

The Sword AND Staff

"Preach the Word." (II Timothy 4:2)

• "Feed the Flock." (I Peter 5:2)

"You Ought to Be Good and Mad!"



ANGER IS perhaps one of the most common sins today, and yet it is probably one of the least admitted of sins. It can destroy the tranquil beauty of harmonious human relationships to plung head-strong human beings into deadly opposition to one another. It can become very degrading. It can open pandora's box to more sinister yet kindred evils. Some can become so engrossing that they

will accompany a person to his grave. Surely "hell hath enlarged herself" because of anger.

And, yet, the title to this article says: "You ought to be good and mad!" Do we really mean that? Is there a place for anger? Is it all right to be mad? Can a person be good and mad (good and mad at the same time)? Read on.

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There are two basic words for anger in the Greek New Testament, *thumos* and *orge*. Of these two words Berry in his Greek-English Lexicon to the New Testament says: "THUMOS is impulsive, turbulent anger; ORGE is anger as a settled habit, both may be right or wrong." He goes on to say that PARORGISMOS (an intensified variation of ORGE) "is the bitterness of anger, always wrong." Thayer in his lexicon gives practically the same definitions: THUMOS, passion, angry heat, anger forthwith, boiling up and soon subsiding again; ORGE, on the other hand denotes indignation which has arisen gradually and become more settled.

Now let us notice some definite things about being good and mad.

I. "THE WRATH OF MAN WORKETH NOT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD" (James 1:18-21).

The wrath of man, according to James, does not accomplish the righteousness of God in a person. This includes the *thumos* wrath and the *orge* too, although it is the word *orge* found in the above reference.

The wrath of man is most decidedly a work of the flesh. Listen to Paul in Galatians 5:19-21, "For the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft (sorcery), hatred (enmities), variance (strifes), emulations (jealousies) WRATH (from *thumos*), strife (contentions), seditions (divisions), heresies (sects), envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that

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Proverbs of Today

A church is headed for trouble when it has babes in Christ who think they are men but act like babies.

"When a man looks at a Christian woman he should see an inward glow, not an outward show."

What a person believes about his origin (man's origin) will determine what he considers to be his destiny.

"He who gossips to you will gossip about you."

When men say that God is dead we know for sure that the Devil is still alive.

"No man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

The closer we get to God the more sinful we realize we are—and consequently we see more the need for cleansing.

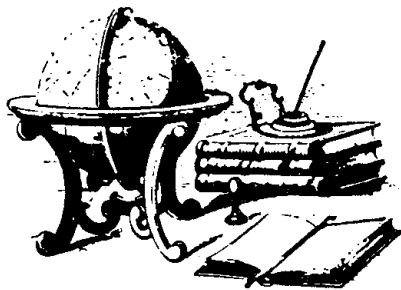
"Many persons might have attained wisdom had they not assumed they already possessed it."

In reference to being an elder, no one can overSEE if he doesn't SEE.

"I complained because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet."

The New Testament does not mention missionaries, but it does speak of evangelists, whose work is to establish churches, and not to start missions.

"I would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail."



EDITORIAL

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ASTONISHING TO THINK ABOUT

THIS EXCERPT we read in another publication sometime ago is rather astonishing to think about: "Do you realize that the world is departing from Christianity 30 times faster than it is being evangelized? For each one converted to any form of Christianity, 30 more souls are born where the Gospel of Jesus is unknown. Each year world population increases 60 million souls. This equals another Great Britain or another France being added to the world. Of this staggering 60 million only about 2 million are touched by the Gospel (in any 'form'). Why is this so? Simply because the zeal of the early Church with the passion that drove them to the busy cross roads and market places has been replaced by a system of comfortable religion that makes no demands for aggressive soul winning."—Outreach □

EDITORIAL

By-Ways

TWO LETTERS AND TWO KINDS OF POLLUTION

OUT OF concern I wrote the following letter to the *Winston-Salem Journal* on May 9th. This is the daily newspaper in our area and is delivered to our house.

THE LETTER:

"This is something which has bothered me for some time. So now I am writing.

"I have two little boys. And like all little boys, I guess, they enjoy reading the 'funnies' (comic strips). But what bothers me is that usually always on the comic page you carry the ads of the movies. Some of them are pretty crude, lewd, and nude. The pictures and wording are unwholesome for children to be seeing. (For anyone, in my conviction, but we are talking about innocent children). Now children can't keep from seeing these glaring movie ads as they look at the comics.

