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## **FOREWORD**

### **PEER PRESSURE**

Timothy was admonished “Let no man despise thy youth”. Youth speaks of strength, liberty and life but also peer pressure, which is the influence that people exert on other people. It plays an important part in influencing our thinking and actions.

Peer pressure by definition implies that the pressure usually comes from someone in your own age group. Among the pressures that our youth encounter are: fashion, music, social network, clubbing, entertainment and committing fornication.

### **THE ROOT AND PROGRESSION OF SIN**

*“...but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” James 1:14-15*

We see that sin has a root and progression, it starts and grows and gradually matures. Our perception towards sin has changed with time, what was once evil is now considered good.

Our minds have been programmed but, regardless of the changes of time, the Voice of God will not change.

The Bible says “As it was in the days of Noah, they were eating, drinking, marrying.” From this we can see that they were doing normal things. They were so caught up with the cares of life until God was pushed aside.

We see that everything starts with a spirit, a seed, but finally grows into a full-grown tree.

We see how Satan moves in under cover as a spirit, in a small way, a tiny seed. Similarly when a young man and young girl develop a liking for one another they first start talking about love, their feelings, then they send messages of love. Then brief moments together, touching, then holding hands, then a hug, then an embrace, then a gentle kiss and before they realise it they have committed fornication.

The only way that a seed can grow, somebody has to water it. The only way that sin grows, somebody has to feed it. This is why sin cannot be tolerated in the Body of Christ.

We can see how sin progressed and that it has the quality of leaven.

*“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” Galatians 5:9*

Sin needs to be terminated in its infancy. The further it progresses, the harder it will be to address it. The more one allows sin to progress the more it will consume and eventually destroy. Sin is like cancer. It starts with a backslidden cell and from there it grows and grows until it finally ends life, unless God intervenes.

Then the reasoning process begins. We begin to ask ourselves these questions: Why do we do these sinful deeds and actions? Eventually we justify these sinful actions. What was once evil in your eyes has become good and acceptable and over time becomes your lifestyle.

Our perceptions may change over time but The Word of God will always remain the same.

Society will continue to change, but the Lord said, "I am God, I change not."

From the Word of God we learn that God knows how to give good gifts and when it comes to courtship and marriage this is no different. Even the prophet of our day boldly stated that the best thing that God can give a man next to his salvation is a good wife. But when we experience this and it becomes a living reality before our eyes then we truly understand the truth and power of these words. Similarly, Solomon admonished us that the opposite is lethal as water in our blood. Thus it behoves us to give heed to God's guidance and Word in this day when seeking so precious a gift.

I would encourage every courting couple to enjoy every moment of this special time in your life and to make it one of the powerful testimonies of your life by keeping yourselves from temptation and walking according to the example of our day. Keep your courtship clean and holy and you will have no cause for regret and give no occasion to the adversary.

To those seeking, to those engaged and to those who have a life partner we wish God's richest blessing upon your journey.

These scriptures and quotations taken from various sermons of God's Servant, Br. William Branham were compiled to assist us in our Christian walk – May God bless you as you read.

**Psalm 37:4** *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

**Genesis 2:18** *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

**Matthew 19:5** *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*

**I Corinthians 7:8 & 9** *I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*

**I Corinthians 7:24-35** *Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.*

*Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.*

*I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.*

*But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.*

*But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:*

*But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*

*There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.*

## COURTSHIP

### LET YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER INSTRUCT YOU

Daddy was eighteen years old; mama was fifteen when I was born, just children. And we was children with them, grew up with them. I think that's a good thing. I do.

My little girl, when she gets to be any age, and she finds a good Christian boy that she wants to marry, ***I'd rather she marry him and settle down***, be a lady, than be out in some of these road houses running around and what they call, "having a good time." That's right. The Bible said, "Let your daughters marry young." Some's already turned aside after Satan. And I ain't meaning for little bitty kids to get married now. ***Let your father and mother, they know. They're Christians; they can instruct you.***

*Life Story 51-0415A*

### GET THE HOLY GHOST FIRST

And I asked her; I said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?" She said, "Not yet, but I'm seeking It." I said, "***You get the Holy Ghost first, and He'll tell you what husband to have.***" That's right. See? You--you've got... That's what it is. If you don't, you'll die spiritually.

*Life Story 51-0415A*

### MARRY BY CHARACTER

***Women shouldn't be married by looks anyhow, but by character.***

*Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005*

### YOU'LL LOVE HER THROUGH ETERNITY

I'm just laying a background here for something I want to say. See? That's right. But if you love her because there's something about her that you've prayed over, and God has joined you together, she can get old and wrinkled and be ugly; that won't make a bit of difference, ***you'll love her through eternity.*** "What God has joined together, no man could put asunder." That's right. So ask God first.

*Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005*

## SHE MAKES AN IMPRINT ON YOU

You ought to pray first, 'cause a woman is part of you. And if you've embraced a woman to your bosom, and taken her for your wife, and **she makes an imprint on you...** (We'll say it like this so you'll understand) and any other woman against that bosom won't fit that print.

And God will hold you responsible for it. You just remember that.

*Serpent's Seed 58-0928E*

## HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HER

Look for something that's real and genuine. **See if that girl's borned again. If she isn't saved, then have nothing to do with her. And do the same thing by a young man.**

*Thirsting For Life 59-0613*

## THAT'S AN ETERNAL MATE IN GLORY

And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that. But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why, but he loves her... And she finds the man that she loves, no matter what he looks like... He loves her. She loves him. **That's an eternal mate in glory.** They'll... Death nor nothing else can ever separate them. Because they are from eternity, and they stepped out into space of time, and will return back to eternity. Eternity has dropped down in a body called time, then it goes right back up into eternity again. It cannot perish...

When I accepted Christ, I was turned out of my own home. When I accepted Christ, my boyfriends, girlfriends, everybody threwed me down. I went in with a bunch of old people that had the Holy Spirit and believed in God, serving Him. The girls was down there in that church was different than what the girls I'd been going with. They looked different. They acted different. They were strange, and I was scared of them. They were different people. "Don't go to another field. Stay right in his field. And maybe someday you might find grace with him."

*Kinsman Redeemer 60-1002*

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A WOMAN, SHAME ON YOU

The woman is a weaker vessel. I know there can't be a bad man 'fore there's a bad woman. But men who knows that, men who knows that you

are a son of God, and **take advantage of a woman, shame on you.** No matter what she does, she's a weaker vessel. And you know that. If she goes to acting unladylike, take her by the hand and talk to her like a sister. You're a son of God. Don't do them evil things.

Look at Joseph; he was an example to you. And when Potiphar's wife, this beautiful woman, honorable, highest-- one of the highest women there was in the country, begged him and persuaded him, and he turned... And she caught him and tried to hug him up to her, and he jerked till he even pulled his coat off and run from her. Yes, sir.

*Sixfold Purpose of Gabriel's Visit 61-0730E*

## YOU'D BETTER MARRY HER THEN

I might say something here. The reason I believe...Now someone got me all wrong, here not long ago. I got a letter from the ministerial association, that said that I believed that there was... "We were soul-mated. And we must leave our companions if we're not soul-mated to them, to marry another one that we were soul-mated to." Oh, my! I said, "I'm not guilty of a heresy like that." I've always been against that. I—I don't believe in that. Certainly not. I believe that God gives us a mate. That's true. And then we become part of each other. That's right. And 'fore a man gets married, he should think these things over, study it.

A young man asked me the other day, said, "You think I could--ought to get married, Brother Branham, to such-and-such a girl?" I said, "How much do you think of her?" He said, "Oh my, I just love her." **I said, "Well, if you're not going to live without her, you'd better marry her then. But if you can live without her, you better not, so the... But if it's going to kill you, you better--you better go ahead and get married."** I said. And so what I was trying to get to him, this: that if you love her so much... Now, right now before you're married, everything's just fine and dandy. But after you get married, then the toils and trials of life come in. That's when you've got to be so in love that you understand one another. When you're disappointed in her, or she's disappointed in you, you still understand one another. That's the way it is with Christ.

