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### Are Churches Becoming Politically Correct?

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The term "Politically Correct" today appears to carry the same connotation as the philosophy of "situation ethics" from the seventies. The end of both ideologies is that there are no absolutes. Everything is said to be relative dependent on the person and the circumstance. What is wrong for one person may be right for another. Society in general is expected to tolerate and accept most anything that is sincerely believed or practiced at the moment.

There are churches that are embracing the "Politically Correct Idea" and abandoning the absolutes taught in the Bible. For example, the government has endorsed homosexuality and other acts of perversion and calls them alternative life styles. This politically correct idea has crept into some churches. Instead of teaching what the Bible says about this they have not only accepted homosexuals into the church but have appointed them as priests and to other leadership rolls. The Bible teaches us that this deplorable practice is an abomination to the Lord God of heaven. It also says it is an unnatural act, it is lust, it is sexually immoral, and it is unclean and dishonorable. The Bible further teaches that if one doesn't repent of homosexuality they will not inherit the kingdom of God but will have their place in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone

(1 Cor. 6:9-10).

As another example of being politically correct the government rewards laziness and calls it welfare. There are churches that do the same and call it a ministry to the disadvantaged. The Bible teaches that the church is to help the needy saints, however if able bodied folk won't work, neither should they eat (2 Thess. 3:10).

It isn't politically correct to call people what the Bible calls them. Society says that alcoholism is a sickness or an alcohol problem. The Bible calls such people drunkards. It is sin and such will not inherit the kingdom of God. Many churches choose the politically correct approach which is to ignore it and not teach on drunkenness.

Jesus wasn't politically correct to the chief priests, the scribes, or the Pharisees and he certainly wouldn't be in our day. He told the Pharisees that they honored him with their lips but their hearts were far from him. Their worship was in vain because they were teaching the commandments of men instead of the commandments of God. His disciples came to him and asked him if he knew that



this had offended the Pharisees? Jesus didn't apologize for teaching the truth but told them they were like blind guides leading the blind and both would fall into a pit (Matt.15:8-9, 12-14).

On another occasion he told the scribes and the Pharisees that they were serpents, a generation of vipers and asked them how they thought they would escape the judgment of hell. He did not take the politically correct approach and tell them what they were teaching and saying was their freedom of expression. I wonder what Jesus would say if he visited many churches today?

The philosophy of political correctness idea is a deterrent to society and will certainly destroy the church. Instead of solving problems it intensifies them and creates more. The church needs to call Bible things by Bible names and teach the precepts of God from Scripture. God's word spans the bridge of time and gives solutions to our problems as well as the problems of society.

God so loved the world (people) that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Therein lies the hope, the peace, the contentment and salvation for those who believe and obey the gospel. Churches need to preach and teach "Thus saith the Lord" and forget about what man thinks is politically correct!

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## Three Things Sin Will Do

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The Hebrew writer warned those to whom he wrote about the deceitfulness of sin when he said: "But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). Involvement in sin deceives its victims. It hardens the heart and can result in a heart that cannot or may be very difficult to penetrate.

Just think of the alcoholic — there had to be the first drink. The drug addict — there had to be the first "hit." And, the chronic gambler — there had to be the first bet! All victims of such sins were deceived by it. If you ask anyone who has been deceived by these sins, they would quickly admit (if they are honest) that they gave no thought to the consequences of their actions (Gen. 3:1-23). What will sin do?

### **It Will Take You Farther Than You Wanted or Intended to Go**

The first drink of alcohol, the first "high," the first bet, is as far as many planned to go! But all who end up as chronic alcoholics, drug addicts, and chronic gamblers had to take that first step. Involvement in one sin often leads to involvement in other sins and usually comes in a pack-aged deal (2 Sam. 11 and 12).

### **It Will Keep You Longer Than You Wanted to Stay**

Those who fall victim are blinded by the pleasure of the first drink, the first high or the first win (Heb. 11:25). It gave them so much pleasure the first time that they are sucked into going after it again and again and again. Many think, "Just one more time won't hurt." They only intended to drink alcohol to be social, or smoke marijuana socially, or to place a bet just "once in a while," then find themselves entangled and overcome by it (2 Pet. 2:20).

### **It Will Cost You More Than You Wanted to Pay**

Many never consider the consequences of their sinful actions? How many alcoholics planned on killing an innocent person with a motor vehicle? How many drug addicts planned on contracting AIDS or stealing to support their habit? How many gamblers considered the real losses that are the result of gambling? How many considered the physical pain, mental suffering, wrecked marriages, neglected children, broken homes and lives that are destroyed by their involvement in such sinful activities. Most importantly, how many consider the fact that their souls will be lost (Acts 5:1-10)?

### **Conclusion**

Some might think "that this can't happen to me . . . I'm a good Christian and I don't take part in such!" But what about "Christians" who smoke, dance, engage in social drinking, or look at pornographic material? What about those who dabble in the lottery? What about those who dress immodestly not giving a thought that they can cause someone to lust? What about those who are involved in adultery and fornication, abortion, religious error and compromise, etc.? (See Gal. 5:19-21) Can these take you farther than you wanted or intended to go, keep you longer than you wanted to stay, and cost you more than you wanted to pay? Yes! And, they can cost you your soul! Heed the words of the Psalmist who wrote: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:1, 2). Let us also heed the words of truth spoken by Solomon who wrote: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Prov. 4:14, 15). Brethren, "Be not deceived" (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

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