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## The Exodus of the Young

By: Brad Harrub



It's like a slow train wreck you can't stop watching. For 18 years a young person attends your local congregation and is present every Sunday. But then they leave home, take the high dive into the world, and slowly start to live a life that does not reflect Christ. And sadly, they appear to love this new life of worldliness. Their clothes get more immodest. Their social media posts get more immoral. Their language becomes less about Him and more about themselves. And little by little you watch as this once faithful person begins to embrace sin.

Why? Why are we not better grounding our young people to run away from worldliness and run toward holiness? Why do we sit idly by and assume this is "just a phase" everyone must go through? Why do we no longer blush? Why is it okay for a 20-year-old to dishonor the bride of Christ publicly through social media and no one does anything? Why do we act like souls are not at stake?

I fear that it is because, in too many cases, their hearts were never turned toward God in the first place. Sure, they wanted to get baptized and sure they wanted to avoid the fires of hell. But they never put on the new man. They never agreed to be a servant/slave to Christ.

Yes, they wanted salvation and forgiveness, but they did not want Him as a Lord over their life. They simply wanted a comfortable Christianity that still allowed them to live as they wanted to live. It's time parents, church leaders, and Christians take a serious look at the hearts of their young people and ask: "Who is on the throne of your heart?" Is it a video game? Is it themselves? Is it a boyfriend/girlfriend? Is it theater, football, or band? Is it high grades and honor roll? Is it being popular or having the right phone? Or is it Jesus Christ? How many more will we watch fall away before we realize that something needs to be done?

*Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; Ecclesiastes 12:1*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord". Ephesians 6:1-4*

## Does Love Bear All Things or Bare All Things?

Paul answered the question in the title: love “bears all things” (1 Corinthians 13:7). Paul’s word for “bear” derives from the roof or covering of a building. A good roof is struck by rain and sun, but protects you from exposure to them. Just so, a loving person sees the sins of others, but seeks to protect the wrongdoer from public exposure as much as possible.

Unfortunately, baring all things has become far more common than bearing all things. And I don’t mean just scanty clothing (or the total lack of it), though that, too, is epidemic in our culture. Primarily, I’m talking about the malicious delight taken in exposing the sins of others. It’s painfully obvious in political campaigns and “gotcha!” journalism. But it also impacts the church negatively. While I don’t endorse everything he says, John MacArthur’s comments about this are helpful:

“Love bears all things by protecting others from exposure, ridicule, or harm . . . Even when a sin is certain, love tries to correct it with the least possible hurt and harm to the guilty person . . . There is perverse pleasure in exposing someone’s faults and failures . . . It is that depraved pleasure that sells magazines and newspapers that cater to exposés, “true confessions,” and the like . . . Love has no part in that. It does not expose or exploit, gloat or condemn. It bears; it does not bare” (via preceptaustin.org).

Make no mistake, the time comes when sin must be exposed and dealt with decisively, just as a malignant tumor must be removed. I would prefer, however, that my surgeon excise the tumor by careful, skillful use of a scalpel rather than chopping me to bits with a meat ax! May we have the same loving consideration toward our brethren in Christ!

~ Joe Slater

### A “One Another” People

The earliest disciples really bought into the idea of family, body and church! They were a “one another” people! Listen to how they related to their spiritual family:

- “Be kindly affectioned **one to another** with brotherly love...preferring **one another**” (Rom. 12:10).
- “Let us not therefore judge **one another** anymore” (Rom. 14:13).
- “By love serve **one another**...” (Gal. 5:13).
- “...Follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify **another**...” (Rom. 14:19).
- ... “Forgiving **one another**...” (Eph. 4:32).
- “Exhort **one another** daily...” (Heb. 3:13).
- “Use hospitality **one to another**...” (1 Pet. 4:9).
- “Speak not evil **one of another**...” (Jam. 4:11).
- “...Consider **one another** to provoke unto love and to good works” (Heb. 10:24).
- “Confess your faults **one to another**, and pray **one for another**...” (Jam. 5:16).



~ via House to House/Heart to Heart ~

### Four Rules of Church Growth

**The 30-Second Rule.** Most guests will make a judgement about us during the first 30 seconds after they enter. Greet people at the door with a handshake and a smile. “We’re glad you came!”

**The Front Door Rule.** Many people need help to find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they find it difficult to locate a class or a seat, they may not return.