*Stature of a Perfect Man 62-1014M*

## HE FAILED TO HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF LOVE FOR YOU

A young lady last night, in an interview, she said, "But," she said... A minister's daughter had had some kind of a little love affair, and--and

she'd lost her mind about it. And she'd gone--a breakdown. A very beautiful young woman, and about twenty-three years old, and when she was a little girl, of about twelve she was in Chicago, and setting in the meeting (or at Elgin it was.) And setting in the meeting, the Holy Spirit went out through the audience and called her, who she was, and said, "You got a murmuring heart. The doctor says you can't live to fifteen years old. But THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed." And she's never even--never even felt a heart trouble since.

And last night she had a different type of a heart trouble. It was a spiritual heart trouble. Her lover had run off and married some other woman. And yet she was still in love. And this boy telling them that he was in love yet with her. And his father had caused it.

I said, "Oh, nonsense. **He didn't have to marry the other girl. He did it because he failed to have the right kind of love for you.**" That's exactly.

Victory Day 63-0421

## I'D ADVISE THAT YOUNG MAN NEVER TO MARRY A WOMAN

And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ."

I said, "That may be all right, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he's regenerated, born again, **I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make hell on earth for her,** until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in. Then that will be a paradox in itself to take the very nature of a boy that's bred between father and mother. And yet, in his intellectuals, he's trying his best to overcome it. He can't do it. He'll never overcome it. Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in, then he's already overcome then. It'll be a perfect paradox, when a man is borned of the Spirit of God.

A Paradox 63-0801

## AND NO BELIEVER SHOULD EVER MARRY AN UNBELIEVER

And then, in his wedding, instead of marrying among his own people, he went over and married a sinner, an idolater, worship of idols. He married Jezebel. And she was not a believer. **And no believer should ever marry an unbeliever, under no circumstances.** Should always marry believers. But Ahab had done this evil thing. And no doubt but what

Jezebel was a beautiful woman. And he had fell for what she looked like, in the stead of what she was. That's, so many people make that same mistake to this day.

*Be Certain Of God 59-0125*

## A GIRL THAT AGE WILL THINK ABOUT BOYFRIENDS

So we there got down on our knees and committed it to God. I said, "I know she's eighteen years old, will be in a few days, and she and **a girl that age will think about boyfriends**, and we've kept her in." I said, "I-I never wanted to see her get married. I want to put her in the office here, do the work. I want to see her filled with the Spirit and--and--and live like that. "

We got down and committed it to God. Said we'd take our hands off it. That afternoon she come in; she said, "Well, I guess you're still saying I ain't going over there." Not long after that she met George; George is a Christian. That—that settled it then.

*Questions And Answers 64-0823M*

## A MAN GETTING MARRIED SHOULD APPROACH IT PRAYERFULLY

Look, my brethren. Listen to this. Do you know many times you get the wrong mate here in the earth? Some pretty pair of brown, or blue, or gray eyes vamps you into a place that you--that you shouldn't have listened.

Many men realizes that. **A man getting married should first approach it prayerfully.** You should not pick a woman by being beautiful on the outside, but beautiful on the inside, one that'll be a mother to your children.

*Questions And Answers 64-0823M*

## THE YOUNG WOMAN HAS A RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT IT

There's another choice that we have in life. That's a life's companion. A young man or a young woman, stepping out on life has a--has been given a right to make a choice.

The young man chooses, **the young woman has a right to accept or reject it**, but it's still a choice on both sides; both man and woman, they have a right to choice.

*Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E*

## A MAN SHOULD THINK AND PRAY BEFORE HE CHOOSES A WIFE

**Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife.** A man... For the vows here is until death do we part. That's how we should keep it. And you take that vow before God that only death will separate you. And I think we should... A man in his right mind that's planning a future, that he should choose that wife very careful; be careful what you're doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing and especially in these days.

**A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.**

I think today what's got so many divorce cases now, that we lead the world in America, in divorce cases; we lead the rest of the world. There's more divorces here than anywhere else (this nation), and supposed to be, and thought of, a Christian nation. What a reproach: our divorce courts. I think the reason of it is because that men has got away from God, and women's got away from God. And we find that if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter, not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders, or such as that, or some other worldly affection, but would look first to God and say, "**God, is this Your plan?**"

*Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E*

## OWN FAULT AFTER YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG

And if we would study what we were doing when we were going to get married, when we choose our wife or husband, if we'd study it over...

**A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life.**

Remember the vow is "Until death do we part." And he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice. But if he knows what he's making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault. If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, **then that's your own fault after you know what's right and wrong.** So you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

So you must make the right choice. Again, the kind of a woman that a man would choose will reflect his ambition and his character. If a man chooses the wrong woman, it reflects his character. And what he ties himself to shows truly what's in him. A woman reflects what's in the man when he chooses her for wife. It shows what's down in him. No matter what he says outside, watch what he marries.

*Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E*

## REGARDLESS OF WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE

Now, you can't have all things. There might be one girl that's real pretty, and the other girl maybe she's a--her statue looks better than this one. And you might have to sacrifice one for the other. But if she's not the statue of a lady, of a woman, and she's... I don't care whether she's pretty or not, you'd better look at her character, whether she's pretty or not pretty. Now... For it is becoming if a Christian would choose a wife, he ought to choose a genuine borned again woman. **Regardless of what she looks like**, it's what she is what makes her. And then again, that reflects his own godly character and reflects what's in his mind and what's going to be in the future, for his family will be raised by such a woman, for the future plans for his home. If he marries one of these little modern Rickettas, sex queens, what could he expect? What kind of home could a man expect to have? If he marries a girl that ain't got enough moral about her to stay home and take care of a house and wants to work out in somebody's office, what kind of a housekeeper will she be? You'll have baby-setters and everything else. It's true.

*Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E*

## LOVE HER ENOUGH TO SAY GOD'S BLESSINGS REST UPON YOU

I seen four or five of them there, young men, young wives, fine women. I knowed how them boys loved their wives, so I said to them; I said, "Here's the way to test it. If your wife before you were married... Now, you go back, say you--this married life, you been dreaming you were married. You really wasn't married, but you dreamed you were. And you woke up, and you went and talked it over with your girlfriend, and said, 'You know, I dreamed that we were married, and we had children, and we living happy, and--and waiting for the coming of the Lord and everything.'" And then, this girl would say to you, 'You know, I love another man better than I love you. I could be happier with the other man.' **Could you from your heart love her well enough to say, 'God's blessings rest upon you,** my dear. Go with this other man.' Now, now, check that, each of you men or you women. See? Well, if your love is correct you'd do that, for you are interested in her welfare. What... You know you could have her; you could live with her, you--she's your wife--she will be, she'll marry you, but she won't be happy. She'd be happier... And then, if you love her, then you want her to be happy. Therefore, whatever the will of God is, let God's will be done whether I'm happy with it or not. I want to live so He

will be pleased with what I do. **Therefore, check your--your objective and your motive by that**, you know whether you love God or not."

*Christ Revealed In His Own Word 65-0822M*

## IF THAT ISN'T THERE YOU BETTER NOT GET MARRIED

You, when you got married, there had to wind back through your mind, something, till you hit that tie post. And it should have been love for your wife, or your husband. Well, maybe she isn't as pretty as John's wife; or she, well, she not the—the this, that. But there is something about her, that, you, it strikes you. You—you—you say, "She might not be as pretty as the other," or, "He might not be as handsome as the other." But there has to be an absolute there, that that person is different, and there is where you hold on to. **If that isn't there, you better not get married.** That tie post! That absolute!

*Absolute 62-1230M*

## I CAN STAND BEFORE ANY OF THEM. I NEVER INSULTED ONE.

What did it do? He was working from the outside now to this first man. Said, "Now, look. You know when you was in a--few years ago, about two or three years ago before you accepted this, you was well thought of amongst the people. You lived a good clean life. Any girl in the city that wanted to go out would go out with you 'cause they felt clean and decent." **I can stand before any of them. I never insulted one, never said anything.** If she even acted smart, I'd take her home.

*Knoweth It Not 65-0815*

## GOT HISSELF INFATUATED WITH HER

You know, boys, I'm telling you tonight, and you young ladies, **be careful who you marry**; you'll have a broken home the first thing you know. And it's not good to--sinners and Christians to marry together. Don't be unequally yoked together, 'cause that's what got Ahab. She was pretty little thing, yes, paint all over her face, eyes like a lizard, but she was a... The thing of it was, that... Did you know what? That's the truth. That's the... Ahab just fell for her, because she was, perhaps, pretty, because he couldn't have fell for her for character, 'cause she was a murderer; she was everything else. That's right. And Ahab fell for her because she was pretty.