"Couldn't something be done about this? This has been of concern to me for some time. At least, couldn't they be put on another page?

"Thank you for reading this, and, I trust, considering it."

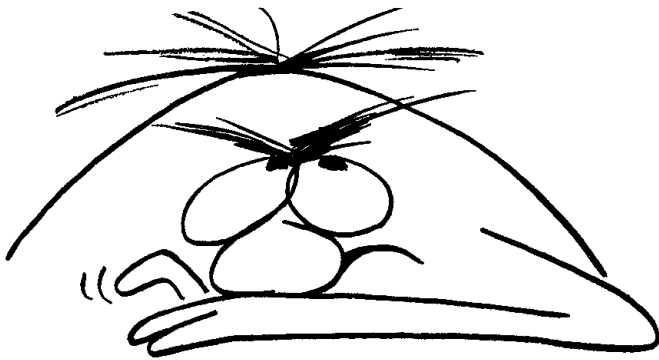
The next several days I watched the newspaper to see if my letter would be included in "Letters to the Editor." The watch spread into weeks, and now months, and my letter has yet to appear. Nor have I received any correspondence from the newspaper.

In the process of being on the lookout for my letter, however, I noticed that another letter from one of our citizens in Mount Airy was printed in the *Winston-Salem Journal*. It was from a lady known to us, Mrs. Oscar K. Merritt, Jr., and it was a good letter. Mrs. Merritt was telling how that she could now look out the back window of her house and again clearly see the beautiful Blue

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they which do such things shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God."

This anger (wrath) in Galatians 5:20 is *thumos*, anger on the spot, the turbulent flare-up thing (just for the moment), then boils over and stops. There are people reading this article, no doubt, who would not think of committing adultery and fornication, or getting drunk. They think these are awful things, and they are! But those same people think nothing of getting angry (they feel no personal guilt) and telling someone just what they think of them! We have even heard people brag about doing such a thing. But, friend, this ANGER is mentioned as a work of the flesh right along with DRUNKENNESS, ADULTERY, and FORNICATION. In fact, it is listed with IDOLATRY, WITCHCRAFT, and MURDER. So, you are plenty guilty if you have committed the sin of WRATH and have never repented of it. In fact, he says the kingdom of heaven is not for you!

And, as you no doubt have gathered, anger leads to other sins. Anger has many sins which are brothers and sisters. Or, looking at it from another angle, anger gives birth to many other sins which logically follow. They are a noisy bunch. They are a bitter and motley crew. Read about them in II Corinthians 12:20 and their implication in James 3:16. Paul admonishes in Ephesians 4:31 and 32, "Let all bitterness, and wrath (*thumos*), and anger (*orge*), and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Here we see anger and its related sins. Here we see the *thumos*, the momentary flare-up, becoming the *orge*, anger as a settled way of life, the grudge. The clamor and evil speaking are very natural off-shots of this sin. That is the reason Paul said almost the same thing in Colossians 3:8, "But now put off all these: anger, wrath, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth." "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (James 2:5). How anger can lead to malice, the grudge, the backbiting, the outspoken blasphemy, and even murder! Anger needs to be stopped before it's started. Abortive actions need to be taken.

There are many practical points to ponder in the book of Proverbs on this vital subject. We will not enlarge upon them, but simply present some of them here in their unique form for you to consider.

- "A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame" (Proverbs 12:16).
- "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly" (Prov. 14:29).
- "A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty: but a fool's

wrath is heavier than them both" (Proverbs 27:3).

- "Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife" (Proverbs 30:33).

- "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman" (Proverbs 21:19).

Enough has been said. We will now proceed to our next point.

II. CALLED TO FOLLOW IN THE STEPS OF CHRIST (I Peter 2:20-23).

But, our title says, "You ought to be good and mad!" Is it possible to be good and mad? In other words, is it possible to be angry and at the same time be righteous? We look to Jesus to find the answer "who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." The verse right before this (I Peter 2:21) tells us of Christ "leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps. Therefore, we look to the life of Christ to see how we should act and react as Christians.

