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Last month I turned to my wife
Linda while we sat in our family
room & said, "So you know, I
never want to live in a vegetative state on some machine.
If that ever happens, just pull
the plug." Immediately, she got
up & unplugged the TV.

You can't **approve** what God has **disapproved!**Eternity is too long to be

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Thinking On Your Feet

Some years ago, I was president of a local chapter of an international women's group. Many local chapters sprang up off ours. A friend and I together spoke at over 100 chapters in the Midwest...

One day tho, I received a single 8 x 11 ½ sheet that explained that this group would no longer take a stand on abortion. The subject was too controversial, it said.

WAIT! My heart said, we are a *women's* group, and this topic is where women *live* -and we won't have a **voice** in this kind of culture war...?

After years of involvement, I stepped away...

At that time, I'd become a protégé of Dr. Francis Schaeffer, a foremost author, speaker and leader of the 20th century. I'd read his books & so our family attended many conferences, to learn from him. He & his family had left a big church he'd pastored in the Midwest to open Labr'i, an outreach to intellectuals of the world in Switzerland. (What did I, a former street urchin have in common with this great man? Love of the same truth!)

Schaeffer Dr. warned believers worldwide of a cultural lag (slowness in development of one part of a culture in respect to another) inside the church. contended that the moral vacuum that existed society then was a direct correlation to the impotent voice of an anemic church! That was 35 years ago! He warned that culturally, citizen's rights in America would be severely affected by crime thru coming legislation (such as the Patriot Act, etc.)

Much has worsened in the church since: Leonard Ravenhill's statement best capsulizes it this way:: "If Jesus preached the same

message that ministers preach today, He would never have been crucified." Churches are now filled with junkfood doctrine, void of spiritual truth or discernment.

There's another issue however, that's <u>captured the</u> <u>minds</u> of the world, and of church members alike. People don't realize it tho.

Today's high level of stress has led to entertainment as the medium people use to amuse themselves. People feel they deserve a break after a hard week at work but.... this is a real problem.

The Greek word for 'think' is, *musio*. When you add the article 'a' to the word to get "amuse" ... it becomes 'not to think.' Hmmm.

Have you observed today's college students on college campus streets?... collectively morphed into their smart phones, i.e. social media? They appear to be zombies!

It's true of entire families. I saw a father, mother, and a ten year old in McDonald's. ...each separated from the other, lost in social media.

This distraction isn't even SAFE. Crime experts warn us - BE AWARE of our surroundings .A woman should walk straight to her car with keys in hand. If she sees a stranger or a van near her vehicle... return to the mall! Predators target distracted people! Technology distracts!

A woman once said she was cursed with prosperity – a tv in every room! No one talked to each other anymore!

This post appeared on Facebook Jan. 1 this year: "Sadly, most Americans don't even realize what is happening to this nation. As long as they are fed a constant diet of mindless entertainment, most Americans are perfectly content to let "the experts" do their thinking for them."

A predator has targeted us today, lulling us into a stupor, dulling our minds from the danger ahead. We'll be swept off our feet tsunami when a darkness hits, unprepared & unable to cope! That non-essential, worldly, & sinful info now filling our minds will not help us then...the absence of critical thinking, deductive reasoning & discernment annihilated! (Video games so stimulate the dopamine in the brain that all else leaves a youth bored! It's addicting.+)

"Not to think" is the antithesis of what God designed the mind for! The mind is the center of thought, emotion, and desire. Dr. Schaeffer taught that God gave us a mind & emotions to better enjoy Himself & others. We need to engage it then!

God's wants us to grow UP into Him, severed from the defiling darkness that prevails around us. Any parent wants their child to mature - It's embarrassing when your 27 year old sucks their thumb in a nice restaurant! People stare.

"The mind SET on the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life & peace."

1 Which direction are you facing? A transformation awaits us all to —"be metamorphosized (Greek) by the renewing of your mind."

2 Youth today have no values for a baseline, empty, left only with the 5 senses in making choices in life. Sensuality! Come up higher to the Spirit's way

Many believers feel our mission isn't to win the culture war...I say nothing could be farther from truth! We <u>must</u> if we are to obey "GO into ALL The World"

You are not born a winner; you are not born a loser. You are born a chooser.