And then, he got **hissself infatuated with her**, and then she just ruled him with her finger.

*Separation From Unbelief 55-0228*

## THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW OF GOD

But I imagine he was a handsome young man with his hair slicked down, you know, and kind of a little one of these boys that's going out with these here, what is it you call them, dragging hot rods, something on that order. You see? One of these little fellows that runs around like today...

And you know, it goes to show that he was that type of person or he wouldn't have fell for that type of woman. That's right. Israel was supposed to marry Israelites. They wasn't supposed to mix marriage. You know that's right. They wasn't... And you're not supposed to do it today either, yoke unbelievers with believers. **That's against the law of God**, against the Bible.

*Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005*

## DON'T YOKE YOURSELF UP WITH UNBELIEVERS

**... Separate yourself. Don't yoke yourself up with unbelievers."**

That's right. Young man getting married, marrying some girl that don't believe; or some young girl marrying a boy that don't believe... Don't you do that. I don't care how cute he is and--and... Or how cute she is, and what those big eyes she's got; they'll all fade out one of these days. But, brother, your soul's going to live forever. You be careful what you're doing. She ain't a real believer or him a real believer, don't you yoke yourself up like that. Stay away from such; it'll cause you trouble down the road.

*Hebrews Chapter 3 57-0901M*

## IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO HUNT ANOTHER PARTNER RIGHT AWAY

What a blessed privilege that man has that challenge to follow the Lord Jesus, to separate himself from all his carnal associates to follow the Lord. And if any person seems not to behave themself rightly and to present themselves as Christians but love the carnal things, **it's best for you to hunt another partner right away.**

That's right. And if no one will walk with you, there's One Who promised to walk with you: that's the blessed Lord Jesus. He will walk with you.

*Hebrews Chapter 7 PT1 57-0915E*

## YOU'LL SPRING BACK AGAIN TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO LIVE TOGETHER FOREVER

Marriage is honorable, but it should be entered prayerfully and reverently. And genuine love for that woman will bind you together forever. “What you bind on the earth, I’ll bind in Heaven.” When you walk down the street yonder, she may get old and gray and wrinkled, but that same love you had for her when she was a young, beautiful woman, you’ll still have it. You may get stoop-shouldered, baldheaded, and wrinkled-faced and everything else, but she’ll love you just like you did when you stand with wide shoulders and curly hair, if it’s really God. For you’re looking to the time when you’ve crossed the river yonder, when **you’ll spring back, again to young men and women, to live together forever.** That’s God’s Eternal promise. He said He would do it. He, not only that, we’ll get to it in a minute, He swore He would do it.

*Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2 57-0922E*

## YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE JUDGED FOR WHAT YOU DO

Listen. You young people, today, I don’t know whether you come to this church, or where you come, you young boys and girls. Did you realize, the things that you’re doing, if there is another generation, **your children will be judged for what you do?** Haven’t you no respect of decency? You girls that’s out here wearing these little old shorts and things around, you know, that’s reflected on your daughter. Did you know your grandmammy was a—a flapper, and your mammy a chorus girl, and that’s the reason you’re a striptease today? Certainly. What will your children be? Yes, sir. God said He would visit the iniquity of the parents upon the children and their children, to three and four generation. And do you realize, my brother, every time you do that which is right, that’ll be visited on your children?

*Why Are We Not A Denomination? 58-0927*

## MARRY A BOY THAT BELIEVES EXACTLY LIKE YOU DO

Don't mix marry. **Marry a boy that believes just exactly like you do,** for after all, God is the main important thing that we are in the earth to do, is to serve Him. And if you do marry or anything contrary to that, you'll pay for it in the days that lays ahead of you. You must always remember, by faith and not by sight. The just shall live by faith. And we look at the Unseen.

*Looking At The Unseen 58-1003*

**Psalms 118:8** *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*

**Proverbs 25:19** *Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble [is like] a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.*

## IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL LOVE

What if my wife, if I told my wife...And if I marry, I was married, I told my wife that I—I loved her, and that was a lie? And when it really come to the showdown, we, it's—it's an artificial love. I'm just...I'm...It's not really the truth. See? It's just like you could wear artificial teeth, if you have no teeth. That, that's all right. You have to have something to chew with, so you get artificial teeth. Them teeth is all right, the substitute, until you—you get more. But, that, them teeth is not connected with you. They're not connected there. They're all right. They're a substitute, but they're not connected with you. They'll not come in the resurrection, 'cause they're not connected with you. That's right. If you had an arm cut off, you put on an artificial arm, it's a substitute to something. Wear a glove, and so that's—that's all right. It's perfectly all right, see, to do that, but that artificial arm will never come. Nothing artificial will ever come in the resurrection. And neither will an artificial Christian ever rise in the resurrection. You're not connected with Christ. ***And if you don't truly love your wife better than any other woman in the world, she is not, yet there is something wrong. If you don't love your husband, if you trifle on him and don't live the right kind of life, there is something wrong. That's right. She'll not. They'll not be there so, in the resurr-...You might have married him. You're living honorable to him. That's fine. I—I appreciate that. You should do that as a lady, for your children. And you men to your wives, that's right, you should do that, honorable. But in the resurrection, that'll not be her.*** You, just same as in Christ now, you've got to be connected, part of Christ.

*Presuming 62-0117*

## YOU'RE STUDYING THE MAN YOU'LL MARRY, OR THE GIRL YOU'LL MARRY

You men here, that's married, why did you marry your wife? You had confidence and faith that she'd make a real wife and mother, and so forth. Women, back to your husbands, the same way... Sweethearts are thinking

of marriage. **You're studying the man you'll marry, or the girl you'll marry.** You must have faith in them, or you better not marry them. See?

*Jesus Christ The Same 61-0516A*

MUST KNOW THE CHARACTER OF THIS YOUNG WOMAN...OR OF THE YOUNG MAN

When a young man is going to get married to a young woman, **he must know the character of this young woman. Or the young woman must know the character of the young man**, something that she can hold to. Will this man be a just man? Will he make me the right type of husband? Will this woman give to me in life what I expect out of her, of loyalty and so forth? And then it's got to be somewhere that they can base their vows upon, knowing that there's something that will hold. And that's the reason we bring them to the church, and to the Word of God, to get this absolute tied.

*The Absolute 63-0403*

***I Corinthians 7:1*** *Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: [It is] good for a man not to touch a woman.*

***I Corinthians 7:2*** *Nevertheless, [to avoid] fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

***Ephesians 4:27*** *Neither give place to the devil.*

***Ephesians 5:3*** *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;*

***Hebrews 13:4*** *Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

STAY AWAY FROM IT TILL YOU'RE MARRIED

*Is it right for Christian men and women to kiss one another (Oh!) on greeting?*

No, sir. No indeedy. No, sir. **You kiss one woman, brother, that's your wife** (See?), or your--your child, or what... See? *Is it right for...*" *Let me see if I got that right. "Is it right for Christian men and women to kiss one another on greetings?"* No, sir. No indeedy. That... Don't you never

get that started. Yes, sir. No, sir. You keep away from women. Shun away from them. Exactly right. Now, they're our sisters, but don't... Now, they got that. That in... That thing even got over in Pentecost, and it's called "free love." And when you do--get anything like that, you stay away from it. That's right.

I don't care how clean you are... You're my brother, and I--I believe that you're--you might be a good sanctified, holy man. I don't care how holy you are; you're still a man. **And I don't care how holy she is; she's still a woman. Stay away from it till you're married.** You just do that.

*Questions And Answers 61-1015M*

## THOSE GLANDS LAY IN THE HUMAN LIPS

Remember, the body... I'm going to speak double now, so that you older people will understand. It's a mixed group, but I'm your brother, and this was the question. See? Each human being male and female have a different type of gland. A female has a female gland, sex gland. A male has a male gland, sex gland. **And those glands lay in the human lips.** That's right.

