

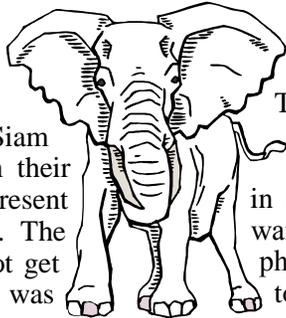


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| Belshazzar | Darius | Solomon | Josiah |
| | Abimelech | Nadab | |

Siam's White Elephant

Christian Victory

When the kings of Siam wanted to ruin a man in their kingdom they would present him with a white elephant. The unfortunate man could not get rid of the elephant for it was



“sacred”, and it was a gift from the king, The expense of keeping the useless thing soon put him in the bread line. Beware of the “white elephants” the world has to give!

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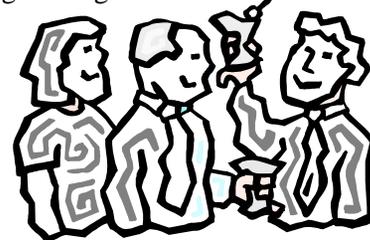

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No Place for a Christian

F. Fothergill in A Doctor In Many Countries

A certain titled British gentleman was converted to Christianity. He loved the Lord a great deal, but he was not taught well in the Scriptures. He thought that he could continue in some of his worldly engagements and still bear a good testimony.

On an occasion some weeks after he gave his heart to the Lord, this man accepted an invitation to a very worldly party. Upon his arrival, one of the guests greeted him with these



words, “I’m so glad to see you and to know that it isn’t true.”

“I beg your pardon,” he replied, “but, I think I don’t quite understand you.”

“Why,” said the other guest, “rumors were around that you

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Dear Liberal Friend,

Bill Brinkworth



I am so sorry about how our friendship has turned out. I was so excited the minute I learned that you were a Christian. Fellowship and friendship with another of like faith is very important to me. However, I quickly learned that your definition and my definition of being a “Christian” were completely different.

When one says they are a “Christian”, I assume their thinking and lifestyle would be aligned with the Bible. Your “Christianity” is not much like what is described in my Bible. Matter of fact, most of the time you didn’t want to discuss the Bible. When the conversation did lead to spiritual things, you quickly went on the defense and accused me of judging you, or argued about the doctrine of which I was speaking. We have spent more time discussing “what the Bible really means”, as you kept saying, than agreeing on the things of God.

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Dear Liberal Friend,

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My other friendships with Christians have never been this strained. It has always been easy and perfectly natural for me and my other friends to talk about the things of God, because we are interested in the things of God. You are not.

I may not have been saved as long as you have been, but I do know that the Bible teaches a Christian should live differently than the unsaved. You seem to be very comfortable dressing like the world, talking like the world, acting like the world, doing things the world does, and going to places to which the world goes. I am not comfortable doing many of those things, and I feel some of them are against what God teaches in His book for us to do. It's hard to tell any difference between you and the unsaved.

The world is what we got saved from. The world is the losing side and is not heading for heaven, but to hell. I have no interest in thinking and looking like that side. I lived that way before salvation, and I certainly did not have the joy or peace I do now in obeying the Lord. I think it is far safer and more biblical to be more like Christ.

Clearly, the Bible tells us to talk to others about Christ; so

they also can be saved and have the promise of heaven. Proverbs 11:30 says you are wise if you do this. You have ridiculed and tried all you can to stop me from doing this. No, I don't think "it is pushing it down their throat" by telling them how to be saved. If someone didn't tell me how to be saved, I would not be saved. I would feel very selfish if I didn't share salvation with others, and would be disobedient to God's biblical command if I didn't.

When I do witness to others, I quite often hear the word "hypocrite." The unsaved world knows how Christians should live. They have seen so many that call themselves Christians, and then see that they don't live the way they should. After seeing many living the wrong way, they quickly assume that all Christians are hypocrites and living the wrong lifestyle. I certainly am not perfect, and am still growing spiritually, but the people they are referring to are not people like me, but rather people like you.

I love being saved. It is so exciting to know that Christ died for all my sins and paid the price for them; so I could go heaven. I owe Him much. My desire now is to live and serve Him. Your liberal theology and lifestyle are doing much to harm and weaken the cause of Christ. It is giving

“I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.”

— Spurgeon

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” — II Corinthians 6:17

“... let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

— II Corinthians 7:1

those trying to serve and live for God a bad name and is hurting the testimonies of those of us trying to live right.

Sadly, I think it is time to part as friends. No, I don't think myself “holier than thou”. I know what I was, and that I can fall back into my old ways. I am concerned that your disobedience may rub off on me. Association with your unchristian lifestyle will hurt my testimony. My desire is to be more like Christ, and I want to have that reputation. So, until your lifestyle becomes more Christ-like, our fellowship will have to stop.

*Regretfully,
Bill*

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had been converted a few weeks ago. I'm so glad you're here and to know that the rumor was unfounded.”

“But, it is true!” the man sputtered. Hesitating a moment, he added, “I see that you think this

party is no place for a Christian to be, and you are right. You will never again see me at such an affair, nor will anyone else.” Bidding his host and hostess adieu, he departed from his last world's engagement.

Loaded Down with Harmless Things

C. Roy Angell, “The Teacher”

Alas, so many Christians are weighted down with so-called “Harmless Things!” D. L. Moody illustrated this truth dramatically in a service. He did not appear on the platform as usual at the beginning of the service, but had Mr. Sankey say, “Mr. Moody will come onto the platform looking different that you ever saw him at the preaching hour.”

With their curiosity sufficiently aroused and the time for the sermon at hand, Mr. Moody appeared with a tremendous pack strapped onto his shoulder. He walked slowly across the platform, turned, and walked back. Then he asked the audience, “Do you think I could preach like Jesus wants me to preach with this load on my back? However, it is made up of fine things. There is no whiskey bottle, nor a pair of dice in it. It is made up of clothes and many other ‘harmless’ things. Some of you are trying to serve Christ while you carry a lot of ‘weights’ on your back. Jesus said you must be different and ‘separated’ from the world. You must leave some otherwise harmless things behind.”