



Sunday – November 26, 2023

The Lakeland Hills Leader

Lakeland Hills church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study
9:50 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

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What One Tolerates, the Next Accepts

by Mark White

John Wesley once wrote, “*What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.*” Both sacred and secular history have proven the truth of this assessment time and time again.

Everything from dancing to drinking, from abortion to mercy-killing, has gone from toleration to acceptance. In the home and in the church, everything from immodesty to immorality has been first allowed and then endorsed. Adulterous marriages, gambling, and other similar sins, have gone from being permitted to being sponsored. Remember when wearing shorts and attending dances were generally condemned as sinful? Now, in some places, shorts are being worn to church services, and dances are sometimes held in church buildings! Truly, “what one generation tolerates; the next generation will embrace.”

- One generation tolerated sprinkling for baptism if a person were seriously ill. The next generation accepted sprinkling for baptism as an option for everyone.
- One generation approved a “head” elder. The next generation appointed some elders “bishops.”
- One generation introduced instruments of music as an aid to poor singing. The next generation demanded we worship with instruments.
- One generation accepted the “fellowship hall” (which, at first, was just a few tables in the basement for social meals). The next generation built gymnasiums and “Family Life Centers.”
- One generation apologized for “hard preachers” who opposed denominationalism. The next generation saw their sons and daughters joining those denominations.
- One generation spoke of the need to reach out in a “non-judgmental” way to our Catholic and Protestant friends. The next generation welcomed Presbyterians into “our fellowship” with only a handshake.
- One generation spoke of congregational singing as “one of our traditions.” The next generation defended choruses and choirs.
- One generation applauded preachers who closed their sermons without an appeal for sinners to be baptized for the remission of sins. The next generation denied the gospel plan of salvation in general and baptism in particular.

What does this say to us? What is our responsibility? “You shall observe to do therefore as the Lord... hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left” (Deut. 5:32). “Hold fast the form of sound words” (2 Tim. 1:13). “Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them” (2 Tim. 3:14). “Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them” (Rom. 16:17).

The next time we are tempted to deviate from the word of God, let us remember that what we tolerate, our children will embrace.

The Lion's Lunch

by Jerral Kay

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

The devil's easiest catch is (1) THE SMALL- Newborn and the young who are not strong enough yet to avoid the lion. (2) THE SLOW- Not alert or attentive to be afraid of the lion. (3) THE SICKLY Spiritually sick and weak, just not able to resist the clutch schemes of the lion. (4) THE STRAGGLERS- Those who have wandered away from the fellowship and safety of the group are easy prey for the lion. (5) THE SOLITARY- Those who are not with the flock, but want to be independent. These do not last very long where the lion hunts.

You will never see one sheep or even a herd of sheep kill a lion. Let us not assume we are stronger as our pride might provide the lion's lunch. Your only hope is to be faithful in God's church, for help and protection as a group of believers. Some have become so blind and conceited that they can't realize the danger and perils, and see no need for Christ to have instituted His church (Eph 5:23; Phil 4:5-9).