Now-a-days, we shake hands with one another. If you want to... You got your arm around your brother, and kiss him on the neck, or he kisses you on the neck, that's all right. But don't you kiss that woman, and don't you let that woman kiss you. See? That's right. You take her by the hand, say, "Wait a minute, Sister, just a minute here (See?); let's get this straight!"

*Questions And Answers 61-1015M*

## SHUN THE VERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL

When you see any--a car coming down the road ninety miles an hour, get out of it's way. That's right. When you see the first twist in anything like that, get away from it; stay away from it. And just... That's the ground you should not be on. Satan will present something to you that'll wreck your soul and send you to hell. Stay away from it. **Shun the very appearance of evil.** That's right. Be a man; be a woman, like... I'm going to take up for the women a minute. That's unusual, isn't it? But they--they say, "Oh, the woman caused it. Oh, it was the woman's fault. If she hadn't got out of her place, well, the man wouldn't got out of his." That's true. That... We'll say that's right. She gets out of her place. A man can't be bad

'less there's a bad woman; but remember there can't be a bad woman without being a bad man. That's right.

And you who claim to be a son of God, where is your principles? If the woman ain't out of her place, aren't you a son of God? Aren't you the one that's a higher, stronger vessel? As the Bible says she's weaker, then if she's weaker, then show yourself a man of God. Tell her, say, "Sister, you're in the wrong." That's right. I've done it, and other Christians has done it. And you'll always do it as long as you're a Christian, but show yourself. You're a son of God. **You're--you have more power over yourself than the woman does.**

*Questions And Answers 61-1015M*

## SIN IS SO EASY, AND IT'S SO APPETIZING, AND SO PLEASANT

If she is weaker, recognize her to be weaker. Understand her mistakes, and things like that, and try to correct her. Say, "Sister, we are Christians; shouldn't do that." See? Be a real man; be a son of God, and watch the women.

And there's where the great fall begin at the beginning. It was Satan with Eve. That's what brought the whole downfall of the human race is through that.

And if you're a son of God, be strong; be a real man. If you're not that way, stay at the altar till you become that. And shun the very appearance of evil. And don't start now greeting... Women, young women, coming up and these men kissing these women. Don't you do that. Don't you... You keep away from there. You remember that. If she's young, single, or whatever she is; she'll be somebody's wife someday. And you haven't got no business doing that. Stay away from her. If you want to greet her, then be a son of God, shake her hand and say, "How do you do, sister." And let that settle it right there. See?

Stay away from those things; it's filth. And it'll soon get you into trouble. You just... Oh, that's just... **Sin is so easy, and it's so appetizing, and so pleasant.** It's so easy to fall right into it. The best thing to do is, the very even appearance of it, stay away from it. Get back. Be a real Christian.

*Questions And Answers 61-1015M*

## THERE'S A SENSATION

...When I was a sinner, I didn't run around with women. And so... But any man that lets a woman hug up into his arms (him being made up of cells of male and her a female), **there's a sensation.**

I don't care who you are; now, don't tell me you're not if you're healthy as a person...

*The Fifth Seal 63-0322*

## HE'S POTENTIALLY COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH YOU

I went to a certain place the other night to get something to eat, and the little boys and girls up there hugging and kissing like I don't know what.

And do you know, my little sister, that that's potentially an adultery? **When a man kisses you, he's potentially committed adultery with you.**

You should never let him kiss you until you're married, for the glands, both male and female glands, is in the lips. Do you understand? And when male and female glands come together, let it be where it may be, you have potentially committed adultery. And you shouldn't let a boy kiss you until that veil is raised on your face and you're his wife. Don't do that. It's committing adultery. It's mixing male and female glands.

Why don't a man kiss a man, woman kiss a woman in the lips? Because it don't cross the glands. Children is born by crossing glands. So it's almost a public adultery again, everywhere. Look on the screens and everything you see, a--a slobbering and a--a carrying on. No wonder immorality is on the--is on the incline. How can they do it and spurn themselves all up by kissing those women in the mouth, knowing that that's adultery. **God won't forgive it unless you repent.**

*The Oddball 64-0614E*

## DON'T LIVE A DIRTY LITTLE LIFE AROUND HER

Did you get that Brother Neville? What does it pertain to? I just—I better--better go now, 'cause it's getting too late. You see? Seven--seven, nine... Let's see. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

All right. That's for just dirty living. Instead of a man, a boy, girl, or something or another when they're going together and--and they know that they should be married, go ahead and get married. I think you--you'd understand what I mean, don't you? See? Don't just live a dirty little life there, 'cause it's not right. You see? That's your sister in one sense, where

if you're a Christian. Now, if it's the world, it's the world: dog eat dog. But this girl that you're going with, that's your sister too. That will be the mother of your--your children that will come. **Don't live a dirty little life around her, show that you're a real Christian gentleman.** Live like a Christian gentleman ought to. See? And treat her like your sister, and when you get married, still treat her that way.

*Questions And Answers 64-0830M*

## MORALLY OBLIGATE TO MARRY HER

Did you know **any man that kisses a woman is morally obligated to marry her?** Potentially it's a sex act. Sure, it is. Yes, sir. What is it? It's the male glands in a man's lip and the female glands. When male and female glands comes together, it's sex.

*God's Provided Place Of Worship 65-0425*

## SHE MUST CONFESS TO HER HUSBAND BEFORE HE TAKES HER

Now, she has a sacred... One, I want to name three things here that she must not get away from. Now, I'm speaking, keep the church in mind while I'm speaking this to the natural woman, as Paul is here, in the 7th chapter of Romans. She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord: a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. That's right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue. **If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right.** Just the same as the church that was married to the law has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage; she has to confess that. If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living. "Joseph, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." He was minded to put her away privately (See?), after he'd already engaged to her. When you are engaged to her, as far as God's concerned, you're married to her.

*Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125*

## SEX GLANDS ARE IN THE WOMAN'S LIPS AND IN THE MAN'S LIPS

Notice. Now, she has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given to her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say, "yes" or "no." **She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her that she must not break.** The womanhood, I'm speaking of here, is her conduct, her character around men, not letting every man... Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing and hugging and slopping around over these women. A woman does that is of a bad character. She might be virtuous otherwise, but, see, in her heart-- when those glands... Sex glands are in the lips. A man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery. **Sex glands are in the woman's lips and in the man's lips.** He could kiss her on the hand, it wouldn't mix the--the sex glands, but the sex glands is in the lips.

*Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125*

## AND SHE PRESENTED HERSELF TO BE THAT

And see all this nonsense and the--the Hollywood today of all this slopping, and loving around with women, and so forth; and little girls looking at all that. No wonder our morals are rotten, and decayed, and filthy. See? Because it's put before the children. That's right. It has to be that way for the last days. She has this sacred womanhood. No wonder that men act around women the way they do. Is because women act around men the way they do. She characters herself out here with a pair of shorts on, and skin tight, and men's clothing and things out on the street, twisting around. No matter what she says... She might be as virtuous to her husband as she can be, but in the sight of God she is an adulterness. "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." **And she presented herself to be that.**

*Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125*

## IF YOU'RE A TRUE HEALTHY MAN THERE'S A SENSATION

...A young woman run up there, one of the most beautiful women, and she just threw her arms around me, and said, "Precious Brother." And when she passed by... Now, she was a woman. So... But in there, there'll never be sin. See, our glands are changed there. They won't raise children

no more there. See? See, all the same. What makes the difference, the sensation. That's the reason I don't believe in dancing on the floor. No man... I, before God and my Bible, I've lived clean, as that way through my life when I was a little boy, all through my young manhood. Any girl I ever went out with, I can walk right back to the Judgment with her. See? But there's no man; I don't care who you are, can let a woman (in the make of a woman) hug herself up close to you; **if you're a true healthy man, there's a sensation.** But it wasn't there; there's no glands; they're all the same gland. See? Just pure, unadulterated sisterly and brotherly love, more than it would be for your--even for your--hug your own little daughter. See? Your own daughter, yet she's made... She's female and you're a male. See, it could create something, but there it can't. Sin is done; it's all over: real, just real, holy Love.

