

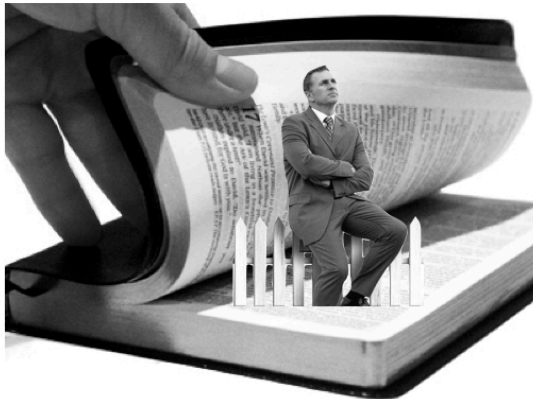
# Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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## Fence-Straddling Preachers Make God Sick

In the letter to the PASTOR in Revelation 3:14-19 we read,

“And **unto the angel** ( translated “messenger” seven times) of the church of the Laodiceans write...” (v.14). God did not write seven churches. He wrote seven pastors.

To the pastor He said, “I know thy works, that **thou** (not “they”), art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.” (v.15).

This rebuke is not leveled at the *people* of the church at Laodicea, it was leveled at the *pastor*. It was to the pastor the Lord said, “be zealous therefore, and repent” (v.15).

### “I Would Ye Were Cold...”

It was to the pastor Jesus said, “**I would thou wert cold or hot**” (v.15). Did you get that? He said, “cold or hot!” The Lord has more respect for the pastor who is cold than for the one who won’t take a position.

## Do You Really Want To Make The Lord Sick?

### Revelation 3:16

“So then because thou (pastor) art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

The pastor’s mandate is to teach his people the truth concerning the issues we face in our age of apostasy. Hosea 4:6 says “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”



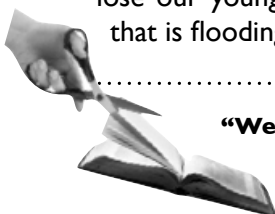
## No Choice But To Choose

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good pastors to say nothing about the issues of our day. Pastors who are silent concerning the apostasy that is coming in like a flood in our *movement* are just as guilty as those who openly promote it because silence always gives consent.

### What Are We Teaching Our Young People?

It is time for those who will “...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints,” (Jude 1:3 ) to rise up and “earnestly contend.”

To “contend” is to engage in an organized course of action to achieve a particular goal. The term is an athletic term used when setting out to win a wrestling match or other athletic event. As pastors, our responsibility is to stand up and be heard or we will lose our young people to the flood of apostasy that is flooding our “movement” today.



“We don’t teach this part anymore so let’s cut these pages out.”



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## How Close To The Edge?



The story is told of a stagecoach owner who was interviewing candidates for the job of a stagecoach driver. He asks the candidates just one question: "How close can you get the wheels to the edge of a cliff without slipping off?"

The first man said, "I can get to within a yard." The second man said "I can get within a foot." The third candidate replies, "I don't know. I always try to stay as far away from the edge as I can."

The third man got the job.



Those who walk the middle of the road walk a yellow line and leave themselves open to be struck down by traffic on both sides.



Apostasy is flooding into our movement; however, we do not need to let it flood into our churches.



**A.W. Tozer**

"We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum."

## Signs of The Times

"What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:3)

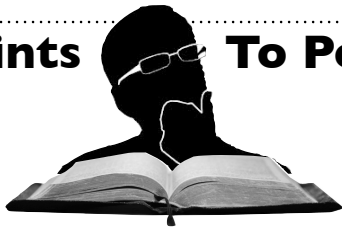
- Breakdown of morality and society (Second Timothy 3.1-5).
- The "falling away" (Second Thessalonians 2.3).
- Increase in travel and knowledge (Daniel 12.4).
- Rise of anti-Semitism (Psalm 83).
- Resurgence of the Sodomite movement (Luke 17.28-29).
- Technology for the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13.15-18).
- Israel a nation after 2000 years (Ezekiel 38.8, 11, 14).
- Fence-straddling pastors (Second Timothy 4:3).

### Matthew 24:33,

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."



