

Hollywood Holiness



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It is high time to speak out against all the Hollywood holiness and show business salvation that is now contaminating the house of God. How sad the heart of God must now be to see so many who call themselves Christians corrupting and defiling themselves at the devil's table. There is a cancer of worldliness growing in the church.

God has not called me to clean up the church. I am not some kind of super saint sitting in judgment against others who don't live up to my personal standards. I am just an ordinary, simple Christian who is appalled by all the soulish, sensuous, worldly influences creeping into the church. It's time to judge righteous judgment and expose the ungodly trends that make a mockery of holiness. And, God help me to do it in love, without purposely hurting any particular person or group.

Let me begin by reminding us all of what God demands of those who claim to be born again. God's Word commands us to "break away" and "come out" from the spirit of the world.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Beliah? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17).

* There are Charismatic Christians who claim to be filled with the Holy Ghost who still drink their beer, wine, and whiskey. The tongue that "speaks in heavenly languages" is soaked in alcohol and smothered in smoke. Smoking is a debilitating habit, yet many Christians still refuse to lay down this habit. Drinking by "Christians" is damning many young people who are confused by double standards. My Bible says:

"...dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Pot smoking, pill popping teenagers come to me with this question: "How can those people who smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol put us down for smoking grass or dropping pills and acid? They have their own habits and they're just as bad. They are the worst kind of hypocrites. Get them to clean up before you try to preach us out of our brand of habits."

What bothers me most of all is the terrible influence.

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