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NEW MORALITY

Keith Brooks

They say it's new morality,
That sin's not really sin,
Free love and sex and everything,
Man... it's really in.
But there are some questions
That come up,
I'd like to ask a few,
So listen now, and answer them,
After I am through.

If new morality's so great
And yuppie life so grand,
Then why did Bobby get V.D.,
And Sue and Lynn and Sam?
And why did Mary have a kid
That doesn't know his dad?
And why did Jerry lose his mind
On drugs... these things are sad.

And remember Larry Walker,
The guy who couldn't lose?
He left the party early,
Full of drugs and booze.
He went out and got a pistol
And put it to his head,
His roommate heard the shot
And found him lying dead.

There's a thousand Larry Walkers
And a thousand Mary Janes,
And listing all the tragedies
Is more than I could name.
So take your new morality
And tell what's really true,
That it's corrupt and full of sin
And its not really new.



I am a Disciple

Pastor H. Michael Anderson

District Secretary

Burkesville, Kentucky

During the time of Jesus the Greek life style dominated the culture. Greek interest in learning produced an abundance of schools and teachers, a custom that fitted easily into Jewish life. At Mt. Sinai God instructed the Jews to teach their children and to talk of the Law with one another. Paul spoke of himself as a student of the school of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). The leaders of the schools were called teachers and the students were disciples.

As the fame of Jesus spread there were soon people following Him to be taught. In the tradition of the schools He became their teacher and they were His disciples. At times his class included crowds of 17,000 or 18,000 people, however some were only observers. But, there was a major difference between the school of Jesus and all other schools.

The other teachers founded their schools upon a philosophy or principle that made it unique. The followers of Jesus were not committed to an idea but an individual. Jesus made it clear that the basis of discipleship in His school was the relationship between the teacher and the student. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," (Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:23).

Jesus encountered a man who expressed interest in becoming a disciple but only after caring for his parents. Jesus told him. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," (Luke 9:62). Jesus warned His follow-

ers that discipleship meant placing Jesus first in their lives and that their embarrassment of Him would mean His denial of them.

Today, there are a multitude of disciples of Jesus Christ. I feel privileged to include myself in that class. The relationship Jesus offers includes a life of peace, provision, protection and purpose. As a committed follower of Jesus Christ for many years I have reached these conclusions.

The Fact of Discipleship

As a disciple my mind is made up, I belong to Jesus Christ. As the business person today says, "It's a done deal." In other words, if I am going to be a disciple I need to decide from the start that nothing and no one will change my decision. If I ever allow for the possibility that something could convince me to stop following Jesus, I can expect that possibility to present itself to me.

After Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus the women and children He sent the crowd away. They soon heard that He was on the other side of the sea at Capernaum and followed. They expected Him to feed them again. Since their basis for discipleship was selfishness rather than relationship, Jesus rebuked them. After the people disbursed, Jesus turned to the disciples. "Will you also go away?" He asked. The disciples replied, "Lord, to whom else would we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6).

That must be my feelings - to

whom else or what else can I go? I know that in Jesus only there is real life, and that more abundant. It is in Him that we live, and move and have our being. I have no other options except Jesus Christ, I am a disciple!

The Focus of Discipleship

I realize that Jesus expects me to influence those around me. I am to go to my world and declare the gospel. I am to make other disciples of Jesus Christ.

As such I am a thermostat and not a thermometer. The room temperature affects a thermometer. A thermometer person gauges how others are acting and acts accordingly. But, a thermostat sets the room temperature. It is controlled by an inward gauge rather than the outward atmosphere. I influence those around me and not vice-versa.

When Jesus declared the manifesto of His school people later titled it the "Sermon on the Mount." In it He described His followers as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Salt and light are influencers. Salt on bland food adds flavor and too much salt is quickly detected. A light turned on in a dark room immediately attracts attention. That is my life - I add flavor and shed light.

I am not conformed to this world but was transformed by the renewing of my mind. I am an influencer, I am a disciple!

The Fun of Discipleship

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*Brother John Nowacki, superintendent
and veteran missionary to France.*

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More Than Conquerors

Pastor Robert Fox

Section D Presbyter

East Bernstadt, Kentucky

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us," (Romans 8:37). We are more than conquerors, or champions, through Him that loves us!

It is amazing what God can do with a weak person. When they turn from the world and a position of power and prestige, and dedicate their life to be exactly what the Lord would want them to be God becomes their strength of power.

The problem for most of us is we have such a hard time trying to decide what we will do for God. We shouldn't try to decide where we will go or what we will do, these things are entirely up to the Lord.

We tend to close the door of opportunity for God to use us by saying we are too weak or unworthy. However, God says just the opposite. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise people after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence." (I Corinthians 1: 26-29).

God delights to use ordinary people to do His will. Yes, we may be weak, but you see God's strength is made perfect through our weakness. Some of our greatest victories ever won are when we are at our weakest. Not able to depend upon our ability we must turn it over to God and allow Him to work through us.

