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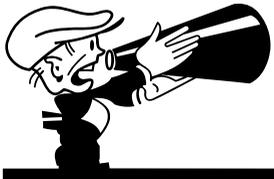
Calling All Young Adults, Young Married's, & All Teens!

Today, We Begin A New Series During The Sunday School Hour Entitled -

HOW TO DISCIPLE YOUR FAMILY

Many Christian families suffer today because they fail to capture the hearts of their children. Too often they fail to communicate vision, convictions, and wisdom to their sons and daughters. In the battle between pagan culture and the Christian family culture, paganism often wins. To achieve victory, first you must seek it. In the battle for the family, this means making God-honoring and strategic choices which cultivate an environment of honor, faithfulness to Christ, and generationally-minded decision-making. *How to Disciple Your Family: A Plan for Generational Victory* is designed to give parents helpful tools to make this vision a reality.

We'll begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday in the Conference Room. Please be on time.



New Bible Book Study Begins Next Sunday Morning!

Next Sunday morning, our Pastor will begin preaching
verse-by-verse through the

BOOK OF DANIEL

The whole issue of biblical inerrancy rises or falls on the Book of Daniel. If the Book of Daniel has in it errors or inaccuracies, the entire Bible is the work of fallible men and NOT the Word of the infallible God.

Be sure and be here every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock as we see how Daniel, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, correctly prophesied every world power ever to exist, and learn how the Anti-Christ will soon take over the world.

If You Are Interested In What The Bible Says About Future Events, Don't Miss This!

Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

(Part 4)

These past three weeks, we've been looking at what is REALLY happening to our country: How that Humanism - which is a religion which teaches that human wisdom is the answer to all of mankind's problems - has taken over our:

- GOVERNMENT
- EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
- MEDIA (entertainment venues as well as news sources)

This week, we continue to look at -

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Last week, we saw Goal #1 -

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs.

Now, Goal # 2 is -

2. Humanists want to replace Biblical ethics with Humanistic ethics. Although humanists recognize "the central role of morality in human life," they mean by **morality** something entirely different than what Christians mean. Generally speaking, Christians believe that man needs guidance from God, and is ultimately accountable to God. Christians believe that God determines what is right and what is wrong, and that ethical values are revealed by God to man through scripture. Christians believe that all human conduct must be consistent with what God says is right. Since God is one (Mark 12:29, 32; I Cor. 8:4,6; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 1:17) then God gives but one universal standard. It is absolute and constant. God's single ethical standard, when used as a social norm, produces moral conformity in society.

This contrast between Christian and humanistic ethical values is easily documented. The second Humanist Manifesto says that "...moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest. To deny this distorts the whole basis of life. Human life has importance because we create and develop our futures."

Additional statements from [A Secular Humanist Declaration](#) say that "ethics was developed as a branch of human knowledge long before religionists proclaimed their moral systems based upon divine authority." Humanists maintain "that ethics is an

autonomous field of inquiry, that ethical judgments can be formulated independently of revealed religion, and that human beings can cultivate lives of virtue and excellence." Humanists "are opposed to Absolutist morality," yet they "maintain that objective standards emerge, and ethical values and principles may be discovered, in the course of ethical deliberation."

Reason and intelligence are the means by which humanists determine their ethical standards. "For secular humanists, ethical conduct is, or should be judged by critical reason, and their goal is to develop autonomous and responsible individuals, capable of making their own choices in life based upon an understanding of human behavior."

"Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments that humankind possesses. There is no substitute: . . . The controlled use of scientific methods . . . must be extended further in the solution of human problems. . . . Reason should be balanced with compassion and empathy and the whole person fulfilled."

For humanists, ethics must conform to whatever brings happiness.

"Happiness and the creative realization of human needs and desires, individually and in shared enjoyment, are continuous themes of humanism. We strive for the good life here and now. The goal is to pursue life's enrichment..." Since happiness relates not only to individuals, but also to groups, it has social importance. Humanist "philosophers have emphasized the need to cultivate an appreciation for the requirements of social justice and for an individual's obligations and responsibilities toward others."

