much because I fear falling asleep. What can I do to rid myself of those dreams? Rachel

Dear Rachel: I know what you're going through, because when my own children were young, I had dreams like that. I recall driving one day while weeping, telling God I just couldn't stand it anymore. I don't recall exactly what God conveyed to me that gave me

peace from then on, but I'll share what I've learned.

First, you can't live in the future. It doesn't belong to you. You only have today (that's why they call it 'the present'). Use it wisely. Plus you can't change yesterday, except to repent of it and put it behind you – move on!

Second, you must learn to trust in a good God Who promises to care for you if you will roll onto him all your cares, 'for He cares for you.'11 The devil's kind of 'fear, has torment'. 'We are not called to a spirit of fear, but to power, love and a sound mind.'12 Dreams can drive you crazy if you dwell on them! Resist the devil and...Take thoughtsdreams in hand & cast them down in Jesus' Name!13

It was a brand new concept to me that thoughts even needed to be bridled. Or disciplined. But it better explained to me crazy thoughts that run thru your head, like 'jump off this ledge' or other things! You think 'How could I think such things?! Well, YOU didn't.! The devil is spirit and thoughts are his turf. Il Cor 10:5,6 identifies the battlefield that most people haven't found yet – the mind!

Finally Rachel, your children are not your own. They belong to God as the Giver of good gifts. Worship Him. You can't protect them but He loves them more than you...and IF you will put your trust in Him, He will care for them and you. Look for a good church for them to grow