Nehemiah must have understood this completely. He was not a builder, but God used him to build. He was not a ruler, but God used him to govern Israel. Only a cup bearer for a heathen king, he had never been a prophet, but God used him to lift Israel to great heights.

You see, God's ways are not our ways! When Israel faced Goliath

the people were looking for a mighty, seasoned warrior to defend them. Instead, God sent a little, young lad named David; a nobody by the world's standards. When the Jewish nation was looking for a mighty, conquering Messiah on a great, white charger our all-knowing God sent an infant in a manger. Do not forget His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Do not allow Satan to tell you that you do not have what it takes to be a champion. This is not even a questionable issue. Our God can and will do whatever it takes to make each of us champions and conquerors. We must allow Him to shape our lives and lead us in the direction that is pleasing to Him.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Indianapolis, Indiana

It is suggested that every church start now collecting an offering and/or planning fund raising projects to send their pastor and family!



Kentucky Camp Meeting

Pastor G. L. Vittitow

District Superintendent

Louisville, Kentucky

The ministers and saints of the United Pentecostal Church, Kentucky District, gathered in Summersville June 17-21 for their annual Camp Meeting. Brother Jerry Jones, General Youth President, and Brother O. C. Crabtree, Florida District Superintendent, were the night evangelist and morning Bible teacher. It proved to be a week wonderfully blessed by the Spirit of the Lord. From morning devotion to the concluding amen, the ministry of the Word and the Spirit filled

each day to encourage and inspire.

Brother Jones was sensitive to the Spirit as he boldly proclaimed the Word of God each night. He repeatedly reminded us of the power of Jesus Christ in our life to not only overcome the world but influence the world for God.

Brother Crabtree each morning directed us to the basics of Christian conduct and attitude. He set our priorities in order according to what is eternally important. With conviction he declared God's purpose for

our life.

Each afternoon was a department service. The Sunday School, Foreign Missions, Ladies Auxiliary and Home Missions departments shared their burden and ministered to the congregation. We appreciate leaders interested first in the kingdom of God and serving the people of God.

I appreciate the support of the District Board who helped guide the camp and every minister and saint who came.





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Strength in Unity

Lonzie Wright

Honorary District Board Member Flatwoods, Kentucky

The Word of God abounds with examples of strength when God's people work in unity and love. Acts 5:12 is a beautiful example, "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among this people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.)"

Earlier reading in Acts reveals that these saints were noted for joining together. In Acts 1:14 they were with one accord in prayer and supplication. Acts 2:1, they were all with one accord in one place. The results of this unification was "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." What a beautiful picture of strength brought through unity.

Just as great as the triumphs of unity are the weaknesses of division. "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth," (Luke 11:17). How often have we seen the effects of kingdoms and houses falling and the desolation it brings? I feel safe in saying there is a multitude of souls unsaved today that may never be reconciled due to such divisions.

The Lord is coming very soon! We have an awesome task before us. If there ever was a time for brethren to strive for unity it is today.

Paul, writing to the Corinthians admonished them to "speak the same thing, that there be no divisions

among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement." (I Corinthians 1:10).

For the church to have the unity to bring it to perfection takes every saint of God, every minister and leader of every kind to strive with all their being to bring it to pass. Our concerns should not be what position we hold, or whether we are the head or another part of the body. Our concern should be whether we are working for the unity of the body.

There should be a sincere concern in the heart of each member of the Body of Christ to strive for unity in the area God sets them to work. From the Executive Board of the United Pentecostal Church to the General Board, District Boards, individual churches with their various departments; our goal must

be to work in unity that His Kingdom will fulfill its mission here on earth before His coming.

There is no place for division caused by envying, jealousy, strife and other works of the flesh. Paul told the Corinthians that they were carnal because of these things (I Corinthians 3:3). He went on to say, "We are laborers together with God." This is true unity.

It is my desire as a part of the Kentucky District and an honorary member of the district board, to see growth in unity and love with new churches established and revival fires burning in every church. This would mean souls being saved. We can see this happen when, in one accord in love and unity, we labor with God to build His Kingdom..

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1).

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With All My Heart

Marie Anderson

Section T Ladies Leader

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"With all my heart." His words echoed in my mind as I listened to the service leader. On his way to Sunday School, he reached in his coat pocket and found a candied, valentine heart. Inscribed across it were the words, "With all my heart." He said that it didn't matter what size our heart was but we had to give it all to Jesus.

All my life it's been my desire to serve Jesus. I received the Holy Ghost when I was ten. Even before then, when my parents didn't attend church regularly, I wanted to go. Often times I rode to church with friends when my parents stayed home. I even attended a denominational church because I wanted to be in church. I was eight years old when I visited the denominational church. I remember not feeling satisfied there because their teachings were not what I knew. I knew Jesus Name baptism and the oneness of God.

Once, someone knocked on our door and invited us to their church. My mother told them we belonged to the United

Pentecostal Church. I asked her why didn't we go to the Pentecostal Church if we belonged to it. She would not answer me.

When my cousins moved to town they took me back to the United Pentecostal Church. I am a fourth generation Pentecostal and my heart was in that church. I was soon baptized and two months later received the Holy Ghost.