The record shows that Jesus was angry on several different occasions. Jesus was vexed with the Pharisees when they stood ready to condemn him for healing on the sabbath. We read, "And when he had looked round about on them with anger (*orge*), being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other" (Mark 3:5). On another occasion Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple, and certainly a type of anger is manifest here (John 2:13-17). Perhaps it was with anger and other mixed feelings that he pronounced the "WOES" upon the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23 toward the end of his ministry. They had opposed the truth all along the way.

Although the wrath of man is condemned as not working the righteousness of God, what makes the anger that Jesus manifested different? He is pictured in the Scriptures as being sinless, and we have seen that he was angry at times.

The anger of Jesus was motivated by unselfish considerations. He was angry not because his personal rights were infringed upon, but because of obstinate sin, religious hypocrites, and the abuse of the way of God. Jesus personally taught that personally we are to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:38,39; so did Paul, Romans 12:19). And he practiced what he preached to the point of death (notice again I Peter 2:20-23). However, there is such a thing as righteous indignation involving the things of God which cannot be classified as the "wrath of man." It is pure and holy.

At various times through the Bible we find good men manifesting righteous indignation. Moses presents a classic example. He had gone up into the mountain to get the laws of God. While he was gone, the Israelites had made a golden calf and were actually worshipping it. The very idea of such idolatry is utterly revolting in the light of what God had just done in delivering them from Egyptian bondage. Finally Moses descended from the mountain with the freshly given laws of God. "And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount" (Exodus 32:19). In the

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New Testament we read of Paul coming into Athens. “Now while Paul waited for them (his co-workers) at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry” (Acts 17:16).

When the circumstances demand it, we ought to be good and mad. Too many times today we have lost the ability or capability of righteous indignation. Someone has said that silence is golden, but then again it is down-right yellow. Anger, the kind of which we are speaking, is tied in with the reverse side of a Christian's love; it is the other side of the coin. We should hate wrong because we love righteousness. Jesus has left us an example in this (Note Hebrews 1:9, “Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows”). A great love produces a great hate. John, the apostle of love, is an example of this (Revelation 2:6, 15). We have so little of the love of the Lord in our hearts today that not many Christians really get angry about sin and actually hate it and speak out against it. In fact, they dabble in it, and speak against the preacher who speaks against it. Heed such Scriptures as Jude 23; Romans 12:9; Ephesians 5:11! Evil men are waxing worse and worse. The morals of our nation are slipping; no, sliding—yea, rather, it's an avalanche! We need men who are men, as the prophets of old, to sound out and call a sin-bent, hell-bent nation back to God! We need Christians who are Christians; people who will actually get good and mad about the disturbing and distressing trends in our society, in the so-called church! Yes, good and mad enough to speak up and be heard instead of compromising, shutting up, and conforming! How about it, brother?! How about it, sister?!!! We are called to be Christ-like.

III. GOD IS ANGRY WITH SINNERS AND IN THAT GREAT DAY OF WRATH HE WILL BE GOOD AND MAD.

Make no mistake about it, there is a great day of God's wrath coming! God is angry with unrepentant sinners now, and there is a day coming when all will face His wrath in judgment. Peter, quoting from the Psalms, said, “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” (I Peter 3:12). The Psalmist also said, “God is angry with the wicked every day” (Psalms 7:11). Men by their persistence in sin, never repenting, are adding to, building up, and putting fuel on the flames for one great explosive day of wrath and judgment (Read Romans 2:4-11; I Thessalonians 1:16). Make no mistake about it, it's coming! John the Baptist, wasting no words in pretentious niceties, pointedly confronted the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees there on the banks of the Jordan, “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matthew 3:7).

The Greek word for the “wrath” of God is *orge*. As we have before pointed out, it is the anger that gradually arises, builds up, and becomes a settled thing. It is not the kind that flares up and is soon forgotten. God's wrath is building up day by day, week by week, and year by year, against sinners, and in that last day it will explode and climax into a great outburst the like as such as has never been seen before. God's wrath is perhaps well illustrated by an experience this writer and his family had a few years ago in returning East from a trip to the western part of this country. We were pulling a fold-out camping trailer

and stopping along the way. A developing storm system followed us from Colorado through Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and into Illinois. Those developing thunderheads were the like as such as we had never seen before back East. The clouds would just gather and build up and build up until they seemed to reach into heaven itself. Things were strangely quiet as the thunderheads continued to build, becoming darker and more foreboding all the time. This continued. That night it seemed like the heavens were being torn apart as the lumbering roll of thunder exploded, and the black night was instantly and continually light by the repeated flashes of lightning. The torrents of rain poured down as the turbulence of the rushing wind made our frail tent flap restlessly in the night. We have since thought about this in the light of the meaning of the word *orge*, and as it relates to the wrath of God and especially that great day of His wrath which is to come. It's coming, brother, look out!