*God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 65-1128M*

## INFATUATED WITH SOME YOUNG WOMAN

That's the reason you have so much troubles, because you don't follow the Bible principles. If **somebody in the church is causing a disturbance**, or something going wrong, it's not your duty to go talk about that man or that woman. It's your duty to go to that man or woman, and tell him his error. And if he won't hear you, take some other one with you. He won't hear that, then the church loses him. Jesus said, "What you loose on earth, I'll loose in Heaven. What you bind on earth, I'll bind in Heaven." That's the power of the church. Here not long ago, a good preacher friend of mine, he had a boy, and that boy had been going to church, his own church. He got to a place where he started running around with a little ol' girl who smoked and drank and carried on. Preacher said, "Of course, that's his business." A very bosom friend of mine, and a nice boy. But he got all **infatuated with some young woman**; and she had been married, had some children, her husband was living. He was afraid they was going to have...that boy would marry her. So, the brother was all tore up. And he said to me, "Brother Branham, I want you to go to this certain-certain boy of mine. I want you to talk to him." I said, "Brother..." I almost called his name. "You have a better way. Don't send me. If the boy is not living up, and the church has saw him doing wrong, then it's the thing for the church to do this business. That's left with the church. And the church goes over and tells him." So he took a brother, and went over and told him. And he got back at the brother, let him know he was attending to his own business, for him to do

the same. He took another brother, two more, two deacons went over and told the boy. He wouldn't listen to it. They told it to the church. And he never come for several nights, to be reconciled to the church after his sin was told before the church. Then, the church loosed him. And about a month from then he was stricken down with pneumonia, and the doctor said, "There's not a chance in the world for him to live." Then he crawled back. God knows how to do it. We try to do it in ourselves, "Oh, you ought to kick so-and-so out of church. You ought to do this, that, or the other." Have you done your part as a church towards it? There you are. That's the way to make them crawl back, turn them over to the devil one time. What'd Paul say about this man down there was living with his stepmother? They couldn't get him reconciled. Said, "Turn him over to the devil." Watch what happens. And in the next letter Paul wrote, this man had got straightened out. Sure. God has a way of doing these things, if we'll just follow His rules. ***If something goes wrong in the church, if it's amongst the congregation, each one of you brothers. If on the deacon board, one of you deacons don't behave, the other deacons come and have a meeting, try to reconcile the brother, tell him what he's doing; or one of you members, whatever you are. Then it's to be brought before him. If he won't do it, then come tell the pastor.*** Then, he's loosed from the church, and then let him be as a heathen and a publican. ***Then watch the Lord go to work on him. See, that's when he comes back to himself.*** That's when he goes to crawling in. But we try to do it ourself, you know, try to do the...everything the way we should do it, now, we never make a success.

57-0915E - Hebrews, Chapter Seven #1

**Exodus 22:16** *And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.*

**Deuteronomy 22:28 & 29** *If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;*

*Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.*

## CHARACTER

### MEN'S NOT JUDGED BY STATURE, HE'S JUDGED BY CHARACTER

Here it is. If I'm getting this right, so is it today. A man or a woman who really tries to live a Christian life, and abstain from the things of the world, the world backs off and says they're a fanatic. Every man that tries to trust God, his fellow man will call him, "Goody-goody," or, "a sissy," or something like that. Sissy? I don't judge man by the callous in his hands, it's by the bag of the knee in his pants, whether he bows and prays or not.

**Men's not judged by stature, he's judged by character.** I seen men that weighed two hundred pounds, and didn't have an ounce of man in him: ravish a mother with a baby in her arm. A man's judged by character, what he is inside.

*Expectancy 53-1108E*

### THAT'S CHEAP

So I knowed better than to stop outside and blow the horn for her to come out. Oh, my! And any boy that hasn't got nerve enough to walk up to the house and knock on the door and ask for the girl, ain't got no business being out with her anyhow.

That's exactly right. That's so silly. **That's cheap.**

*My Life Story 59-0419A*

### WHAT WE NEED TODAY IS THAT A MAN BE A MAN, A WOMAN BE A LADY

When God made a man first, he made him both male and female in spirit. He made him in His own image, and God is a Spirit. When He separated him, and put him in flesh, he put the masculine spirit in a man, and the feminist spirit in a woman. And if anything's contrary to that, there's a bit of perversion there. Exactly. You see a woman trying to act like a man, there's a little something wrong there. The cell's crossed up somewhere. That's right. You see a man so sissified that he won't preach against sin or nothing else like that, to hurt somebody's feelings, there's a cross up there somewhere too, not only his natural birth, but spiritual birth.

Oh, **what we need today is that a man be a man, a woman be a lady.** God didn't intend to be that way. Dress different. Say, "You're hammering us women." Now I'm going to tell you about the man. Any man that'll let his wife smoke cigarettes, and wear them shorts, and act like

that, there's very little man in him, to my opinion. That's right. I've got my opinion of a man that'll let his wife do that. I--I sure have.

*Lamb And Dove 60-0805*

## A MAN IS MEASURED BY HIS CHARACTER

***A man is not measured by his muscles. He's measured by his character.*** Seen a man weighed two hundred pounds, throw a baby out of a mother's arms and ravish her. Would you call that a man? That ain't a man; that's a brute. This maniac could break chains. They couldn't--they couldn't tame him. He wanted to live in the graveyard. Break chains, just think, because the devil had complete trol--control of him. He was superpower. Because the devil had control. If the devil taking control of the person, can give him superpower, what could he do when God takes control? The lame can walk; the blind can see. The sinner could be made white. The wrongs will be made right when a man meets God. When that maniac met God, he was a changed man from then on.

*From That Time 61-0520*

## CHARACTER COMES FROM THE WORD OF GOD

A man who would let his wife go out and run around all night with some drunk, come in next morning, and say, "Yes, dearie, I hope you had a nice time," you're a poor excuse of a man. Any man'd let his wife get out there, and wear shorts, and these little old bathing suits, bikinis, or ever what it is, and lay out amongst these people. I got little hopes of you even being a man. That's right. Man's not measured by how much his biceps are, how big a muscles he is. He's measured by his character. That's exactly right. ***And character comes from the Word of God, and that alone.*** And any preacher that claims to be a preacher, and deny that Word, there's little character of God there to me. Amen. May be some hopes if he'll listen awhile. Yeah.

*An Absolute 63-0127*

## SIN IS BEAUTIFUL TO THE EYES OF THE WORLD

There seems to be something among men. Men don't seem to be, have that masculine touch that he used to have. Women don't have that feminish touch she used to have. You take men today, men don't seem to be burly like they used to be. It's all some sort of a... They want to wear suede shoes with purple, and--and they want to act like women. Now, that

is true. It seems to be, more or less, like a perversion. A woman wants to cut off her hair and--and act like a--a man. And a man wants to act like a woman. See?

And yet you can talk to them, and they're nice people to talk to, nice people, friendly, **sociable people**. What's caused this? It's that gross darkness upon the people; it's something that--that's pressed them into it.

...They picture Judas as some old drunken sot out here on the street somewhere, mouth hanging with flies in it, and so forth, as Judas. Judas was handsome, strong, a deceiver. It ain't that guy to watch around you. It ain't a guy that--the old farmer come in with a pair of overalls on to watch around your wife; it's that slicker. He's a rascal. **Sin is beautiful to the eyes of the world**. But God is not featured in that kind of beauty. Did you know that? God is featured in character, beautiful character.

Marriage and Divorce 65-0221M

**Proverbs 7:10 - 13** *And, behold, there met him a woman [with] the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.*

*She [is] loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:*

*Now [is she] without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.*

*So she caught him, and kissed him, [and] with an impudent face said unto him...*

**Proverbs 9:13** *A foolish woman [is] clamorous: [she is] simple, and knoweth nothing.*

**Proverbs 11:16** *A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong [men] retain riches.*

**Proverbs 11:22** *[As] a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, [so is] a fair woman which is without discretion.*

**Proverbs 12:4** *A virtuous woman [is] a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed [is] as rottenness in his bones.*

**Proverbs 31:10-31** *Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price [is] far above rubies.*

*The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*

*She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.*

**I 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.*

*YOUR FRIENDS WILL APPRECIATE YOU MORE IF YOU'LL DO THAT*

Abraham had to do it and call those things which were not as though they were; and he believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. What we need today is the wishbone out of a backbone put in Christianity. It's there; the thing we need is some borned again Christians, men and women, who'll when they see trouble rising, not slip off, not fall off, not run out this way be partakers of it, but a man and woman who will stand and show their color. ***Even your friends will appreciate you more if you'll do that.***

What man is he, that don't appreciate a woman, let her be as ugly as a fence, made of mud and daubed with tadpoles. Let her be as ugly as she may be, but let her be lady and character enough to stand for the woman morals. Any man that comes along will take off his hat to her, if he's got an ounce of man in him. And if man face that being a fallen son of God, what will God, Himself, say to a man who will stand upon his convictions, call right, right and wrong, wrong.

