

The clash of the culture wars

In today's society, from every aspect we are experiencing a clash of the culture war. Where everything is political now.^{all} You can split your wj. The next thing we know its a argument as to whether we should have a bill passed on that to make illegal or legal. How do we adjust to culture without compromising convictions. Especially Christians, we have to be carefully that we are not tangled up in bondage. In order to deal with this we have do as Daniel did. Daniel chapter 1:

12,17 The Babylonians were trying to change the thinking of these Jews by giving them a Babylonian education, their loyalty by changing their names, and their lifestyle by changing their diet. Without compromising, Daniel found a way to live by God's standards in a culture that did not honor God.

Wisely choosing to negotiate rather than to rebel, Daniel suggested an experimental ten-day diet of vegetables and water, instead of the royal foods and wine the King offered. Without compromising, Daniel quickly thought of a practical, creative solution that saved his life and the lives of his companions. As God's people, we may adjust to our culture, ~~but we must never compromise our principles~~ as long as we do not compromise God's laws. Daniel and his friends learned all they could about their new Culture so they could do their work with excellence. But while they learned, they maintained steadfast Allegiance to God, and God gave them skill and wisdom.

Culture need not be God's enemy. If it does not isolate his commands, it can aid in accomplishing his purpose. We who follow God are free to be competent leaders in our culture, but we are required to pledge our allegiance to God first.

In the era of Daniel, how did the captives survive in a foreign culture? They learned about the culture, achieved excellence in their work, served the people, prayed for God's help and maintained their integrity. We may feel like foreigners whenever we experience change. Alien cultures come in many forms: a new job, a new school, a new neighborhood. We can use the same principles to help us adapt today to our new surroundings without abandoning God.

Even with all the barriers of prejudice that stands in our way to block us from moving forward in our life. Jesus can break down barriers of prejudice. One account is when this woman (1) was a Samaritan, a member of the hated mixed race, (2) was known to be living in sin and (3) was in a public place. No respectable Jewish man would talk to a woman under such circumstances. But Jesus did. The gospel is for every person, no matter what his or her race, social position, or past sins. We must be prepared to share this gospel at any time and in any place. Jesus crossed all barriers to share the gospel and we who follow him must do no less.

So how do we handle current events in our

Culture that is arising everyday. For leaders today, it is equally necessary to know what is happening in society in order to plan the best course of action for the church. Knowledge of current events, trends, and needs helps us understand people's thoughts and attitudes. This gives leaders information to help them make wise decisions for the church and make God's message relevant to people's lives.

How should Christians behave? According to 1 Corinthians 11:14, 15, it explains the how to. By talking about head coverings and length of hair, Paul is saying that believers should look and behave in ways that are honorable within their own culture. In many cultures long hair on men is considered appropriate and ~~not~~ masculine. In Corinth, it was thought to be a sign of male prostitution in the pagan temple. And women with short hair were labeled prostitutes. Paul was saying that in the Corinthian Culture, Christian women should keep their ~~long~~ hair long. If short hair on women was a sign of prostitution, then a Christian with short hair would find it even more difficult to be a believable witness for Jesus Christ. Paul wasn't saying we should adopt all the practices of our culture, but that we should avoid appearances and behaviors that detract from ~~but~~ our ultimate goal of being believable witnesses for Jesus Christ while demonstrating our Christian faith.

We have lived in a harsh culture when it comes to Christianity, till people have driven many people away from Christianity because of the picture that been painting by who make ~~them~~ living

as Christian had. I am dealing with some area that hopefully after you read this, you will change your about being a Christian. Based on your perspective.

Sometimes God do not give us what we want and pray for because later on down the line it can cause pain. God can see our future. He is not a God who wants us to suffer deliberately. Jeremiah 29:11 for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Even Samuel carefully explain in his situation, all the negative consequences of having a King, but the Israelites refused to listen. When you have an important decision to make, weigh the positives and negatives carefully, considering everyone who might be affected by your choice. When you want something badly enough, it is difficult to see the potential problems. But don't discount the negatives. Unless you have a plan to handle each one, they will cause you great difficulty later. Never let others dictate your behavior.