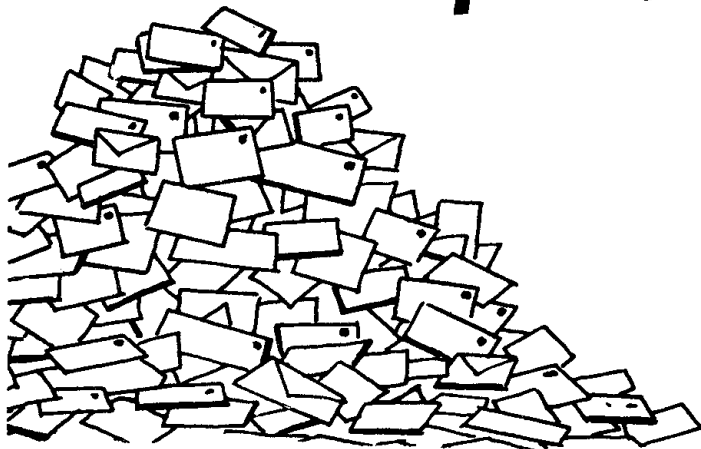
In the book of Revelation we read about the “wrath of the Lamb” and many other strange things. Usually we think of a lamb as being gentle. We think of a lamb as being a sacrificial offering for sin. Much of this changes in the book of Revelation. In Revelation 5:6 we see the lamb slain, yet standing—slain as a sacrifice, and yet perhaps symbolically standing, wanting people to take advantage of the sacrifice for them. We know the masses of humanity have not taken advantage of the sacrificial death of Jesus. They have turned it down. Not attempting to explain the symbolism, notice what is said in Revelation 6:16. The masses cried to the rocks and the mountains, “Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Throughout Revelation this wrath is implied—perhaps, among other things, that men have not taken advantage of the sacrifice of the Lamb. The gentle lamb of mental imagery becomes the conquering lamb, the warring lamb, the lamb which has a great day of wrath coming. In a parable Jesus gave while here, he pictures this certain man who invited many to come to this great supper. They turned down his invitation, and the man became very angry (Luke 14:16-24). In another sense, there is a great day of the wrath of Jesus coming. God is not mocked. “The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” (II Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Friend, this wrath is coming! There's no getting around it; let's face up to it. God is angry about sin and men spurning His overtures of compassionate love. We need to make every preparation now and to take every precaution now to escape the wrath which is to come. John tells us that if we do not believe in the Son of God “the wrath of God abideth” on us (John 3:36). But, speaking to Christians, Paul said, “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:9). The blood of Christ makes the difference. We can't be good enough alone to turn God's wrath away from us. God's sinless One must fill the gap. When we repent and are Scripturally baptized (Acts 2:38), the blood of Christ takes away our sins. We become pure and are justified in His presence. Now, having turned to God, we

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READERS'

... Response



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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in regards to your April (May) issue of The Sword and Staff.

Let me say this first, I have always appreciated your magazine in the past, and consider it strong and firm on the doctrine taught in the Bible. I thank you for the publications your efforts produced. But in this last issue, in regards to the Ben Alexander cartoon story, I am surprised that you allowed this complete article to be in your publication. I want to explain what I mean. One thing, the word pastor is used in reference to the minister on page 9 (29). I am sure that you agree that the word pastor means shepherd and refers to an elder, overseer, bishop, but not minister or evangelist. One thing the denominational world uses incorrectly is the word pastor in reference to the preacher. Am I right?

Another point I would like to discuss is the conversion of Ben according to the cartoon story. Ben prayed to Jesus. John 14:13, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." The word of God teaches that we pray to the Father through Jesus name. We are not heard by the Father until we do his will. We cannot pray to be saved (denominations teach praying through). Our prayers are heard after we have obeyed his commands. Being baptized into Christ's death (Romans 6) after we have believed, repented, and confessed gives us the privilege and right to pray and call God our Father. The article reflects tones of denominationalism which I feel that you are strongly against, according to your past publications.