*At Kadesh Barnea 56-0527*

*DON'T YOU NEVER LET THAT BE YOUR PATERN, LOOK TO GOD*

We find a beautiful young girl, sixteen, sitting in the church, popping chewing gum, and cutting up and carrying on, going outside and pulling her clothes to a little place where she looks sexy, to twist herself down. And it isn't few settings of the sun, and she's old and wrinkled, and the flesh dropping off of her. And that little body that she twisted, and let a spirit live in there, control her, that throwed her morals to the dogs, and have to answer, at the Day of Judgment, for committing adultery. "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already." Not realizing that she's nothing but dust, and going back to the dust, for, "Dust thou art, and dust thou shalt return." What is it? If she would only realize, and stop. That's an uncertain sound. "Well, now, so-and-so on the television, so-and-so at school," trying to impersonate certain little personalities at school. ***Don't you never let that be your pattern. Look to God.***

*The Uncertain Sound 60-1218*

## LONG HAIR AND LONG SKIRTS DON'T TAKE YOU TO HEAVEN

This same person had in his church a lady who had long hair and wore long dresses, and had a temper enough to fight a buzz saw, and just as mean as she could be. **Now, long hair and long skirts don't take you to heaven.** No, sir. It's the Spirit that's in you takes you to heaven. But if you as a Christian... Then you should remember that many times pastors don't mention those things, and the people just automatically go on, think it's all right.

But a pastor should really tear into that. And--and--and then the sisters of the church, those sisters who are in character standing, **wearing their clothes neatly, they should be examples of sweetness,** and--and motherly and sisterly-like. And I think that any woman that's motherly and godly and sisterly ought to go to such a person, and with sweetness of the Spirit, just set down and talk to that lady. And if she is of God, the Holy Spirit will understand those things, and she'll correct herself. But when you real quickly condemn her and drive her away, you might harm that young born baby. See? So I--I wouldn't condemn the person.

*QA God Being Misunderstood 61-0723E*

## THAT'S THE GOD-GIVEN QUALITY TO SAFEGUARD OUR MORALS

As this our precious Brother Arganbright and I came down the road early this morning, was talking about the subject. It's hard to find a girl with enough modesty to blush. They've heard so many dirty jokes and filth, and, why, you couldn't say nothing to make them blush. When a few years ago, no more than when I was a boy, a little thing wrong, their face would color up, a little thing pass by, and another little girl's little underneath skirt was showing in school, and I was standing, talk, and when she looked over and seen this little girl's underneath skirt showing, her little face turned red, and she walked away from me, a sixteen year old girl. Why, what a... **That's the God-given quality to safeguard our morals.**

*Falling Apart Of The World 62-1216*

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR OLD PEOPLE, OUR MIDDLE AGE

Just like you notice men today, you don't find that genuineness in men. You don't find it in women. Now, I'm not talking about... Reason I'm basing this, is get to "Shalom." See?

But you notice the women in our day, they don't seem to have that ladylike they once had. They're just--just like they--they want to, but there's something won't let them do it. **It seems like there's a heaviness** that... You tell a--a lady that she should not do such-and-such a thing, and the lady looks upon that and believes that; she wants to believe that, but there's something that presses her the other way. See? Poor thing, I--I—I feel sorry for her. She's so caught in such a web of Hollywood, and the advertisements in television, radio, newspaper, on the street, in--in the store windows, with modern dress and so forth, and the way that other women meet her. And it the... It seems to be that there is something that they just can't pull away from: **our young people, our old people, our middle age.**

*Shalom 64-0112*

## AND SIN IS DECEIVING BY BEAUTY

See? That's her designer. It's her chief weapon to throw men to her filth. Being a pretty woman, she can sway a man any way she wants to. Brother, it ain't the bootleg joint down here that gets the man; it's the pretty woman walking down the street twisting herself, half dressed. That's what takes...

That's the deceiver right there. And she's deadly with it, absolutely deadly. You may question me about Satan being her designer, but that's the truth. Satan designed her. He still does it.

Let me show you something in the Scripture. I got to take you back to Scripture and you draw your opinion as you look at it today. Satan is the one who features that kind of beauty. If we'll notice, he was the most beautiful of all these Angels in heaven. That right? And he desired to make heaven a more beautiful place than the kingdom of Michael's. Is that right? Also to show that Cain was his son, he offered a more beautiful worship, decorated his altars with fruits and flowers and so forth. Is that right? Beautiful, sin is beautiful, what we call beauty today. **And sin is deceiving by beauty.**

*Marriage And Divorce 65-0221*

## IF SHE DON'T USE IT IN THE RIGHT WAY, IT'S A CURSE TO HER

You'd never look at a woman going down the street and tell what's in her heart. See? But I wanted to say these things so that you could see why that Satan is her designer. That's exactly right. His own son proved it: (Cain.) Now, she's beautiful so she can deceive. The world is beautiful so it

can deceive. I mean cosmos, the order of the world. It's beautiful so it can deceive--great fine places and luxury.... Not pretty, but character, God looks at character. Man looks at natural beauty. It's deceiving. And that's why a woman was given that beauty for deception, to deceive. **A beautiful woman, if she don't use it in the right way, it's a curse to her.**

*Marriage And Divorce 65-0221M*

## FORGIVEN BUT NOT JUSTIFIED

She's got characters that she must not defile. If she would mar them, she's defiled for lifetime. No matter how much she's forgiven, she can't be justified. I'll strike that in a little bit. Got a Scripture on that in a few minutes. She can be forgiven for her defilement, but she cannot be justified in this life. It's always with her. Notice, now, she's been given this. **She may be forgiven but not justified.** Notice. Now, she has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given to her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say, "yes" or "no." She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her that she must not break. The womanhood, I'm speaking of here, is her conduct, her character around men, not letting every man... Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing and hugging and slopping around over these women. **A woman does that is of a bad character. She might be virtuous otherwise, but, see, in her heart-- when those glands... Sex glands are in the lips. A man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery.** What a sacred trust, what a responsibility to a woman. Now, see why she is a type of the church, which has the same responsibility as a woman has a sacred responsibility to her motherhood, to her virtues, to her husband; the church has a **sacred responsibility to prayer, and to the Word, and to Christ**, just the same as the woman has. But now, look what Hollywood has took the virtuous things from our women...

*Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125*

## IT WAS HER SIN THAT MADE HER WHAT SHE WAS

Now, Jezebel, that's a name makes everybody shiver, just to say Jezebel. That was just a common name, just a name like Martha, Ruth, or Mary, or--or some other name. But when they just hear the name Jezebel, it was all because of one woman that took the wrong road.

Now, I'd imagine Jezebel, just because she had the name of Jezebel didn't make her what she was. It wasn't her name that did that; it was her attitude. That's what made it. And the name shouldn't make us shiver like the attitude that she took ought to make you shiver. But you mention Jezebel, "Oooh, my," But mention some of her sin, "Oh well, that's all right." And it wasn't the... It wasn't the name that made her; **it was her sin that made her--made her what she was.** Your name don't make what you are. It's your character that makes you. Your character molds you and makes you what you are.

*Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005*

## OUR CHARACTER IS MOLDED BY WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE OF US

You see, we... **Our characters is molded by what's on the inside of us.** And our outside only expresses what's on the inside. What we are, how we walk, no matter what we say, our life speaks louder than our words does. If we might say, "I am a believer in God." And I'd say, "Well, do you believe all the Bible?" "Well, I don't know." Then, you see, your--your--your lips, your very-- the--your life is speaking louder then, than what your words would be.

