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Sunday
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 AM Worship:..11:00am
 PM Worship:....6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

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 Sunday:.....7:30am
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THE MEDIA'S AFFECT ON YOUTH
 Roger A. Scully, Jr.

Unless you have been living under the proverbial rock, you have come to notice that our present society is absolutely infatuated with violence. This is mostly seen in the youth of our nation. In fact, the School of Public Affairs and Services department of criminal justice says, "5 out of every 20 robbery arrests and 3 of every 20 murder, rape, and aggravated assault arrests are of juveniles." This equivocates to 3,000 murder, 6,000 forcible rape, 41,000 robbery, and 65,000 aggravated assault arrests of youths each year. (These numbers do not include those 17-19 year olds who are tried as adults). What is even sadder is the fact that these numbers seem to increase year by year. But why? To what can we attribute this? Though it is not fair to place any of the blame on one particular cause, and parents must be identified as the primary blame (cf. Ephesians 6:4), we cannot ignore a key affect of intermediate and interactive factors coming from the media.

Daily in the media our children are being exposed to the lack of punishment that is brought to bear on those guilty of heinous crimes; the picture of violence as a justifiable means; the depiction of violence in a manner which does not cause aversion; and even criminal behavior being rewarded. In addition, our children are constantly being exposed to the glamorization of ignorance, hostility, sexuality and immorality

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Old-Fashioned Gospel Tent Meeting
 With Guest Speaker:
Wesley Simons
July 15-20, 2018



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as the media praises the lives of Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, Lindsey Lohan, 50 Cent, and others. The youth of our nation are fed such a heavy dose of this that they begin to idolize these figures of pop-culture to the point of imitating them. As Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith said, "We love it, we glamorize it, we teach it to our children."

There are even video games, such as "Grand Theft Auto," where the player steals cars, sells drugs, fornicates, etc. Craig Anderson of the American Psychological Society has noted that even "short term exposure increases the likelihood of physically and verbally aggressive behavior, aggressive thoughts, and aggressive emotions." Despite these findings, our children are continually being exposed to the things herein mentioned with very little effort being put forth to shield them from it.

Let it be suggested that parents should spend more time with their children, especially teaching them God's word, than they are allowed to sit in front of a television set. Let us "teach our children" and "talk of" God's Word with them so that the word of the Lord is "bound for a sign" upon them (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). When they are exposed to that which is unsettling, let us teach them of right and wrong, and reinforce that there is an objective standard by which man is held accountable (John 12:48); and that, though many may escape punishment here on earth, "we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Let us remind our children that "thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2), and to "be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Roger A. Scully, Jr.

The brevity of life cannot be over emphasized, nor can the reality be ignored. Daily on the TV, in newspapers and on the radio we hear of the youngest of children losing their lives in home fires, car accidents, biking accidents, or from a disease which the medical scientists cannot control. At the same time we hear of, and in most cases are aware of, teenagers or those in their young twenties losing their lives in much the same manner. I will spare you by not mentioning the many whom we know who lost their lives in their youth. Then, we hear of the older whose lives also come to an end. Yet, no matter how long one has lived when the end nears, it never seems to have been long enough. Taking this into consideration, let us reflect on the words of James, who asked, "For what is your life?" The prophet then answered by saying, "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). Who can dare argue the brevity of life?

As the prophet James continues to write, he states, "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that" (James 4:15), the meaning of which being God must be included in our life. You see: all monetary gain will most certainly come to an end. Then what? The apostle Paul quotes the patriarch Job in writing, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21); therefore we should learn to be content with the necessities of life and be focused on serving the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Life is indeed short, and should you live 200 years, as compared to eternity, it is but a

wink of an eye. Will you not come to understand the need to submit to the Mighty Creator, He Who giveth and He Who taketh? Remember the words of the Hebrew writer, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). As asked the prophet Jeremiah, so ask I, "and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:31)?

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE?

Wendell Winkler, deceased

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs" (John 21:15).

Do We Love the Lord More Than Our Kinsmen? If we do, we will not let them keep us from obeying the gospel. We will be willing to leave the religion they have accepted if it is proven wrong. We will not let them keep us from attending the services of the Lord's church. Remember, Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).

Do We Love the Lord More Than Money? If we do, we will not make the heaping of riches the chief object of our living. We will give liberally of our means to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). Remember, the Lord said, "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Do We Love the Lord More Than Pleasure? If we do, we will not engage in that which is forbidden, that which will hurt our influence for Christ. Remember, the Lord, in speaking of perilous times, said men shall be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

Do We Love the Lord More Than Praise of Men? If we do, we will be willing to stand for the Lord and the right, though we must stand alone (2 Timothy 4:16,17). The chief rulers "did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42,43).

The Lord should be the supreme object of our affection (Matthew 22:37). May we learn to sing, and mean it, "More love to thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 24 – Song Service
- July 1 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- July 15 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service
- July 15-20 – Tent Meeting w/ Wesley Simons at Greenfield Campground
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell