MORALITY

Recently when I was speaking at a local church men's meeting I made reference to the fact that the Ministerial Association had said nothing with reference to the abortion issue and also had made no pronouncements concerning the moral deterioration of our community. It was surprising at the end of the talk to note the then president of the Association come to his feet to state that the function of their group was not to take sides on any of these issues. My reply was that such an organization should cease to exist since it possessed no edifying function.

A young evangelist from Texas then spoke up to say that in their area it was often said that their local Ministerial Association would not even take a stand against sin! Amazingly it would appear in the aftermath of the Miami homosexual issue that a number of the clergy of that area did take a stand--some for sin, and some against it. Many felt that it was not moral to discriminate against those involved in the sin of homosexuality even though innocent children could be adversely influenced. Others stated that homosexuality is not sin and, in fact, is condoned by the church through such devices as the ordination of homosexuals to the ministry and the development of homosexual churches.

The laity become confused because the leadership of the church is so vague and vacillating in its pronouncements regarding this and other issues which concern morality. Such people as the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church--or any bishop--or the moderator of the Presbyterian Church--or any head of any church body has yet to make a clear statement in the past decade concerning morality. Only the Pope would seem to be consistent concerning abortion, mercy killing and contraception, and he is often held in disarray. Thus the laity must come to his own conclusions which he must draw from the Holy Bible and no other source lest he, too, be led astray.

Here is a quote from a letter typical of many we receive: "...I wonder if there isn't a time coming when we will be forced to take some kind of stand. Surely God is not pleased by compromise. Or is He? Your monthly newsletter is very important to me--a voice of sanity when we seem to be surrounded by a lot of spiritual gobbledygook. When I read that one dollar would be of help to you I recoiled because that is about all I can spare right now, yet I've wanted to contribute..."

A few Biblical admonitions are as follows: "...Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery..." (Matthew 19:18); "Do not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled); neither the impure and immoral, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10); "Turn not to those mediums who have familiar spirits or to wizards; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:31).

"Keep the charge of the Lord your God, walk in His ways, keep His statutes, His commandments, His precepts, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may do wisely and prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn." (1 Kings 2:3).

CASSETTE TAPES OF A SERIES OF LECTURES ENTITLED, "Your Home, Christ's Sanctuary," by Ray Reed are available from CMP. Please write for details.

THANK YOU so very much for your financial help and prayers for Christian Medical Foundation. Please pray with us that our Lord will supply adequate finances for the summer months, when some forget that the needs continue just as at other times. The number coming in for counselling and prayer is ever increasing. IF EACH ONE who receives this letter could send just one dollar a month, all of our needs would be met. Please do not ever feel that your gift is too small. (CMP is supported by "Widows' mites"). Please continue to pray for and to give to this ministry.

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EVERY TUESDAY - 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. PLEASE BRING A SANDWICH if you plan to stay for lunch. Kay is now teaching a series of lectures, "The Women of The Bible." "The Clinical Correlation of The Gospel" by Dr. Reed at 1 PM. Healing Service at 2 PM.

JULY 1 - 7 PM. Dr. Reed and Kay at Covered Dish Supper at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dick Stewart, 1222 Brighton Road, Valdosta, Ga. Phone 912/242-5955.

JULY 2 - 7 PM. Dr. Reed at FGBMI, Tifton, Ga. Contact Mr. Cecil Hall, Phone 912/386-3316.

JULY 10 - 8 AM. Dr. Reed at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 501 South Dale Mabry, Tampa, Fla. Phone 813/877-3105.

JULY 15 - 8 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings & Loan, 83rd Avenue and 9th Street, North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Reed will be speaking.

JULY 16 - 8 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

JULY 16 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed will be speaking.

JULY 22 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. For information please call 305/895-6150, 425-2511 or 647-4667, Please do not call First Federal Savings & Loan. Dr. Reed will be the speaker.

July 23 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity By-The-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla. For information please call Father David Dillon, Jr., Phone 904/252-8997. Dr. Reed will speak.

JULY 24 - 11 AM. Dr. Reed at New Hope Baptist Church, DeLeon Springs, Fla. Contact Rev. Dallas Johnson, 904/985-4769.

JULY 29 - 31 - Dr. Reed and Kay at "Praise Unto Jesus Fest", P. O. Box 142, Six Lakes, Mich. Contact Rebecca Marsh, Phone 517/352-6896 or 517/561-4218.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL PHYSICIANS' CONFERENCE on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine will be held in Tampa, Fla. on October 5-9, 1977, at the Host Airport Hotel. Registration material will be sent in the near future. Mark your calendars now so you can be with us.

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