

The Present Moral Situation

Recognizing the perils which continue to confront our nation, and that the perils internal are more dangerous to our welfare than those external, we deplore the complacency which is too evident among Bible-believers and implore diligence on our part to exercise every possible influence for good in helping to turn the tide of moral decadence which is sweeping our land.

Contributing to the rising crime rate among both juveniles and adults, we believe the following to be some of the factors:

- 1) The wide-spread dissemination of filthy literature from the news stands and magazine racks throughout America;
- 2) The low moral standard still evident in many radio and TV programs;
- 3) The continuing flood of immorality which comes out of the motion picture industry through both the lives of many of the actors and the pictures they produce;
- 4) The breakup of American homes through divorce with all its attendant evils in the lives of parents and children;
- 5) The unsavory conduct of men in public office who take lightly their oath of office and condone corruption;
- 6) The liquor evil which encourages lawlessness and debauchery and is filling our hospitals and mental institutions with its victims.

We therefore recommend to our pastors and churches a more militant attack upon these problems by

- 1) Faithful prayer intercession;
- 2) Forceful gospel preaching which sets forth the Scriptural teaching on these subjects;
- 3) A more rigorous application of church discipline to our unrepentant members;
- 4) An intensification of soul winning effort on the part of every member;
- 5) A deepening of the family devotional life;
- 6) And lastly a more emphatic protest to these evils by not only the pastors but also by individual members.

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