

some guidelines or standards about these "earthly things"?

Since God commands, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15), and since we know that He is talking about this world system (not the trees, mountains, flowers and other such beautiful things), does it not behove us to explain what these worldly things are?

Since God tells us, "Abstain from all appearance of evil," are we not to have standards about dress, hair and indulgences that would identify one with the evil world around us? When the Beatles first came over here from England with their feminine, mop-headed haircuts, preachers were aghast; and we all thundered out against this violation of manhood and propriety. We did not hesitate to preach, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" (1 Cor. 11:14). Now if God said it was a shame then, is it any less a shame now? Or is God's Word valid only during the '50s and '60s? Is He not the God of today also? Why is it suddenly "legalism" to preach this part of the New Testament?

Those who charge us with legalism say, "The child may look great on the outside, but be ungodly on the inside."

That is, of course, true. But they do not turn around and say, "The child may look terrible, grubby and raunchy on the outside, but be a wonderful, soul-winning Christian on the inside!"

There are those who think we should act like the world and look like the world in order to win the world. But it is not necessary to dress like a soldier to win a soldier or to look like a clown to win a clown. For me to put on greasy overalls in order to win a mechanic is not even sensible. A Christian lady does not have to dress indecently to witness to a go-go girl.

Public schools once had standards and a code of morality. And there were rules. In those days students were sent to the office for chewing gum, getting out of line in the halls, talking in class, and such matters.

Then the rules were dropped, and permissiveness took over. Today, students in these same schools have to be dealt with about fondling in the halls, rape, pushing drugs, coming to school drunk or committing murder! We'd better get some of the right kind of legalism back into the schools!

It has been suggested that fundamental preachers who preach against long hair on boys, immodest girls, dancing and rock music are neglecting such matters as covetousness, lying, hatred and strife. We need to hear preaching on the sins of the flesh.

There must be as much positive preaching as negative preaching. I believe it was Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., who said, "The way to don't is to do so fast you don't have time to don't." There must be a positive post on the battery. But try getting a car started without the negative post. You have to have both!

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1. Independent
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5. Soulwinning
6. Premillennial
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Church Services:

Sunday:

- 9:30 am — Sunday School
10:30 am — Worship Service
6:15 pm — Evening Service

Wednesday:

- 6:30 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

BIBLE STANDARDS ARE NOT LEGALISM

Are Bible standards legalism? Legalism is the doctrine of salvation by good works. Now I do not know any fundamental, Bible-believing preacher who thus is a legalist. There are some people in religious circles who (as they did in Jesus' day) teach "for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). This is wrong.

But it is not wrong to have biblical standards. "The Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard" (Isa. 59:19). Bible standards are not legalism. Preaching against sin and warning our people about the consequences of sin and compromise are a command from God.

One writer wrote an article called "An Alternative to Legalism." I am sure he is a good preacher and a sincere brother in the Lord, but he has declared that we have been confusing a whole generation of young people because we fail to deal with legalism courageously. Rather, we have confused a whole generation by **failing to deal with sin** courageously.

He states that "legalism is disastrous to personal Christianity," that we "need to examine our system of values which is harmful and does not work." Now I agree that legalism would be harmful. But my contention is that having standards, regulations and guidelines for our members is not legalism.

But we need to have rules. Let a school try to operate without them! (Many public schools have tried it with disastrous results!)

Homes with no rules and guidelines have produced a generation of hippies, perverts and

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Saturday

8:00 am — Door-Knocking
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For those who have prayer requests, Christian articles, poems, or announcements for inclusion in the next issue of the Church Bulletin, please ring or email Ethel Macale.
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Prayer Requests:

- Good health and traveling mercies of Mrs. Macale to Perth.
- Pastor Macale's good health and work.
- Tract-Drop and Door-knocking
- Church services at Bible Baptist Church, Kalgoorlie
- Miriam's health.
- Bible Baptist Mission, Liloan, Southern Leyte
- Pastor Eugene Macale for wisdom of leadership
- Pastor Carlyle and his family

Websites worth visiting:

<http://www.biblebaptist.net.au>
<http://www.oldkjv.org>
<http://www.macale.org>
<http://www.av1611.info>
<http://www.kjv1611.org.ph>
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sassy rebels. They also have contributed to the host of teenage pregnancies and suicides!

Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21). Now what "commandments" is He talking about? We all know that the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses are not the only commandments in the Bible. Here are a few others:

"Let your light so shine before men" -- Matt. 5:16

"Watch and pray; that ye enter not into temptation." -- Matt. 26:41.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." -- Mark 16:15.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." -- 1 Cor. 16:2.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" -- Heb. 10:25.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." -- Gal. 6:2.

"Be filled with the Spirit." -- Eph. 5:18.

"Walk in the Spirit." -- Gal. 5:16.

So far, so good. Every Christian would want others to read, know and obey these commands. He would not want to rule out any of them. But there are other commands in the New Testament. For instance:

"Be not conformed to this world." -- Rom. 12:2.

"Flee fornication." -- Cor. 6:18.

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." -- Eph. 4:29.

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ." -- Phil. 1:27.

"Be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." -- Phil. 3:17.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." -- Col. 3:2.

Now in order to instruct young people (and young converts among adults) about such commands, we're going to have to do some explaining. What does it mean to be not "conformed" to this world in actions, language and dress, among other things? How can you warn young people to flee fornication in the present society without warning them about pornography, vulgar TV programs and dirty rock music? These are some of the things that lead to fornication.

Since God commands that no corrupt communication should come out of the mouth, does not a Christian school have to have some rules about the language that can be used on campus?

When Paul mentions following him as an example in Philippians 3, he proceeds "even weeping;" to tell them that some of them are "the enemies of the cross of Christ...who mind earthly things" (Phil. 3:17-19). Must not the church and school, then, lay down