

■ If everyone in your Church conducted their lives as you do, would your Church be more spiritual or more carnal?

■ Is the emphasis at Church on membership, money, and programs, or on the Bible and a transformed life in Jesus?

You cannot remain the same after having met Jesus face to face. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

■ Does your Church believe that all of the Bible is inspired of God, or do they believe that it has error?

Jesus said, "Heavens and earth shall pass away but my Word shall never pass away." Men of God under the anointing of the Spirit wrote the Bible. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

If God's Word and God are the same (John 1:1), how could you ever come to know God if you are taught His Word has error? God has watched over His Word, and one day the world will be judged by it. Remember, Jesus is "the Word made flesh" (John 1:14) and God will judge the world by Jesus. (John 5:22)

1 Peter 1:23 says, "We are born again, not by corruptible seed (hybrid seed), but incorruptible seed; The Word of God."

ARE YOU A SUNDAY CHRISTIAN?

■ Do you read your Bible, pray and worship everyday, or just on church days?

■ Do you have a time set aside with the family that is for God, or do your children just see a "churchy" mom and dad?

ON READING YOUR BIBLE

■ Do you know what you believe? Do you have a faith or the faith? The Bible exhorts us in the book of Jude that "ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 1:3)

■ Do you know your Bible and the Author, Jesus Christ? Just to know about Him is not life, but to know Him is life eternal.

GOOD SALT ... BAD SALT

"You are the salt of the world," Jesus said. But He also said, when the salt loses its ability to accent and bring out flavor it should be thrown away.

■ Are your children getting the message of Christ and the separated life, or are they disinterested with Church and in tune with the world with its spicy Hollywood idols and "sports" images?

■ Are your children inspired by the projection of the life of Jesus in your life? Do they want the "Jesus" you convey to them?

■ How high is the standard at home? That is how high your kids will reach in Christ. Be salty. (Mark 9:50).

Live a salty life at home; your children will get thirsty.

■ Is your life full of the aroma and flavor of Jesus?

Following Jesus, the Jesus of Scripture, will never be popular!

■ Are you willing to rise above mediocrity, to get out of the mainstream and onto the "narrow way?" Face one fact: Jesus was crucified for manifesting the attributes and nature of God. Jesus was the heart of God expressed, and they crucified Him. (John 16:18-25)

The modern, laid-back, indulgent Jesus we have today is not the Jesus of Scripture. **I urge you to knock and then go through that door into the depths of Christ.** He is reality. He is pure. He is life. He is waiting at the door.

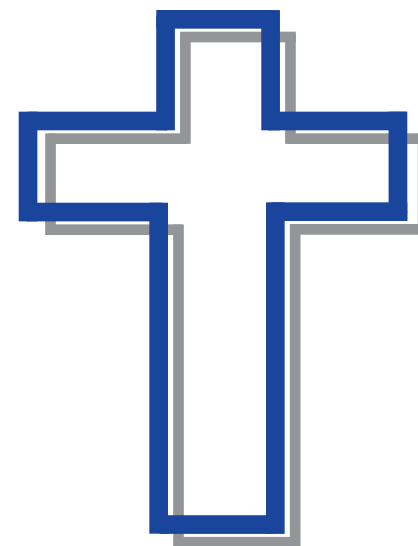
These are but a few of the standards and Biblical guidelines that the Word of God teaches. They need no interpretation, just that you simply believe them and walk through the door, in trust and obedience to Jesus.

Find that deeper walk with Jesus in your Bible and on your knees. Go to Church. Let your light shine!

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TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL PHYSICAL
My desire is that you might slow down and prayerfully read this tract and, "examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith."
(2 Corinthians 13:5)

Here's to your spiritual health!

If you have a Bible with you, please read along. I am dedicating this tract to those of you that are "Knocking, Seeking, Searching." (Luke 11:9-13)

Are you willing to look at your Spiritual condition and "seek" improvement?

If you will "knock" at God's door, **He will open and reveal to you His heart and soul.** Beyond that door is a path that will take you on a journey leading you to ultimate truth... the face of Jesus... to God's best for you.

