

## Morality — continued

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wards morality is running rampant. Even when some try to take measures to avoid being exposed to such things, or attempt to raise their kids away from such sinful attitudes (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4), the world hates this and tries to say that they are bigoted and attempting to raise children with the same bigotry. This is even occurring within families who are Christians (Luke 12:51-53).

This attitude of hostility towards morality is not new, it is simply making a resurgence. In our culture, it was not as prevalent 50 years ago as it is today. With the advent of television and the internet, sadly, this trend is growing exponentially.

Are you prepared to walk by faith in a world that is rapidly growing hostile to not just morality, but all things deemed "Christian" by the world (2 Tim. 3:12)? Are you prepared to stand (Eph. 6:13)?

- Joel Raulerson -

## News and Notes

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- Our new radio program, **Let the Bible Speak**, is now airing on WJZM 1400 AM on Saturdays from 8-8:30 AM. Please listen in and tell your friends and family about it.
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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Christians must come to terms with the fact that our culture is growing increasingly more hostile towards morality. For instance, politely asking others to abstain from using obscene language in our presence, or even in the presence of our children, may result in a tirade by that person who declares us to be a prude, hypocritical, unrealistic, "holier than thou," judgmental, along with a number of other accusations. The hostility towards morality may even be laced with obscenities, just to emphasize their displeasure with our stance.

If you are serving God, you will find this attitude seems to be growing ever more prominent in our society. If you are in contact with those of the world in evangelistic efforts, you will see this for yourself.

We are not the only ones to struggle with this. Please read Philippians 2:15, where Paul wrote, "that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a

crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world," When we act like children of God, we will stand out!

Obscene language is just one sin many today justify (Jas. 3:5-8). Other sinful conduct the world is engaged in includes immodest apparel, nudity, sex and pornography, drinking, drugs, lying, stealing, covetousness, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, idolatry, etc. (Gal. 5:19-21).

Just look at the sinful attitudes portrayed in the media, in entertainment, and in sports. Consider what is on the internet, on television, and in the movies! All of these sinful attitudes that ought to produce shame are celebrated by so much of our society. (Jer. 6:15)

This was not the prevalent attitude when I was growing up, and I'm only in my twenties. This was certainly not the society in which my parents and grandparents grew up. There are few left that will reel at the sight of sinful conduct being put on display and celebrated anymore. All that is not to say that society is any more wicked now than it was 20, 40, or 80 years ago. The sinful conduct

committed then was just as wrong then as it is now. The problem is that we have less who are willing to stand against such sinful conduct and more who are willing to celebrate it!

Now, the ones who recognize sinful conduct as something to be hated (Ps. 119:104) are the ones being attacked. It is a sad fact that those with desensitized consciences toward sin are now in the majority (1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).

We have a society now that not only has its conscience seared, but also has many who celebrate hearing what used to be considered uncouth. They have the itching ears Paul warns Timothy about and they desire to hear and see sinful conduct celebrated rather than condemned. In contrast, those with tender consciences are in an ever-shrinking minority (1 Tim. 1:5; Acts 24:16).

The fact that parents, coworkers, and anyone trying to live godly lives are attacked and ridiculed when making polite requests to cease the sinful conduct in their presence proves that this hostile attitude to-