## Points To Ponder



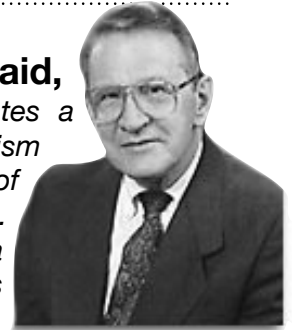
### First Timothy 5:14

*"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."*

**What part of that verse is too difficult to understand? [Read More...](#)**

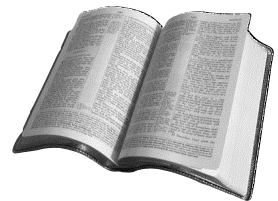


**Earnest Pickering Said,**  
*"Perhaps nothing precipitates a slide toward New Evangelicalism more than the introduction of Contemporary Christian Music. This inevitably leads toward a gradual slide in other areas as well until the entire church is infiltrated by ideas and programs alien to the original position of the church"* (The Tragedy of Compromise: The Origin and Impact of the New Evangelicalism, Bob Jones University Press, 1994).



## Seven Important Articles

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1. [World's Most Influential Apostate](#)
2. [I Will Build My Church](#)
3. [These Signs Shall Follow?](#)
4. [What Must I Do To Become Unsaved?](#)
5. [The Prodigal Prophet](#)
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7. [Welcome To The Invisible Church](#)

### Bible Information

The middle verse is Psalm 118:8, and the phrase "the LORD" are the two middle words in that verse.

More than 250 phrases we hear everyday originate from the King James Bible.

## Every Action Has A Reaction

Years ago, I saw an example of actions and reactions. The floor of a room was covered with mousetraps that were loaded and ready to go off. They were not loaded with cheese, they were loaded with pingpong balls. One pingpong ball was thrown into the room and soon we had a very vivid example of an action and its' reactions. One wouldn't think a little pingpong ball could cause so much useless confusion.

Our actions are always followed by reactions. We should carefully and prayerfully consider all of our actions. Every action has a reaction.





## Fighting Discouragement In The Small Church



Years ago while trying to get things accomplished for the Lord I became very discouraged. I could relate with God's people in Numbers 21:4 where we read, "...the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way" (Numbers 21:4).

I went into my study and sat there thinking about when I should quit. Should I wait until spring or just pack it in right now? I opened my Bible and read, "David was greatly distressed...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God" (First Samuel 30:6). I decided to spend some time encouraging myself "in the Lord" rather than focusing on the problems. Soon my spirit lifted and the Lord gave me the following thoughts in the form of a poem. Perhaps it might be of encouragement to you.

### I WANTED TO WIN

I was sitting alone and was praying,  
My heart was troubled within.  
My thoughts were morbid and gloomy,  
Oh my, how I wanted to win.

I looked at the work I was doing,  
So little accomplished it seems.  
The plans for revival seem empty,  
Will we ever accomplish my dreams?

I was thinking of all my efforts,  
And the miserable work I had done;  
And even when giving my utmost,  
It seems there were few victories won.

It's nothing but wood, hay and stubble,  
I said, "It will not stand the test,"  
My effort seems such a trifle,  
But then I have given my best.

I longed in my heart to serve Him,  
I've prayed and I've wept and I've tried.  
When He sees such a miserable building,  
He will not let it abide.

*"Every man's work shall be tried  
for what sort it is,"*

**not what size it is!**

(Proverbs 15:16)

The Lord in His love and His mercy,  
Then spoke to my troubled heart there;  
The message he gave me that evening,  
Will help me to never despair.

He said, "Have you not watched  
your own child,

Doing the best he could do?  
His efforts were far less than perfect,  
But he did what he did-to please you.

You looked with a heart of compassion,  
Perhaps with a smile and a tear,  
Because of his effort to please you,  
The child became even more dear.

I've seen how you've toiled and  
you've laboured,  
I know that the converts seem few;  
But because of your efforts to please me,  
I've been working my purpose through you.

You think you have little to offer,  
And really, your thinking is true,  
But as long as you let Me control things,  
There's no end to the things we can do.

There's no need to be morbid or gloomy,  
No need to be troubled within,  
I know of your great heart's desire,  
I know how you've wanted to win.

I've seen the work that you're doing,  
You're doing far more than it seems.  
Your heart should be lifted in knowing,  
That both of us share the same dreams.

B. Kirkland

### Note:

The dream we shared was the establishing of a solid church, Christian school and a college. **To God be the glory.** FaithWay Baptist Church in Ajax, Ontario Canada was that dream.