I am writing this because I am concerned. I feel that we have to be very cautious in what we teach concerning the word of God. I am a teacher, and many times I have stated what the Bible teaches about conversions and pray-

ing to God, after we have the right, and I feel that the article you have printed could be very misleading. The subject was great and should be brought out more frequently because it is truly one of the Devil's working tools.

Thank you for giving me your time, and I would appreciate hearing from you personally to give me your true views on what I have written.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Hetzler

(REPLY, June 21, 1974)

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Dear brother Hetzler:

First, I wish to express my appreciation of your letter of June 11th. I wish that more people would be that alert and concerned about following the Truth of God. Your concern is my concern for that is what THE SWORD and STAFF is all about. We have a "burden" to call people back to the "old paths" of God.

Second, to be understood correctly the Ben Alexander cartoon story must be understood in the light of the context (as we say in understanding the Scriptures). Perhaps I, as the editor, did not make the context evident enough. I should have had a footnote or two. If you noticed from the material in the last issue of THE SWORD AND STAFF, brother Alexander said, "In the four and half years when I first professed Christ, I spoke in tongues. The only thing I ever experienced was confusion" (page 4 of last issue). Then you notice that he finished his article by saying, "Those of us who have repented and been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit" (page 5). As we understand it, brother Alexander first "professed Christ" in Pentecostalism, but was not baptized into Christ until a few years later when he learned the truth of this matter. He is now a New Testament Christian. The cartoon story is, no doubt, a realistic portrayal of what happened. Yes, he uses the word "pastor" in talking to the preacher. Not all supposed Christians, let alone sinners, know the truth of what you said—"the word pastor means shepherd and refers to the elder." So, we cannot expect brother Alexander as an uninformed alein sinner at that point in time to know the truth of this matter. The cartoon story simply tells what happened.

No, no sinner has ever been saved by praying through (so-called). He does not get through to salvation that way. Salvation comes by repenting and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). If any man could ever have prayed through to salvation, it looks like the apostle Paul could have (then called Saul). He was involved three days and nights in praying, but did he pray through? NO. Ananias finally came to him and said, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). No where in the book of Acts is a sinner told to pray through to salvation. When the Ethiopian said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip didn't tell him he had to pray through first. NO. "Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he

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baptized him" (Acts 8:36-38).

However, I would like to say that the cartoon version of Ben Alexander's life is put out by LIFE MESSENGERS of Seattle, Washington. On their letterhead these words are found: "An Evangelical Interdenominational Witness—Serving the Lord World Wide." No doubt, this organization being of a denominational nature, it did not supply the details between brother Alexander's first profession of faith and his later baptism into Christ for the remission of sins. (ALSO, we would like to say that we do not recommend all of the material put out by this agency as it has the "faith only" slant).

The revival of witchcraft in our day (sometimes masking behind the term "parapsychology" in college classes) is truly astonishing. Ben Alexander is one of the voices speaking out against it which needs to be heard. He came out of it, and it is not all fake. The devil and the other fallen spirits are at work.

Brother, I hope my comments have been satisfactory. I appreciate so much your letter.

Yours in Christ,
James E. Gibbons

OREGON:

■ "I felt it necessary to write you a letter concerning the most recent issue of SWORD AND STAFF. First I would like to say that I appreciate your paper very much. I feel that the stands that you take are well presented and the material is certainly worth the time and effort you put into it..."

"What I wish to write about, however, is, unfortunately, not one of these good things. I was very disappointed to see you reprint an article... on the EXORCIST... I cannot agree with the propriety of this article.

"The paragraph that explains in intimate, exacting detail just why it is that I should not see that movie is defeating its own purpose. I maintain that although I have not set foot in a movie house of any kind I have for all practical purposes seen the EXORCIST. At least I have seen those parts that are most objectionable to Vic and others. I do not for a moment question the purity of either yours or Victor's intentions. I only question the discretion.

"I would certainly be grateful if you had the time to share your thoughts on the subject with me..."

"Once again I wish to assure you of my respect for your paper in a time when many of the Lord's ministers are putting out papers of questionable value."

(EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This letter certainly shows an alert and sensitive Christian conscience, which is very praiseworthy. We certainly can see this point of view. Paul wrote, "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:12). Such unseemly works of darkness do not make for good and wholesome conversation, let alone letting such be our entertainment in the movies and on T.V.

However, if you notice, Paul did say in the verse just before (verse 11), "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM." If reproving takes place, as he says here, some "name calling" of sin must take place.

Although Paul tells us it is a shame to talk loosely about sinful things, the Bible many times give some "gory" details (for example, Genesis 19:30-36; 38:8-10; Romans

1:26,27). It is not a matter of idle gossip, but a statement of gruesome fact. And it is many times a rebuke and call to repentance.

We would say that a person needs to use "sanctified" judgment in this matter—what would be best under the circumstances. We do believe that a person can write more explicitly, and still be within the realms of propriety, than perhaps he can be in personally speaking. Personal judgment must be used.)

LOGSDEN, OREGON:

■ "Greetings in Christ. Congratulations on a superb job. I want to thank you for helping to expose Satan. I have already received mail from people who read your magazine asking for more information... Sincerely in His Grace, —Ben Alexander."

MISSOURI:

■ "I recently read your paper THE SWORD AND STAFF loaned to me by a fellow Christian and was impressed with your New Testament type teaching of which we need more today. We, too, belong to a New Testament church, and we appreciate the ideas and articles you had in your paper. Therefore, we would like to be added to your mailing list to receive your paper... Also if you have any other materials that would be helpful to us to influence others, they would be appreciated.

"We would also like to commend you for teaching the Scriptures as they are. We just recently went through a church split caused by the 'Charismatic Movement.' Those of us that are left are even more earnest to see that the truth continues to be taught.

"Thanks again for your work and may God continue to bless your efforts."

ALABAMA:

■ "May I say how much I appreciated the April (May) issue of The SWORD and STAFF on Witchcraft, Occultism, etc."

COLORADO:

■ "Congratulations on a fine April-May issue of THE SWORD AND STAFF. Enclosed is \$ to help in postage. Could you send us 10 copies in bundle form (beginning with this issue)?"

OHIO:

■ "We have received the SWORD AND STAFF for several years and we always look forward and appreciate getting it. We have been a little tardy maybe in getting our subscription in, but here it is for three years, plus an order for some tracts."

PENNSYLVANIA:

■ "I love this publication and pray that it becomes more successful each month. God bless you."

DELAWARE:

■ "Greatly appreciate your solid stand upon God's Word. I look forward to reading THE SWORD AND STAFF immediately upon its arrival."

VIRGINIA:

■ "Just had to write and tell you how interesting and worthwhile THE SWORD AND STAFF is. I always look forward to getting it. It seems like the world is getting fuller and fuller of sin and less and less truth going out

into the world of darkness. I, for one, truly appreciate THE SWORD AND STAFF—and how much good it does.”

NORTH CAROLINA:

■ “I thank God for men such as you who are steadfast in presenting the Word as it really is, without substituting the doctrines of men.”

OREGON:

■ “Please remove from mailing list now.”

BIBLE TEST

Questions Over the Epistle of I Peter

1. The epistle of I Peter was written to Christians in the midst of suffering. (1) True; (2) False.
2. They were people the apostle Peter knew personally. (1) True; (2) False.
3. The trial of their faith was more precious than what that perishes?
4. Who wanted to know more about our present salvation in Christ before it was completely revealed, and who desires to look into these things even now? (2 parts to this answer)
5. God said: “Be ye _____; for I am _____.”
6. “Seeing ye have _____ your souls in _____ the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being _____ again, not by corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _____ of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
7. As “newborn babes” what are new Christians to desire as food that they “may grow thereby”?
8. According to Peter, what “stone” rejected by the “builders” had now become “head of the corner”?
9. “But ye are a _____ generation, a _____ priesthood, an _____ nation, a _____ people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”
10. “_____ all men. _____ the brotherhood. _____ God. _____ the king.”
11. Who had left them an example in suffering that they should follow in his steps?
12. Likewise, husbands are to be in subjection to their wives, even if they are not Christians. (1) True. (2) False.
13. Peter teaches that it is all right for a Christian woman to wear extravagant clothes, jewelery of gold, etc. (1) True; (2) False.
14. Who in times past adorned themselves modestly and were under submission to their husbands, and who in particular has left Christian women an example? (2 parts to this answer)
15. “But _____ the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an _____ to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”
16. How many were saved in Noah’s ark when the Flood came?
17. According to I Peter 3:21, how does baptism save us?
18. According to Peter, the person who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from what?
19. What about the Christians did Peter say was strange

to the Gentiles?

