

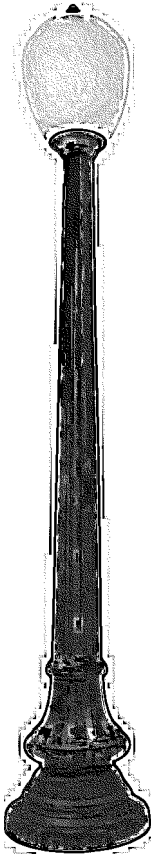
The "Insulted" Man

D. L. Moody

I went down past the corner of Clark and Lake streets one day, and saw a man leaning up against a lamp-post. I went up to him and said, "Are you a Christian?"

He cursed me, and told me to mind my own business. He knew me, but I didn't know him. He said to a friend of his that afternoon that he had never been so insulted in his life, and told him to say to me that I was damning the cause I pretended to represent.

The friend came and delivered his message. "Maybe I am doing more hurt than good," I said. "Maybe I'm mistaken, and God hasn't shown me the right way." That was the time I was sleeping and living in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, where I was then President, Secretary, janitor, and everything else. I was still young in the



Lord, and had much to learn!

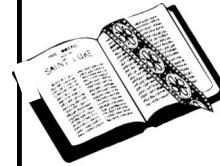
One night, after midnight, I heard a knock at the door. There on the step stood this stranger I had made so mad at the lamp-post. He wanted to talk to me about his soul's salvation. He said, "Do you remember the man you met about three months ago at the lamp-post, and how he cursed you? I have had no peace since that night. I couldn't sleep. Oh, tell me what to do to be saved."

We just fell down on our knees, and prayed, and that day he went to the noon prayer meeting and openly confessed the Saviour, and soon after went to the War Between the States as a Christian man. I do not know if he died on some Southern battlefield or in a hospital, but I expect to see him in the kingdom of God. It would have been easier to not say anything to the man, but the truth paid off and changed his life.

"No sin is small. It is against an infinite God, and may have consequences immeasurable."

— Jeremy Taylor

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Should a Christian Tolerate Sin?

Bill Brinkworth

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matthew 21:12-13

The world, and unfortunately many Christians, have a wrong idea as to how a Christian should behave. Somehow many are convinced that a Christian should be tolerant of those doing wrong, should be polite, and never tell anyone that, according to the Word of God, they are doing wrong. Nowhere in the Bible is tolerance to sin suggested.

Here, in verses 12 and 13, we
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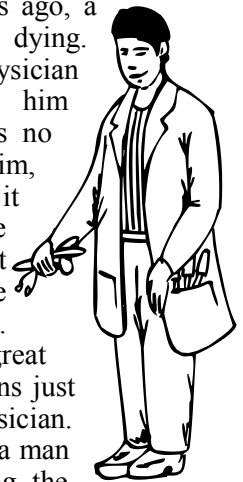
Too Late!

D. L. Moody

Many years ago, a merchant lie dying. When the physician that attended him saw there was no chance for him, he thought it would be time to talk about Christ to the dying man. There are a great many Christians just like this physician. They wait till a man is just entering the other world, just till the sands of life are about run out, till the death rattle is in his throat, before they commence to speak of Christ to the person.

The physician stepped up to the dying merchant and began to speak of Jesus, the beauties of Christianity, and the salvation He has offered to all the world. The merchant listened quietly to him, and then asked him, "How long have you known of these things?"

"I have been a Christian since I
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see a contrary example to the pathetic, polite, and “proper” image that most think marks the behavior of a Christian. In this example the person that did the opposite was the Saviour Himself – Jesus.

Jesus saw what man had done to the house of God. There were those that wanted to make money, so they came up with enterprising ideas to make a “buck” using the religion. They knew the Jews attending the temple were supposed to present animal sacrifices to the priest so their sins would be “covered”. The attendees themselves were to bring their own sheep, doves, oxen, and offerings.

These exploiters saw an opportunity to make some quick cash from the lazy Jews. They set up tables in the back of the temple, and there they sold these animals for those wanting to give their gifts to the priests. Soon the back of the temple was teaming with wildlife and vendors, all trying to make a living on the lazy worshippers.

The house of God had been turned into a “den of thieves”. Jesus saw what was happening. He did not walk quietly and timidly up to the vendors and politely ask them to, “Please, Gentlemen, take your ambitious enterprise outside the

gate, where you can enjoy the sunshine.”

No, sir, He did not. He went up to the tables, and threw out the moneychangers, and overturned the tables. Jesus knew what was right, and this was not the right thing to do in the house of prayer. He threw them out. There was no hint of polite “tolerance” anywhere in this account, or in the other accounts in Luke 19:45-46 and Mark 11:15-18.

In another account, possibly three years prior to this event, Jesus did even more to the “thieves” (John 2:14-16). He not only pushed over their tables, but chased them out with a whip of chords.



Tolerating sin is not mentioned in the Bible. When a Christian sees something is wrong, it is his duty to speak out. We are supposed to be the “salt” to change the flavor of this world, that naturally will not do right in God’s eyes. A Christian is also to be the “light” in

this sin-darkened world. A Christian would make more changes to this world if he stopped putting up with sin, and made a stand against it!

Putting up with sin and turning “the other cheek” is quite often a cowardly act, because one is afraid to make a stand! This world has gotten so wicked because Christians have not stood up against what is wrong. It is our responsibility to warn others of the dangers of sin. If we do not stand against sin, who will?

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came from the East,” he replied.

“You have been a Christian so long and have known all this, and have been in my store every day. You have been in my house; have associated with me; you knew all these things, and why didn't you tell me before?”

The doctor went home and retired to rest, but could not sleep. The question of the dying man rang in his ears. He could not explain why he had not spoken before, but he saw he had

**“It is not alone what
we do, but
also what we do not do,
for which we are
accountable.”**

— Moliere

neglected his duty to witness. He went back to his dying friend, intending to urge upon him the acceptance of Christ's salvation, but when he began to speak to him the merchant only replied in a sad whisper, “Oh, why didn't you tell me before?”

Oh, my friends, how many of us act like this physician? If we don't practice in every particular the professions we make, and try to influence the lives of others, and lead the lives of Christians according to Christian precept, the world will go on stumbling in a Godless direction.

You Are Not Alone

Harry Todd

*As you witness for the Saviour
It is a spiritual fight
Sometimes you will stand alone
Making a stand for Christ.*

*People will think you're odd
If you don't go their way
But live to please the Saviour
No matter what they say.*

*Keep your standards high
Don't let others drag you down
Just look for the approaching day
When you'll wear the victor's
crown.*

*You may think you are alone
When you stand for what is true
But remember, you're a Christian
So the Holy Spirit dwells in you.*

*So remember when you're alone,
God is with you, it is true;
He has given you the Comforter
Who always dwells in you.*

**“To sin by silence, when they should protest,
makes cowards of men.” — Abraham Lincoln**