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Gal. 5:19-26

INT: Subject: Focus on Morality. Three simple parts.
1. What is morality?
2. What's happening to American morality?
3. How can American youth remain moral?

I. WHAT IS MORALITY? (Not a Bible term.)
A. Etymology: Old French and Latin: MORALIS; meaning manners, customs, habits, virtues, rules of right conduct.
   1. Matt. 5:8. Blessed are the MORAL (pure) in heart.
   2. Rom. 1:16-17. Therein is the MORALITY of God.
C. Bible examples of IMMORALITY.
D. Composite definition: Morality is the Code of Right Conduct, as taught to man by God, thru the Bible!!

II. WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICAN MORALITY?
Hear: New Morality, Situation Ethics, Cultural Revolution, moral adolescence, moral lag, youthful criminality, psychological anguish, Secularism, sex-saturated society, erotic stimulants, affluency, apartment dwellers, and psychedelic.
1. New Morality is change from Morality to in-moral and a-moral. Wealthy, self-sufficient, independent.
2. Statistical signs which focus on Amer. immorality.
   a. 5% College students reading Bible. Basis of life?
   b. 30 million American children never in B. S.
   c. 70 million Americans un-churched. Standard of Val?
   d. 50 million Americans not even Bible owner. 1-4.
3. Results of this turning from God and His Word.
   a. Divorce up 800% in 100 yrs. 1 million involved yr.
   b. Illegitimacies averaging 1/2 million a year.
   c. Crime growing 6 times faster than pop. Up 17% '67.
   d. V. D. growing 350% in youth 13-19. Gravely ill!!
4. CONCLUSION: Surely EVERY Christian, after hearing this, more than willing to get involved in fight!!

III. HOW CAN AMERICAN YOUTH REMAIN MORAL?


INV: CLOSING APPEAL well spoken by one of America's greats:

In speech by Lt. Gen. (Ret.) James H. Doolittle.


Quoted J. Edgar Hoover: of Boy Scouts of Amer.

"Crime and subversion continue to chip at the bulwark of democracy as laid down by our founding fathers 200 yrs. ago. There MUST be a reawakening of the entire citizenry and a return to the old-fashioned principles of honesty, respect, high moral standards, and patriotism if we are to survive."

APPEAL:

You enjoying blessings and benefits; Help us preserve them! Become the best citizen on earth! A Christian. B-R-C-B.

If been a poor Christian, then a poor patriot and citizen too. Can correct both, by beginning with God. R-P.

Identify.
2. Signs of OUR times:
      (1) Univ. Chr. Church, F.W. "Dancing in church is just another form of prayer!"
      Quote: Mrs. Jerry Bynum's Cochran, Prof. of Modern Dance, To.C. U.
   a. Try this on John 4:24! "Dance for Him!"
   b. Not connect in N.T. with worship?

(2) United Meth. Church! It's worserite
   in a worship service! Change the
   wedding band from left hand to right.
   Mk. 10:9 applies here!
   Matt. 15:8-9. Human tradition?

      Idea: Better to sell teenagers birth control materials than teach them
      spiritual control, flesh control or self-control! Given up God's most
      successful method for happiness! Abstinence until marriage.
      Remonstrance! Not realistic!
      Reply: What's realistic at the judgment: "Depart from me!"

My conclusion: We owe our youth
   God's truth from the Bible - like it is.