I wanted the Holy Ghost so desperately. We went to a revival one night, and I will never forget the feeling that came over me when I walked into the church. I trembled from head to toe. I could hardly wait for the altar call. When the evangelist gave the invitation I ran to altar. God graciously filled that longing in my heart.

Often I think about that wonderful night and rejoice for the privilege I have to serve Jesus. My life is full of church activities such as rallies, youth camps, family camps, revivals and retreats. If I had my life to live over, I would still serve

Jesus every day.

Having Jesus in my heart kept me from drugs and alcohol. He helped me make the right decisions in my life. God gave me in the Holy Ghost what others sought through drugs or alcohol. His Spirit directed my life and protected me from wrong decisions.

I am glad to say that my family came back to the Lord not long after I did. My dad pastors a beautiful home mission's church and my mother has gone to her eternal home in glory.

God blessed me with a faithful and loving husband who is the Kentucky District Secretary. We have two daughters. Angela, age nine, received the Holy Ghost at age seven. Holy Beth, age six, recently received the Holy Ghost.

You see, I made up my mind twenty-two years ago to give Jesus all my heart and I'm not turning around.

"I will praise thee with my whole heart," (Psalm 138:1).



I am a Disciple

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I discovered quickly after receiving the Holy Ghost that the life of a disciple is enjoyment. Paul wrote to the Romans that, "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," (Romans 14:17). This joy imparts to me a positive outlook and a smile.

The discipled life includes it's tests and trials, but also it's high adventure and great accomplishments. James told the disciples of his day, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing

this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (James 1:2-4). I can accept the tough times knowing that God's will is at work and my life will be improved.

Paul, in a Roman prison cell, wrote a note of happiness to the Philippians. Sixteen times in four chapters he mentioned joy and rejoice. How could he be so upbeat looking through bars and wearing chains? "I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," (Philippians 1:19). Our salvation is stronger because of our

trials.

I understand that my life will include tough times, but I will rejoice for I am a disciple!

The Future of Discipleship

I do not fear the future for I know that I am in God's hands. He promised that He will never leave me or forsake me, and that He will be with me until the end of the world. Further, while I do not know every turn in my path, I know my destination. Jesus promised that where He is I will one day be. That is my hope and my desire.

I will not quit, I am a disciple!

Healed of Scoliosis

Rita Garrett

Russellville, Kentucky

Sister Cuba Evans attends the United Pentecostal Church in Russellville. The Lord mightily blessed her. Sister Cuba's six-year-old daughter, Cula, complained of severe back pain sporadically throughout the school year. Sister Cuba took Cula to the doctor where x-rays showed she had scoliosis, a curving of the spine. Cula's right shoulder appeared to be lower than the left and her left hip was higher than the right. The x-rays revealed only three inches of straight spine. The doctor assured her that discovered at this early age and with treatment she would have a straight spine.

This news devastated Sister Cuba, but she decided to go to Wednesday Night Bible Study as usual. When song service began, a weeping spirit moved over her and

she cried and prayed. She took Cula up to the altar for anointing with oil and prayer for her back.

The next morning Sister Cuba prayed again for the Lord to heal Cula. The Lord impressed upon her that she was praying for something He had already done. Cuba discussed this with another sister in the church and the Lord had impressed the same message to this lady. She wondered how to prove that the Lord healed her daughter.

She discussed it with her pastor, Brother James O'Neal, who encouraged her to ask the doctor to take another x-ray. Then the devil tried to convince her she was mistaken and would look stupid if she asked for another x-ray after just a couple of treatments. Cuba prayed diligently as Cula received another treatment.

Afterward, the doctor didn't have anymore patients so she asked him to take another x-ray. He wanted to know why. She explained that she had been praying and believed the Lord healed her daughter.

Out of respect for her belief he agreed to x-ray again although he said he normally would not after only a week of treatments. He took the x-rays and they revealed the miracle God performed. Cula's hip bones were perfectly level and her spine straight! The Lord moved her spine one whole inch.

The doctor and nurse were speechless, but they were very happy for Cula. He couldn't deny it was the work of the Lord.

Sister Cuba shared this hoping others will be encouraged and their faith increased.



God and Country

Doug Hickman

Ashland, Kentucky

"I promise to do my best...." It seems strange that this boy scout creed would be my first instructions concerning God. As best as I can remember, my few months affiliated with Cub Scouts at age nine was the first encouragement in my life to seek a relationship with God. I know that my brief involvement with scouting is not the reason I am a Spirit-filled Christian today. But, scouting was a positive influence.

Scouting teaches boys and girls good moral values while they have fun. It promotes family togetherness and teaches that hard work pays off. When the scout troop is sponsored by a local United Pentecostal Church it also becomes a spiritual influence for the children and their parents.

A church I attended had several scout promotions as part of the Sunday evening church services. Sev-

eral parents, that were sinners when their child became involved in scouts, are now Spirit-filled members of the church. Scouting is a good way to involve people in church work that are otherwise not involved.

Information about starting a scout troop in your church can be obtained through the Kentucky District Sunday School Department.



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