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God's People.
God's Book.
God's Plan.
God's Glory.

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Who is My Mother? And Who are My Brethren?

Brotherhood thinking too often is for getting fuzzy - cloudy!

1 Tim. 2:24

An Encouragement & a Caution

1. Two ^{three} Current problems in the Kingdom: Concerns
1. Divorce & Remarriage Force (How God see this?)
 2. Fellowship - levelling, subtle breakdown in our standards.
 3. Inst. music, distinctive feature, numbers above truth.

2. This message: A.N.T. view of fellowship.

3. Some general observations:

my desire!

1. The Christian should Fellowship ^{"Share the Communion!"} _(Be a Partner) every person approved of God on earth. (A MEN!) Positive.

2. Only truth is more important than Christian unity. (I John 1:7)
Do not fellowship error!
1. you - God.
2. me - God.
3. you - me.

3. Christian Morality is a part of God's great truth, so Chr. morality is also more imp. than fellowship.
I John 2:15-17. Do not fellowship immorality.

• Question: Have you ever seen a serious case of immorality which led to a breach of fellowship?

ans. Yes. 1st youth minister + Fid Ed. Dir. in CoFC withdrew from his home congregation over a moral issue. (1948) Placed membership with another local congregation while still on salary of his home church. Many in his home cong. agreed with him + meant for his support to last until he had successfully re-located.

1. could stick removed!

I ⊗ Mat. 12:46-50. My mother & brethren. (2)

A. V. 50 Contains Christ's standard for Christian Fellowship - "the will of my Father."

B. Question: This is the General Rule! What of exceptions? Extenuating circumstances? Problems - in - Progress - Situations?

answer: Gospel covers ALL of that.

C. what of: New, Young, Weak, starting congregations - like in mission fields?

Example: Like Corinth? Imperfect? Immorality! Law suits! Faulty worship! etc.

Guideline: A. Permissible fellowship: as long as they are

1. In prayer for God's truth!

2. In discussion of their problem!

3. In study of God's Will!

4. In search of proper solution!

(Agreed ??) still: mother & brethren.

B. when fellowship is ended:

1. If the flock considers the truth and rejects it. I John 1:7. sp. kinship ends.

Ill.ippo, Miss. Instrument challenged! Doors locked.

2. If a dictator deceives the flock
It leads them into digression,
immorality or denominationalism.

I John 1:7. Ill: Procter St., Port Arthur.
50% church left, new work? old candlestick going out!

Ex. Corinth had not disciplined
the immoral brother — :
1. candle stick removed.

- 2. God withdraw fellowship!
- ? World-wide Christians do less??

Ex. Ephesian church warned likewise.
Rev. 2:5. Remove candlestick
of love for love.
spirit. zeal. attitude.

Close: My plea + prayer.

Walk in the Light!

Disregard the Cost!

Show the Way!

Pray earnestly for the
unity of all believers
in Christ — everywhere!

II Cor. 2:6-9. ←