The ethical values of humanism are a grave threat to a society based on Christian ethical values. If fully implemented, the ethical values of humanism would completely destroy a society whose conduct is governed by Christian ethics. If the taking of God's name in vain, the telling of falsehoods, the practice of adultery, or even the act of murder by abortion, euthanasia, or suicide is judged by an individual's reasoning as necessary for his happiness, then, to fulfill his human needs and desires or to solve some human problem, **such conduct is considered ethical by humanists!**

Humanists seek to implement their system of ethical values through public schools. They believe that public schools are fundamental to their cause. They say that "**education should be the essential method of building humane, free, and democratic societies.**" They "**do not believe that any particular sect can claim important values as their exclusive property; hence it is the duty of public education to deal with these values.**" They contend that in a world of humanism, "reasonable and manly attitudes will be fostered by education and supported by custom." Therefore, humanists "believe in the right to universal education." More specifically, they say -

"We support moral education in the schools that is designed to develop an appreciation for moral virtues, intelligence, and the building of character. We wish to encourage wherever

possible the growth of moral awareness and the capacity for free choice and an understanding of the consequences thereof. We do not think it is moral to baptize infants, to confirm adolescents, or to impose a religious creed on young people before they are able to consent. Although children should learn about the history of religious moral practices, these young minds should not be indoctrinated in a faith before they are mature enough to evaluate the merits for themselves."

Since humanism rejects supernaturalism, then whatever moral values humanism teaches in public schools must of necessity reject moral values related to supernatural beliefs and standards taught by Christian parents. Public schools, in one degree or another, now utilize humanistic values education in a wide variety of courses and grade levels.

Humanism now controls public education in America. Humanism has a safe haven for teaching humanistic values to children of Christian parents. Christian parents can therefore expect that public schools will increasingly become anti-Christian. Christian parents must therefore begin to consider educational alternatives for their children. Through the teaching of humanistic ethics to the school children of this nation, humanism is well on its way to realizing its goal of replacing Christian ethics in our society with humanistic ethical values.

(More next week)

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **U.S. PRESIDENT PROMISES HOMOSEXUALS THE MOON AND EXPRESSES COMPLETE DISDAIN TOWARD SUPPORTERS OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE** - The following is excerpted from **"Obama: Homosexual Relationships 'Just as Real and Admirable' as Heterosexual Marriage,"** CNSNews, Oct. 13, 2009:

President Obama delivered an unprecedented message to the Human Rights Campaign Saturday night. Sounding more like a homosexual activist than a sitting president, Obama went well beyond his expected message of "I'm here with you" on the homosexual agenda. "My expectation is that when you look back on these years, you will see a time in which we put a stop to discrimination against gays and lesbians - whether in the office or on the battlefield," Obama told an estimated audience of 3,000. "You will see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as relationships between a man and a woman."

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said, "This was a historic night when we felt the full embrace and commitment of the President of the United States." Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, told CNSNews.com. "I think this is the ultimate Obama audacity play--for him, just declaring it seems to make it so...he also mentioned his support for a laundry list of homosexual activist issues, including bringing an end to the military's 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy on homosexuals serving in the military and overturning the federal Defense of Marriage

Act, which defines marriage as being between one man and one woman. ... [T]he president also characterized those who oppose the homosexual agenda in terminology reminiscent of last year's presidential campaign, when then-candidate Obama, campaigning in Pennsylvania, referred to 'bitter' residents of small-town America who 'cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them.' Obama told Saturday's event that there are still people 'who hold fast to outworn arguments and old attitudes; who fail to see your families like their families; who would deny you the rights most Americans take for granted.'

❑ **HOMOSEXUAL HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION POISED TO BECOME LAW** - The following is excerpted from LifeSiteNews.com, Oct. 13, 2009:

In what appears to mark the end of a years-long battle over homosexual hate crime legislation in America, the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday passed a law authorizing the federal government to intervene in violent crimes that appear motivated by hatred of homosexuals. The hate crimes language passed in a 281-146 vote as an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill, with 15 Democrats and 131 Republicans voting against the must-pass bill in apparent protest against the hate crime language. The expanded hate crime legislation would extend special protection to victims of crime based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. The measure is now poised to become law after final approval by the Senate. President Obama, as an avowed supporter of the homosexual lobby, is expected to sign the measure.

Commenting on Thursday, Family Research President Tony Perkins said that the law "sets us on a slippery slope toward serious infringements of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Hate crime legislation will lay the legal foundation and framework for investigating, prosecuting and persecuting pastors, business owners, and anyone else whose actions reflect their faith"



NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarth
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 11, 2009

Sunday School ----- 20
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 23
 Wed. Eve. Service, 10/14/09 ----- 27

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of October 11, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 1,183.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 10/04/09: \$ 1,193.00

*Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00* 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,703.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 574.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 449.00



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - **OK?** Thank you.

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