

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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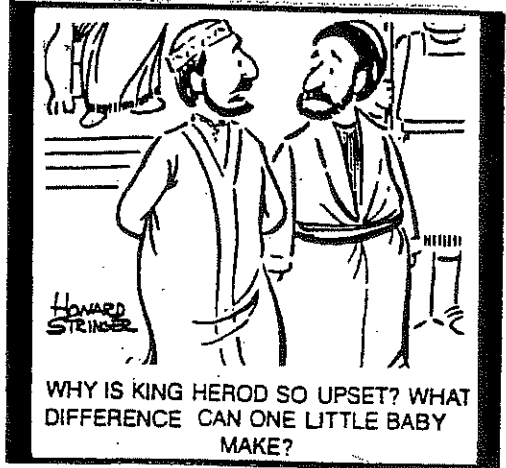
## Thoughts on Marriage

Phillip Henry, soon after becoming pastor in a church in England; sought the hand of the only daughter of a prominent Mr. Matthews. The father objected, saying that though Mr. Henry was an excellent preacher and a gentleman, he did not know where he came from.

"True," said the daughter, "but I know where he is going and I want to go with him." The wedding soon followed.

Pastor Henry often gave this compliment to his newly married friends. "Others wish you much happiness. I wish you much holiness and then there is no doubt but that you will have happiness."

—G. S. Bowes, Progress



## In Days Gone By

On Oct. 4, 1880, Homer Rodeheaver, was born. He was the great song-leader in the Billy Sunday campaigns.

## GUESS MY NAME :

1. I am the son of Asa. At my father's death, I became the king of Judah. (I Kings 15:24)
2. I was thirty-five years old when I began to reign; and I reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. (I Kings 22:42)
3. I walked in all the ways of my father and did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. (I Kings 22:43)
4. The Lord said unto me, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's." (II Chron. 20:15)

There's A Big Difference-

# FUNDAMENTALISM OR FANATICISM?

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH is a fundamental, independent Baptist Church. Fundamentalism, according to Webster's dictionary, is this: "A belief that the Bible is to be accepted literally as an infallible document." What that means is that Grace Baptist Church folks believe that the Bible is the complete, revealed, perfect Word of God, and as such we teach, preach and practice it to the best of our knowledge.

What the media often mistakenly classifies as fundamentalism is really fanaticism; there is a vast difference between the two. Just remember, a fundamental Christian is one who believes the Bible is God's Word and it is his final authority in faith and practice. This is the same principle that coaches and business leaders use. If they want to have a winning team or successful business, they stick with the fundamentals of the game or the fundamentals of good business practices. So with the Christian, to be useful and successful in our Christian lives, to be a blessing and a help to others, we stick with the fundamentals of our faith.

The following are some wonderful truths about fundamentalism that I have gleaned from several sources. I believe it will be profitable and enlightening to those who desire to know the truth.

1. A fundamentalist is one who embraces, tenaciously holds to and practices the truth as found in God's Word.
2. A fundamentalist has zeal, but his zeal is disciplined and tempered by the truth of God's Word.
3. A fundamentalist obeys the government and the laws of the land, and submits to authority unless that authority seeks to usurp the authority of God.
4. A fundamentalist will not bomb airports, hijack airliners, take people hostage or commit terrorist acts of any kind.
5. A fundamentalist does not seek to take human life.
6. A fundamentalist will not build a religious commune and engage in sexual orgies.
7. A fundamentalist is opposed to abortion (which we believe is premeditated murder of innocent unborn human beings), opposed to homosexuality, promiscuity, pornography, drugs, booze, immorality, tyranny, communism, etc.
8. A fundamentalist believes in and is a promoter of strong, godly, family life and values.
9. A fundamentalist is not intolerant. He believes that every person must have the right to believe what he chooses and practice what he believes, as long as it does not threaten man's well-being; but he also insists that God has only one way to Heaven and that is through the blood of Christ.
10. A fundamentalist loves God and other people; he loves the church; he desires and seeks the salvation of the lost.
11. A fundamentalist loves his country and his flag, and is ready to defend it against any and everyone who seeks to take away liberty; he is ready to oppose wrong and defend truth.