**The Ten Foot Rule.** Greet any person with whom you are not familiar who come within ten feet of you. Make eye contact and be friendly.

**The Five Minute Rule.** Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Thank them for coming and encourage them to return. You can visit with family and friends later.

~ Author unknown

### Why Women Talk More

A study demonstrated that women talk twice as much as men do. Men use about 15,000 words per day, while women use 30,000.

A husband showed the study to his wife. She told him women speak twice as many words as men because wives have to repeat everything. He said, “What?”

~ via Preacher Talk ~

**PRAYER LIST**



**Bill DePriest** was admitted to the local hospital over the weekend, room 237. He will probably go to rehab when he leaves the hospital.

**Kathy Clayton** had her second cataract surgery yesterday, in Oxford.

**Ron Griggs**, father of *Madison Griggs* is at home recovering from surgery on his foot. He will need to be off work for a month

**Continue to Remember:**

Michelle Bell, Molly Clayton, Jerry Coats, Daniel Cross, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmitt, Phillip Haynes, Janie Huggins, Ronnie Miller, Elizabeth Phagen, Jerry Robbins, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Mildred Shackelford, Josie Tidwell, Angela Victory, Cynthia White, Donnie Wilson

**Shut-Ins:**

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, J.D. Stroud

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Joe Downs, Jerry & Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

**PHONE # CHANGE**

*Deloris Crowe* has a change in both her home and cell phone numbers. Please make the following changes to your directory. Home: 662-988-2221; Cell: 662-507-8720.

**I've Learned...**

A heart full of love always has something to give.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- February 15..... Greg Clayton
- February 19..... Barbara Crotts
- February 22..... Jennie Bell
- February 28..... Brian Carpenter



**GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY!**

This coming Sunday, Feb. 16th, we will have *Mark Neaves* with us for both our morning and evening services. *Mark* is interested in our minister's position. He and his wife *Marti* have two children and live near Guntown, MS. All the adult classes will meet in the auditorium for Bible class. We will have a potluck meal following morning services. Our evening services will remain at 6:00pm. Please make sure to be present Sunday!

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

- NAYPE will meet following Wed. night services Feb. 12.
- Junior Bible Bowl will be held at the Antioch congregation Sun. Feb. 16th @ 2:00pm
- Lads to Leaders practice each Sun. at 5:00.
- Guest speaker *Mark Neaves* will be with us Sun. Feb. 16th.
- The Senior Group will go the Ecru Fish and Steak Fri. Feb. 21st.
- Deacons meeting Feb. 23rd at 5:00pm.
- This month's youth devo will be held Feb. 23rd following evening services. *Mark & Alyce Jennings* will be hosting.
- CYC in Pigeon Forge TN, is Feb. 29th-March 1st.

**AREA EVENTS**

- The Ripley Church of Christ has scheduled 'Our Christ is King Lectureship' for Feb. 23-26. The guest speakers are the second year students from Memphis School of Preaching. The topic will be "The Fruits of the Spirit".



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

## MINISTER

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 .....256-263-9137  
 Office ..... 534-4649

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Caleb Jennings  
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Closing.....Michael Crotts  
 P.M. Prayer.....Dane Coggin  
 Closing.....Hunter Jennings  
 Wed.2/19.....Greg Harrison  
 Wed.2/19.....Clay Jennings  
 Lock 2/16.....Mark Jennings  
 Usher 2/16.....Greg Clayton  
 Security 2/16.....Tim Dye

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....  
 Sunday A.M.....  
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 Wednesday.....  
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## WHEN I AM TEMPTED

When I am tempted I dare not stray  
 For many people look my way;  
 Loved ones to sicken and distrust  
 If I betray my sacred trust;  
 Weak ones to stumble and to fall  
 If I should heed temptation's call;  
 Young ones to follow in my wrong  
 If my heart's not kept pure and strong;  
 Older ones to mourn and grieve  
 If I the way of truth should leave;  
 The holy church to suffer, too,  
 If my soul is not right and true.  
 My charge is plain—my duty clear,  
 My soul to keep, my Lord to fear,  
 My light to shine, my savor keep--  
 Truth to teach, souls to reap,  
 A hope to gain, a crown to wear--  
 A race to run, Heaven to share.  
 When I am tempted, I dare not stray--  
 Too many people look my way.  
 ~ Owen Cosgrove ~