Cause at the end of the day each person is accountable to Christ, not to others. While the church must be uncompromising in its stand against activities that are expressly forbidden by scripture (adultery, homosexuality, murder, theft), it should not create additional rules and regulations and give them equal standing with God's law. Many times Christians base their moral judgments on opinion, personal dislikes, or cultural bias rather than on the word of God. When they do this, they show that their own faith is weak. They do not think that God is powerful enough

to guide his children. When we stand before God's court of justice (the judgment seat) we won't be worried about what our Christian neighbor has done (Second Corinthians 5:10)

However on the other hand, when we repent, there is precedent that sets the tone by changing the behavior that produces sin. An example of that is when Josiah realized how corrupt his nation had become, he tore his robes and wept before God. Then God had mercy on him and the nation. Today, we ~~are~~ unlikely to tear our clothing in sorrow for our sin, but weeping, fasting, making restitution or apologizing (if our sin has involved others) demonstrate our sincerity. When we repent, the hardest part of repentance is changing the attitudes that originally produced the sinful behavior.

We have to understand that if a pastor preaches the word of God based on sin such as homosexual. The Holy Bible talks about that. God himself cares about you enough not to let you die in your sins. By sending pastor or minister your way to say, hey there is a better way to live. I want to give you a true story about a friend. My friend received 10 years in prison because her boyfriend escaped jail. She said she didn't know it. He drove her to Winn Dixie. The boyfriend made her stay in the car while he went in rob the ~~wine~~ Winn Dixie. cause she didn't call the police. They held her accountable. So they made her do the whole 10 years. She attend Church services, did her groups etc while in prison. But had the girl friend (Lovers). Once she got out begin to drink again. Died in car crash. She had

been drinking. What went wrong with my friend. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. We are free to choose between two masters, but you are not free to adjust the consequences of your choice. Each of the two masters pays with his own kind of currency. The currency of sin is eternal death. That is all you can expect or hope for in life without God. Christ's currency is eternal life—new life with God that begins on earth and continues forever with God. What choice have you made?

Did my friend family know she was secretly into homosexual. No she covered it up, which most inmates do. Accept when they come home with herpes or other types of disease. When you covering up sin it leads to more sins cf. Rom 11:25 This is why our society has a bunch of inmates who has a long criminal history and coming out of the prison system committing even more ~~harmo~~ harmful crimes. They create themselves to be what ever society is behind the walls. They get into the gangs, the homosexuality, the violence etc. One minute they love the Lord when their time gets hard. Our society is dangerous because these individuals has open their lives to more demons ~~that~~ than they had before when they came in. For example someone accumulate bitterness while they was in prison. Guess what they are bound up with beside bitterness—resentment, hatred, unforgiveness, violence, Temper, anger, retaliation and murder. When they came in they had only a drug problem. This demons meets up with the new demons. They enter back out into your society. This is a dangerous individuals.

We got to get church back behind these walls. So the people entering society can be completely set free and change. In order for this to happen we need officers in the prisons. So ~~that~~ the chapel service can go forth. Religion behind the walls makes a difference. Cause what's happening is people picking up demons from in prison. Then the old habits are ~~not~~ meeting with new ones.

Changing behavior is very important in this culture when it comes to Christianity. My friend confess her sin to the Lord but she didn't really restore her relationship with God for real. As in following Ezra's earnest prayer, the people confessed their sin to God. Then they asked for direction in restoring their relationship with God. True repentance does ~~not~~ end with words of confession—that would be mere lip service. It must lead to corrected behavior and changed attitudes. When you sin and are truly sorry, confess to this to God, ask his forgiveness, and accept his grace and mercy. Then as a act of thankfulness for your forgiveness, make the needed corrections.

The culture we live in. Majority love to give up when troubles come into ~~their~~ their life. Instead of praying and fasting. are just praying to God. so they return to sin. what they was familiar with or some new sin help them to cope. 2 Peter 2:20-22
~~22 of them~~ Peter is speaking of a person who has learned about Christ and how to be saved, and has even been positively influenced by Christians, but then rejects the truth and returns to his or

of sins. This person is worse off than before, because he or she has rejected the only way out of sin, the only way of salvation. Like a person sinking in quicksand who refuses to grab the rope thrown to him or her, the one who turns away from Christ casts aside his or her only means of escape.

I was that person for three years. My life was a living hell. But now I am free. I don't feel like I am sinking no more in quicksand. If this is you today, you can go into your bedroom or ~~wherever~~ wherever you are. Dedicate or rededicate your life to Jesus.

Lord you said according Romans 10:9 that if I confess with my mouth, Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, I shall be saved. Thank you Lord for saving me.

I encourage everyone to listen to K-Love Christian Station. This is a very encouraging station. When you feel depressed turn K-Love Station 103.9 see how fast whatever you going through in the peace of God will cover over you.

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