If you say, "I am a Christian. I do not believe in doing... And I believe all that God said is true," then live any kind of a life after that (See?), your--your life speaks louder than what your testimony does. And you know, that's one of the greatest hindrance that the Church of God has is... The bootlegger, the gambler, them people are... We--we all know which way they're headed, and they know themselves. **But the fellow that professes to be a Christian, the woman that professes to be a Christian, and then lives something different, it's the greatest stumbling block that the outside world has got,** that--that--that there is in the outside world anywhere. It's worse than anything the world can produce, is a person that's supposed to be a Christian, and then lives something else different from that. Lying, stealing, cheating, and doing things that he ought not to do, **it's a discredit to his testimony,** when you take people that do those things there. And they are--they... Our character is molded in there by the light that is in us.

*Identification 64-0216*

**I Timothy 4:12** Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

**II Peter 3:11** [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,

## COURAGE TO ACCEPT THE WORD AND THE MESSAGE OF GOD

Peter had a sword. He pulled that sword was going to cut the high priest's ears off, and things like that; he did it. But when it come to real Christian courage, he didn't have it. He backed up and denied Him. Is that right? He could cut the high priest's ear off with his sword, sure, he knowed how to handle it. But when it come to the squeeze and time to stand on the Word of God, he didn't have the courage, and even denied he knowed Jesus. That's where it is today. We got courage to build buildings and put millions of dollars in them. We got courage to put pipe organs, and plush seats, and everything, and go out and proselyte from place to place, and make the Methodists come Baptists, and so forth, back and forth like that. But when it comes to **Christian courage to accept the Word and the message of God**, and stand there on it, we are few. So what good's your stones without a stone mason again? That right?

*End Time Evangelism 62-0603*

## YOUR WORKS WILL PROVE WHAT YOUR CHARACTER IS

You see, a man's character is made known by his works. Whatever you are, your works prove what you are. **No matter how much you testify**, whatever you say, pro or con, that has nothing to do with it; your works tell what you are, tells what you are inside. Every job that you do manifests what you are. And you business men, if you just do a patched up job, see what I mean, just a halfway job, don't do that. If you can't do it right, don't do it at all. That's right.

When you come to Christ, if you can't absolutely sell out lock, stock, and barrel, and come to Christ, don't come at all. But when you really want to be a Christian, stand out, make it real. That's what God wants you to be.

And that'll--that'll prove... **Your works will prove what your character is**. Your character is known by the works that you do.

*Time Tested Memorials Of God 57-0818*

## HOW SHALL I PROVE MY LOVE TO HIM

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us?

Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And **how shall I prove my love to Him?** By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

*Smyrmaean Church Age – Church Age Book CPT4*

## SHE REPRESENTS HERSELF TO THE PUBLIC IN HER DIGNITY

What kind of people should we be, Holy-Ghost filled, though we are, pilgrims and strangers. How ought we to conduct our lives and selves, not like the rest of the world, but separate ourselves from the things of the world. Keep our chin up, as it was, because there's one thing we know: We are sons and daughters of the King. Now, a king's daughter doesn't act immorally, and she doesn't dress that way. **She represents herself to the public in her dignity**, because she's a king's daughter. Amen.

So there's a man when he is the king's son... There's the way back to the Azusa Street experience: Conduct ourselves as sons and daughters of God, not dress like the world, act like the world, and talk like the world, stay home on Wednesday night to see the--all these programs and so forth that Hollywood's putting on. We have nothing to do with Hollywood. We are borned again Pentecostal experience. Hollywood has its place of entertainment. **We have our place of entertainment.** Theirs is in the world and ours is in Christ. But we can't pattern after them; let's pattern after Christ, and act like Him and love Him.

*Lamb And Dove 56-0917*

## WE'VE LOST THE VISION, WHO WE ARE

When I see the church becoming so loose, and the women in their immoral dressing, and the men doing, **it just grieves me**, because we are sons and daughters of God, and we ought to act, and walk, and talk, and conduct ourselves like that.

When we get away from that, I'm afraid there's something wrong in us. We've lost the vision, who we are. Because the life that's in us is what guides us and directs us.

*Thirsting For Life 59-0613*

## NEVER DO NOTHING THAT WOULD BRING DISGRACE

No matter how poor we are, how we have to be run over, how the world talks about you, and says everything about you, it ought to make you keep head up for the mo--morales of the rest of them. **We should never have words against one another. We should always say the highest thing about a brother or sister. If one is down in the gutter, don't never shove them any farther down. Pick him up; get him out of there as quick as you can, because it helps.** We should be an example. *We should live an example*, like we are sons and daughters of God, the Eternal King. We ought to conduct ourselves in that manner as sons and daughters of the King. We should **never do nothing that would bring disgrace.**

*Thirsting For Life 60-0304*

## SLAVES OF FASHIONS AND SLAVES OF PASSION AND SLAVES OF PRIDE

What ought all our conduct to be? Not like the world, but we should act like sons and daughters of God, conduct ourselves like King's children, not like **slaves of fashions, and slaves of passion, and slaves of pride.** And we--we should be sons and daughters of God, and act like it, and conduct ourselves that way. Let our conversations and everything be seasoned with God's Spirit.

*Jehovah Jireh 61-0226*

## THE YOUNGER WOMEN LOOK AT THE OLDER WOMEN

But when it comes to surrender everything to Christ, your life, and all... That's where the line lays. That's what makes people say, "Well, I look at the rest of them." And here to you older Christians, to the younger: **the younger women look at the older women**, the younger men look at the older men, and see the way you conduct yourself, to see what you do. And they presume that they're all right: is because you do the way you do.

*Presuming 62-0117*

## ALWAYS DO WHAT'S RIGHT

Now, character... Always you... All you people of the church of God, live good, live right. People's watching the way you're living. And if there's anything that's a **hindrance to Christianity today**, is the way that professed Christians live: dishonest, dishonorable, and living any way. Don't do that. We are Christians. Somebody's watching your life, correctly. Be honest. Let everybody know. Let your dealings be fair and square, and--and--and don't take nothing doesn't belong to you. Don't say nothing but what's the truth. And you can always tell the truth every time, and God will honor the truth. And **always do what's right. Treat everybody right**. If they don't treat you right, you treat them right anyhow. See? Jesus treated us right when we didn't treat Him right. And His Spirit in us...

*It Is I Be Not Afraid 62-0726*

## MARRIAGE

### YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

I was speaking today coming down with Brother Moore. I said, "Take I looked around. He worked. He had a little old wife there just true-blue as could be, and four or five little old dirty-faced kids around on the floor. And I said, "Boy, you're a millionaire. And he said, "Huh? Well, Brother Branham, I wouldn't dispute your word." He said, "Brother, I ain't got a dime." And I said, "**But you've got something that money can't buy.**" I said, "You got a little old wife here that probably hasn't got two dresses to her name." And--and if she did, it's some somebody gave her, 'cause the man just has a day's work now and then. And I said, "Looky here, but she's just as loyal as loyal can be." I said, "There's a many a multimillionaire tonight, would give every penny he had to come home to a wife like that." Right. I said, "His wife's out with a bunch of man somewhere, or on a barroom somewhere, cussing, singing, smoking, night-riding around, and things like that. And yet he loves her, but look what he's got. All of his life wrapped in that woman, and look the way she's doing."

*Uncertain Sound 60-1218*

## HAPPINESS DON'T ALTOGETHER TAKE MONEY

I thought, "Oh, that's better." I said, "You really mean it, Charlie?" He said... I said, "Charlie, look, I know that she's your daughter, and you got money." And he reached over and got me by the hand. He said, "Bill, listen, money ain't all things that's in human life." He said... I said, "Charlie, I—I only make twenty cents an hour, but I love her and she loves me. And I promise you, Charlie, that I'll work till these...the callouses wear off of my hands, to make her a living. I'll be just as true to her as I could be." He said, "I believe that, Bill." He said, "Listen, Bill, I want to tell you." Said, "You know, **happiness, don't altogether take money to be happy.**"

**Said, "Just be good to her.** And I know you will." I said, "Thank you, Charlie. I sure will do that.

*59-0419A - My Life Story*

## SHE'S PART OF YOUR SOUL, PART OF YOU

"If she'd just let me kiss her good night sometime, that would do it." But finally that happens, and it doesn't. "Well, if she'd marry me, I know it would do it." It doesn't. Even family relationship, you love her so much, feel like you could pull her all the way through you, and reach back and pull her back again, trying--trying to... That's a rude expression. I didn't mean it like that. See? But I--I mean... What I'm trying to say, you love her, love her, love her; there's no place you can find... What is it? **She's part of your soul. She's part of you.** That's right. That's--that's... And if... That's the way God is. When you come and find Christ in your heart, there's no place you can stop.

*Jesus Christ The Same 61-0118*

## THIS IS FOR YOU YOUNG GIRLS THAT'S NOT MARRIED

**This is for you young girls that's not married** (See?), and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and that's--you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or whether she's pretty or not pretty. **That doesn't matter. But you love them just the same.** Now, you'd better watch, kinda hold around close there, because that's--you're getting close to home there. And I... it... A--a marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be

successful. They'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say.

Now, you understand what I mean? See? It's by faith we do everything. Believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job. Believe on the Lord to hunt--to give you the wife that you should have. Believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry. Believe on the Lord to send you some new furniture, or if the--if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food and the children are hungry. Believe on the Lord.

*Thy House 61-0808*

## GOD JUST GIVES HIS CHILDREN THE GOOD THINGS

"He who has found a wife has found a good thing." As Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown. An unrighteous one is water in his blood." And his blood stream's his life. So an unrighteous one is the worse thing he can get ahold of. And a righteous one is the best thing he can get ahold of, outside of salvation. ***If God could've give a man a better thing than a wife, He would've give it to him, 'cause God just gives His children the good things.*** And He gave him a wife, and I'm thankful for it.

*Jehovah Jireh PART 3 62-0707*

## MARRIAGE IS A RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL MANNERS

We got so many things we have to do, so much responsibility that we have to face. Everybody's got to face a certain responsibility. When you--when you come to--to choose your wife, to get married, or choose your husband, you--you've got to take a responsibility. And then you must remember... Maybe you build a home; it's a nice pretty home.

And then remember, as a married woman you got to think of the responsibility of raising children. And you got to think that them pretty slick walls is going to have little, dirty hand prints all over them. Then you got the responsibility of educating your children. You got the responsibility of clothing and feeding. Everything is a responsibility. And so easy when responsibilities face us to shirk from them. ***And we find out that marriage is a responsibility in all manners.***

*Man Running From Presence 65-0217*

## HE GAVE HIM THE BEST THING HE COULD GIVE HIM

When God gave a man a wife, **He gave him the best thing He could give him outside of salvation**; but when one goes to trying to take a man's place, then she's about the worse thing that he could get ahold of... Now, we here see plainly the spiritual plan of God's planning for His future home with His future Bride comes into view now. If a man marries a sex queen, you see what he's looking for for the future. If a man marries a woman that won't stay home, you see what he's looking for in the future.

*Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E*

## UNION BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE AND GOD

Not only that, but the oneness between husband and wife was broken. I don't believe there's any marriage can be what it ought to be without a **union between husband and wife and God**. That's right. They'll bring up children in the world, and make them illegitimates, give them cigarettes, whiskey, play cards in their sight, drink liquor before them. No matter how loyal they are to their marriage vows, that's sexually, that's flesh. But there's a spirit in there, that spirit of a sinner papa and mama, no matter how loyal to their children, will come wrong. 72 Well, you say, "I know men and women that didn't teach their children that, and wasn't Christians." The very thing of not leading them to Christ was the wrongest thing they could ever do besides the other; not to lead them to Christ, see. So you can't have a correct union without it. The fellowship broken.

*Oneness 62-0211*

## HER MOTIVE AND OBJECTIVES WERE SIMPLY WRONG

That's always stuck with me, of how that was. One chose a beautiful girl, the other one chose character. Now, that's the only way you could choose. First, look for character; and then, if you love her, fine. Notice, God's first Adam didn't have any choice, for his wife. He didn't get a choice. God just made him one, and he didn't get to choose her. So we find out that she led him astray from God's Word. He didn't get to pray over the matter. He—he—he isn't like you and I. He didn't get a choice. And again, by doing that, she led him from his rightly position as being a son of God. And she did it by showing him a more modern way of living, something that they really shouldn't have done. But the character of her showed that she was wrong. **Her motives and objectives were simply**

**wrong.** And persuaded him, by her reasoning, that the modern new light that she had found, which was contrary to God's Word, was a better way to live.

The Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429E

## VOWS

### NUMBERS 30 – THE LAW CONCERNING VOWS

**1** *And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.*

**2** *If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.*

**3** *If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;*

**4** *And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.*

**5** *But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.*

**6** *And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;*

**7** *And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.*

**8** *But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.*

**9** *But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.*

**10** *And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;*

**11** *And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.*

**12** *But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or*

concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

**13** Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

**14** But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

**15** But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.

**16** These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

## IF A BOY PROMISES A GIRL TO MARRY HER UNDER GOOD FAITH HE'S OBLIGATED TO THAT GIRL

Sure they're married. As long as they take that vow, they're married.

Just like a boy, **if a boy promises a girl to marry her under good faith, he's obligated to that girl.** He's just as good as married her. The only thing the law does, is give you a--a bill of rights to live together to keep from being common-law husband and wife. But when a man tells a woman, "I will marry you, Honey; I will take you for my wife. Will you take..." he's married. Your vow is sacred; that's what marries you anyhow.

*Questions And Answers 64-0823E*

## DON'T MAKE YOUR VOW TO ANYBODY 'LESS YOU MEAN TO STICK WITH IT

**Don't you make your vow to anybody 'less you mean to stick with it.** Remember, there's the Bible for it. Joseph promised to marry Mary. And God said that that was... Read the Old Testament laws on that. See? The Old Testament law, if you promised to marry a woman, and you married another one, you was committing adultery; and it throwed you out of the camp. Yes, sir. You have to keep your vows when you promise a woman that. She's a sacred little vessel, and that's to bring child life into the world again. So when you promise her, you must marry her.

*Questions And Answers 64-0823E*

## ENVIRONMENT

**Genesis 24:3 & 4** *And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.*

**II Corinthians 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

**1 Corinthians 4:17** *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*

### WATCH THAT ENVIRONMENT, THAT SPIRIT CATCHES HIM

Now, how I would like to border there just for a few minutes, as it was, and getting into the core of this on motherhood (See?), there. And when a man starts to get married, the type of a girl, woman that he... It's more than just look at beauty. You've got to get somebody, both soul and body joined together, somebody that's really going to be your friend and pal, that'll stick with you through thick and thin. Now, but Ahab, he just fell for her because she was pretty, I suppose, and marry. It couldn't be nothing else about her, because as wicked as she was. And she come over there. And then, 'course, being wrapped up with her like that, and loved her, why, he caused all Israel to sin and to go against God, and to tear down the altars of God, built the altars of Baalam. And they had Baal worship all through Israel at the time. You take a little bitty girl, little bitty boy, put them out here, let them live with somebody... You take a man... I can take my boy, let him be out for a day with somebody; let me come in, I can almost tell you who he's been with. Certainly. **Watch, that environment, that spirit catches him.**

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## IT'S ENVIRONMENT

You take a man that's a good moral man, and let him marry a little old woman that ain't worth a dime; it isn't long till he ain't worth a dime either. That's what happened to Ahab. Take the same, vice versa, let a nice little woman marry an old man that ain't worth a dime; the first thing you know, she's doing the same thing he is. How could I go, this morning, and point my hands on little broken up homes and things like that, where lovely little mothers come into a drinking dad, and things like that, and thought they could do something with them, and now the whole mother and all of them is a drinking and going on. ***It's environment.***

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## MOTIVE

### HE'S A LYING TO YOU

Now, but when he come down and made fellowship with Ahab, then he got in trouble. Now, Ahab... And when you take the world that trying to find fellowship with you, just remember, there's a rabbit in the woodpile somewhere. When you take that little cigarette smoking boy, that wants to take you out at night time, young lady, you Pentecostal girls, that little drinker, and his hair combed down slick enough to hold his mouth open. Let me tell you something now; there's something in the making. And he says, ***"I'll marry you, dear, if... And then I'll join your church." He's a lying to you.*** If he loves you and loves the Lord, he will do it then; he don't have to take you. That's right. And you men, you young boys with some of these little painted up Jezebels, the same way. You shouldn't do that. Shame on the pastors that fail to say that in their church. We are called out, separated, different people, sanctified to the Lord in Israel.

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