Before we stand at this door and knock, there are some basic truths that you must know about yourself...about all mankind.

DO YOU HAVE JESUS OR MERELY RELIGION?

1. Man is naturally religious: From the Tribes in Africa, to the Hindu in India, to the Buddhist in China, to the Indian in America, and...yes...the Christian in many regions throughout the world, each worships their concept of God.

2. Religion in and of itself cannot bring a man to the "door" we are desiring to approach. We find in Genesis 4:1-10 that Cain was just as religious and ceremonial in his approach to God as was Abel, but God did not accept Cain's offering. A fundamentalist's approach does not guarantee God's response.

3. Man's tendency: Cain wanted to serve God, but he wanted to do it his own way and not God's way. Our gracious Lord even pleaded with Cain, "Offer the same offering as Abel and I will accept you." Cain still would not heed God's desire. Cain is a prime example of man's tendency to be religious, yet not submissive to God's will and way.

I am sure you do not want your way in serving the Creator, as Cain demonstrated, but desire God's way.

Make sure you are walking with Jesus and not just following the trends of your church, because Jesus is not trendy. If you have been serving our Lord very long, you will have noticed, as I have, that many Churches, in "keeping with the times" are compromising Biblical standards. Jesus never has and never will be accepted by the masses, because He will not adapt to "modern times." We must come to Him on His terms.

FALSE SECURITY IN NUMBERS






Always remember, while sitting in your Church with your fellow members, that it is an individual walk. God does not save groups or churches, He saves individuals in the Church. It is you and Jesus.

WHAT ARE YOU FEEDING ON?

Let us take a small segment of the big Gospel for the sake of illustration:

Do you believe in Godliness? In a sanctified life?

Does your preacher warn you about

-  Sin and ungodliness?
-  The polluting effects of T.V.?
-  The sensuality of Rock-n-Roll and most secular music?
-  The damaging effects of immorality?
-  That we will answer to God for wearing immodest apparel? ...form-fitting, revealing clothing?
Your body is sacred and meant for one, not the eyes of many. (See Matthew 5:28)

**The greatest contradiction of terms:
"Christian Rock." There is no such thing!**

Rock music and Christ do not go together! They represent two opposing spirits.

DON'T FORGET! Satan is religious too!

Satan wants to be worshipped as God, and one of his media is music.

The sensual beat of Rock music originated with the heathens in their ceremonial worship of false gods. You cannot mix the true God and heathenistic worship and expect Him to receive it.

Unwittingly, many Christians have reduced the Holy Spirit's anointing to a fleshly sensation. They call what they feel while listening to this music, "the presence of the Holy Spirit." **It is not the Holy Spirit. It is simply**

and quite naturally your own fleshly response to a sensual beat, combined with the dynamism of audience unity.

Don't swallow Satan's lie! He is an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14) One of his avenues to gain power, numbers, and worship (to himself) is through false worship. (John 4:24 Isaiah 14:12-14)

I would like to say to this "bless me" generation, the intention of the Holy Spirit is not to toy with your emotions but to lead and guide you into all truth. (John 16:13)

THE SERPENT IS TALKING TO EVE AGAIN!

By deception Satan seduced Eve, and I am afraid modern Eve is also being lead away by her senses. In 2 Thess. 2:1-12, Paul says that just before the second coming of Jesus, many professing Christians would fall away from the faith while maintaining their religious status.

TOO MUCH WATER IN THE SOUP



The Bible prophesies that in the last days there would be a famine in the land, not for the want of food or water, but for the hearing of the Word of God. (Amos 8:11).

All too often the preaching is weak and vague for fear of losing members, or hurting feelings. Often, it is more psychology than Scripture.

The spiritual vitamins and minerals (the meat of the Word referred to in Hebrews 5:12 to 6:8) necessary for a proper birth and maturing of a child of God are not there.

The transformation from natural to spiritual comes when we accept His Word and make a total surrender of our own views and concepts of Jesus. (Please read 2 Corinthians 11:1-4)

HAVE YOU DROPPED YOUR STANDARD?

-  Is your Church becoming more spiritual or more natural?
-  Are the lives of those attending Church reflective of Christ's own life?