Now then, listen to the dictionary's definition of fanaticism: "One who is possessed of wild and extravagant opinions. He has an inordinate zeal that may be influenced by religion, revolution, political ambition, social activism, racial bigotry and other causes. He may be often ruled by bigotry and prejudice and be given to wild imaginations and emotionalism, rather than being disciplined by sound judgment based on truth."

It is very easy to see the difference between fundamentalism and fanaticism. Don't be fooled by the liberal media.

-Article Contributed

## Sentence Sermons

Many a father has forgotten that the best offering he can make his children is "himself."

Why is the way OUT of trouble, not as simple as the way IN?

It is always a dangerous thing when the mouth goes into motion before the mind is in gear.

I have never failed to hit the "bull's eye" when I aimed at "nothing."

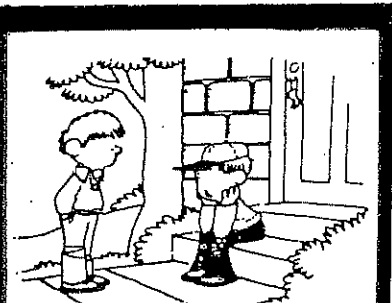
Although the tongue weighs only a few ounces, very few can hold it.

If you ever get a place in the sun; you will have to expect some blisters.

Remember if you form a habit of looking back, you will soon be heading that way.

Happiness is like potato salad... If you expect to have a picnic you must "share it."

We would all fare better if we allowed our "listeners" a little "butting-in" time.



"My parents and I have finally reached an agreement... they tell me what to do, and I do it."

# Miscellaneous.

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## AN EVIL SWEEPING THROUGH OUR LAND TODAY

The same God who commands men to be honest, kind, loving and giving charity to the widow, orphan and stranger, is the same God who condemns and prohibits homosexuality, bestiality, incest, rape, murder, stealing and adultery. The Bible could not be clearer in letting us know that this type of behaviour is an abomination to God, the lowest form of sinful, wicked, perverse behaviour. Satan, from the very first, attempted to distort the Word of God to Eve, and she foolishly believed him. Many religionists today, certainly not born-again Christians, try to interpret clear statements from God's perfect Word to fit their own perverted views and lifestyles. They want to force upon everyone else an act that God calls unnatural, degrading, indecent and abominable. Let it be known that there is no scientific evidence, and never will be, that sodomy (homosexuality) is genetic, or that people are born that way.

God is a great God of love, but God does not tolerate sin and pronounces judgment upon it. God's hatred for that which is sinful is as great as His love for that which is right. He loves the sinner, but He hates the sin. The Bible tells us of God's love for all, but the Bible clearly condemns homosexuality, bestiality, incest, rape, murder, stealing and adultery. It is interesting that some will accept what God says about love but try to explain away what He says about hate.

We live in a very wicked time, just as the Bible describes in II Timothy 3:1-7. We are truly living in the last days. In the Old Testament, Isaiah 5:20, the people were warned with these words, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..." Homosexuality is evil, the very worst kind of evil. A homosexual relationship is NOT a marriage. Read Genesis 2:24: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Read Leviticus 18:22, 24-25 and you will see that the sin of homosexuality DEFILES the land. Read Romans 1:24-32 and you will see that God gives these people up to a reprobate mind, who, knowing the judgment of God, continue to have pleasure in this abominable practice.

Christians, come out of your closet. It is not a hate crime to hate what God hates. We should hate that which is destroying our families and nation. The Word of God is our moral compass, our final authority. What the Bible says is true and we should live by God's standards. Don't be ashamed to take your stand for God, the Bible and right!

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