Wisdom says: "If you turn at my reproof, Behold I will pour out my Spirit to you, I will make my words known to you. Because I have called & you refused to listen; you have ignored all my counsel & would have none of my reproof, I will also laugh at your calamity. I will mock when terror strikes you like a storm.....Because you hated knowledge & didn't choose the fear of the LORD ,thus they shall eat the fruit of their way. For the simple are killed by their turning away & the complacency of fools destroys them. But whoever listens to Me will dwell secure & will be at ease, without dread of disaster." Proverbs.1:23-33.

The book of Proverbs' purpose, in part, is described as 'to KNOW wisdom & instruction; to understand words of insight and to receive instruction', found in first chapter vs. 2-6

The Hebrew term for Proverbs means "a comparison'. As a whole, it compares the attribute of wisdom with...folly. Hence, the above heading.

Where does wisdom come from? It comes from knowing the Word of God. Folly springs from *not* knowing that word...or wholly ignoring it . Fools hate knowledge, it says, and is synonymous with being "simple" in vs. 22.

Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for *lack* of knowledge." Prov. 1:7 says 'Fear of the LORD is the <u>beginning</u> of knowledge.' It is awe of

After our

Dear Agatha:

His power & greatness. Real knowledge starts with our faith that respects our Creator God, His law and His word.

It should be noted that after explaining the book's purpose, the writer warns in vs 8-19, against *bad company.* It always corrupts; leads to ruin. *Our* ruin!

The Apostle Paul takes up the same theme in his letter to the intellectuals of his day (Corinthians). They too failed to realize it's importance. He also pointed out "Don't be deceived" (deception *lives* there) "Bad company ruins good morals." Every time....

A singing group I was in used to visit a women's prison, where we were permitted to move about freely among the inmates while there. I was surprised to find believers there! Yes. Many told me the reason they were there, was 'friends.'

The wrong kind. Mostly boyfriends. Mostly drugs. Not theirs of course. I believed some of them. But being in the wrong place at the wrong time got them there. Bad choices and wrong friends.

But **True** believers don't live as others, *occasionally* appealing to God for help. It's a daily walk of trusting in the love of a good God!

Wanna know the future? "The wise man sees the future & prepares himself – the fool goes on and are destroyed." Are you simple? Foolish? Proverbs conveys truth that makes you wise!

Lots of folks today lack the common sense of a flea. But you'll find plenty of it in the Bible. Especially Psalms & Proverbs. Start in Proverbs. There are 31 chapters, one for every day of the month! If you really love truth, you won't be able to get enough!







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Help & Healing For The Generations- Acts 2:33

family moved, we enjoyed attending a Lutheran church for some time. Then, a long time member told me something that took me aback. She said salvation is such a personal subject that really, only the pastor should talk with people about it... Whatever happened to the Great Commission? So now we attend a Pentecostal church where they seem to talk about healing, aside from salvation! ľm confused. Which can I believe? Ann Dear Ann: Welcome to denominational worship! The 'nominal' in denominational generally means 'in name only'. Look it up! Although many members of these

churches are good people,

them unsatisfying. This is due to their tendency to pick and choose what they believe and an overall a failure to follow scripture as a guide!

Pentecostals are a denomination that believes scripture! however, and takes it far more seriously. Their view of both doctrine and practice is the same, that as He is, so are we!

Something else less obvious is the fact that wherever Jesus went, healing went with Him! It's difficult to find a time where He didn't HEAL peoplebecause healing is part & parcel of the gospel message!

Other times, He delivered victims from evil spirits. "God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit & with power. He went about doing good and healing

devil, for God was with Him." Acts. 10:38 This passage says healing, then, was a good thing. Healing is still 'good.' It also identifies the source of evil as from 'the devil'...

Nominal churches will tell you that healing is not for today; that the miracles died when John did on Patmos. Not so! Jesus healed the same way we do now!. Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit & with power. It's about God's goodness...

"The Kingdom of God is **NOT** in word, but in power." Ann, if you don't believe in healing — you won't be bothered by it. 'It's according to your faith...'Without faith it's impossible to please Himwe must believe that He is a **REWARDER** of those who diligently seek Him. Amen.



NOTICE

DUE TO THE LACK OF **INTEREST** ON THE PART OF SO MANY AMERICAN CITIZEN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SYSTEMATICALLY DISASSEMBLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO COLLECT ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT BENEFITS YOU CAN WHILE THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE. ALL OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN YOUR LIFE SUCH AS AMERICAN IDOL WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHOWN TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED WHILE THIS OCCURS. TOGETHER WE GO FORWARD!