20. “If any man speak, let him speak as” what?
21. “Yet if any man suffer as a _____, let him not be _____; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”
22. According to Peter, judgment will first begin where?
23. What class of church leaders was commanded to “feed the flock of God,” and to take the “oversight” of them?
24. What is the other word for shepherd (Greek: *poimen*) found in the English New Testament?
25. Who is the chief shepherd and what will the shepherds who serve under him receive when he comes (if they do their job well)?
26. “_____ yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may _____ you in due time.”
27. According to Peter, why should Christians especially be “sober” and “vigilant”?
28. Silvanus is another name for whom?
29. Evidently I Peter was sent from where? (1) Rome; (2) Babylon; (3) Jerusalem.
30. What other familiar person sent greetings?

(Answers found in next issue of this paper)

“YOU OUGHT TO BE GOOD AND MAD”

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“wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come” (I Thessalonians 1:10). And then to further assure us, Paul said, “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thessalonians 5:9) Amen!

BELOVED, you ought to be good and mad! But, be sure that you are good while you are mad, having the kind of anger Jesus had about sin, and not the “wrath of man.” There is plenty to get worked up over today. How we need to hate, forsake, and denounce sin! (If Christians won’t and don’t speak up, who will?). There is a great day coming, the day of God’s wrath, and who shall be able to stand? May we be ready for that day! Amen! □

EDITORIAL BY-WAYS

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Ridge Mountains. Not long ago the air pollution problem (smog) hindered this. She was thanking the newspaper, believing they shared a great deal of the credit in getting the air pollution checked.

As I read this, the thought entered my mind, and especially since I had written the newspaper a letter along this line, if only we could enlist the concern of newspapers like the *Winston-Salem Journal* about moral pollution! They are proving effective in alerting and alarming citizens about air pollution, even to the point of helping get the air cleaned up (for which we are grateful). Wouldn’t it be great if they would be that concerned about moral pollution. It involves the survival of the nation. It involves not just man’s body, but his spirit and his eternal destiny. Everything is at stake. Newspapers by sounding out on their editorial pages, and by being more selective in their advertizing clientele, could carry a tremendous impact for good. But maybe this is asking too much in this day when sophisticated vulgarity is the “IN” thing and men put money ahead of principle. But it’s a good thought.

FOOTNOTE: I haven’t seen the movie ads on the comic page for some time now. Just maybe my letter was given consideration. I hope so. □

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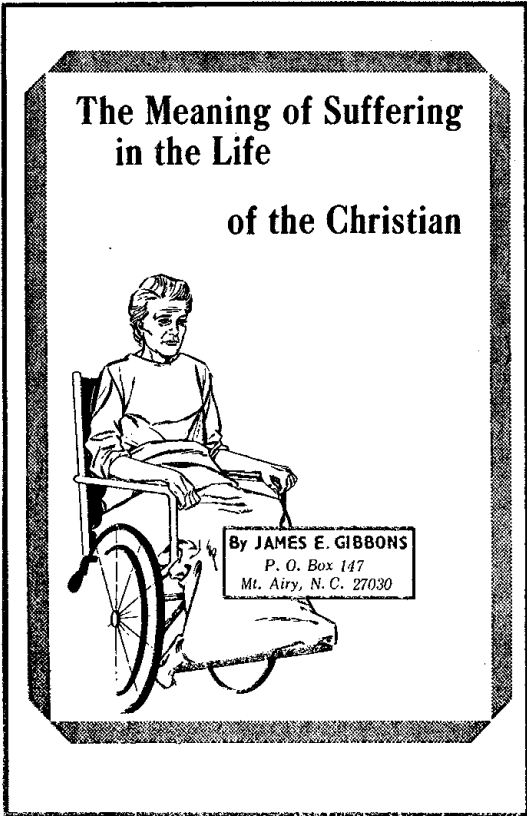
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