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"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." . . ."

Psalm 14:1, 53:1 (NKJV)

". . . Remove me from this insanity." I received this response to an email I sent to the men who are going to witness at Mardi Gras asking them to pray for each other and themselves in this final week of preparation before the mission. Upon investigation, I found that I had input the email address of one of the men incorrectly. I am thankful to the Lord for my error even though initially it caused some consternation! I am grateful first because this man is not one who signed up for the mission. And also due to the opportunity it gave me to share the Gospel with someone I would likely never meet in person as I apologized for my error in another email to this stranger the Lord placed in my path. Based on his response to the second email, I am convinced that he read it. Please intercede for this man with the Lord, that the seed sown might blossom to harvest!

This man's response to the things of God is becoming increasingly typical in our society, which sees the things of God as unreasonable or foolish, which is the definition of insanity in this context. The denial of God for the fleeting gratification of the world's offerings to appease ungodly desires is rampant in our society, even celebrated. It's a sign the end is coming (Romans 1:18-32). However, even as we pray, "Come soon, Lord Jesus", we as a people belonging to the Lord are not to stand idly by watching and waiting. We must take an *active role* in our society and stand against the evil that is shaping our culture! How can we do this? We can do this through prayer, by speaking frankly and openly about things that are against God, and by sharing the Gospel with urgency!

Brothers and Sisters, we must be in prayer for our nation: its leaders and its people. Throughout God's Holy Word, change began when righteous men and women stood in the gap confessing the sins of a nation and interceding for God's people. And we see that when God could not find such a one, He brings judgment upon the nation (Ez 22:30-31). Beloved, you are clothed in the very righteousness of Christ, a righteousness that "availeth much" in prayer, and you have been given the privilege to come "boldly" to God in times of need. Therefore, I urge you to supplicate to the One who can bring change to our nation.

Second, We must stand up and speak out against the things that Scripture tells us are evil, pointing to the Bible as our source for truth. And we must do this not only in our churches but in the public forum. If we do not speak out, we are giving tacit approval to what God calls evil and society calls good. How are we to speak out? We are to do so with gentleness and reason as befits God's people (Eph 4:29).

As we pray, as we engage our culture regarding the truth of evil, we must be also sharing the Gospel of our Lord. For it is the Good News of Jesus, what He has done for us and what He has made available to us, that is the only true avenue for change in the heart of a man or woman! For real change in our society, the people's hearts must turn to the Lord. And the only true opportunity for this to occur in anyone is when the Gospel is heard and they respond by turning to Him.

However, while change in our culture is important, we must never forget that our motive to share the Gospel is not to bring change in our nation. We share the Gospel for the salvation of souls to the glory of God! Jesus came, "to seek and to save the lost". His mission is ongoing through us as we embrace our God-given ministry: the ministry of reconciliation! So I urge you Brothers and Sisters, for the glory of God and the good of our nation, share the Gospel of our Lord with someone today! For that person may not have tomorrow.

We are in the final preparations for the Mission to Mardi Gras. At this time, 35 men have been called by the Lord to come together to share the Gospel in New Orleans. The mission will begin next Thursday, February 28th as we come together in New Orleans. I thank you for your prayers for the spiritual preparation of the men, and the Lord's harvest field! As the time comes for us to stand for the Lord on the streets, I plead with you to redouble your prayers for this mission for it is when we are on the mission in the French Quarter that the world will see.

What will they see? If we stand strong in the mighty power of our Lord, they will see the difference that He can make in the life of one who will bow before Him now. They will hear the truth spoken with the compassion and concern that are fueled by the very love of Christ for the ones He came to save.

If we do not stand in the strength of the Lord, the crowd will see our weakness in our flesh. They will see our errant, lustful glance at something upon which men should not look. They will hear a comment or response to them that is neither full of grace nor seasoned with salt.

If we stand, the truth of the Gospel is reinforced by our actions and words. They see one aspect of His, "exceedingly great power working toward us who believe" (Eph 1:19).

If we do not stand, the lost see our actions as proof that there is no truth in us; we are just hypocrites. Why? Because if we do not stand, in their eyes we are just like them for there is no godly power revealed when we sin; it is when we stand against such temptation that the power of the Most High is seen in its excellence and glory!

So please continue to pray for all of us throughout this mission (Feb. 28th-Mar. 5th) and beyond as the Lord lays us on your heart. Pray that we stand in the power of the Lord. Pray that our witness is such that the Holy Spirit can use it to reinforce the truth of the Gospel as He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment to bring repentance and mercy to the lost. Pray that our witness is used by the Spirit to convict those who profess to know Christ and are partying with the rest, bringing repentance and either salvation or restoration to their lives. I ask that you pray this command for the men on this mission:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience,"

For this reason:

"that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed."
1 Peter 3:15-16 (NKJV)

We ask for your prayers for the following opportunities to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord:

- Southern Illinois Spirituality and Psychic Festival (March 30-31)
- Memphis in May (May 2-5)
- Indy Outreach (May 23-26)
- Crossover (June 2-9)
- Horseshoe Ministry (both here and in Wichita)

We are seeking God's wisdom for His path forward for each of these occasions to share the Gospel for His Glory!

We thank you for your prayers and support. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in any evangelistic effort, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Throughout the Bible we are instructed to **get wisdom!** Proverbs 9:10 says "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." As we seek His Wisdom, understand that, "wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). It is willing to yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is whole-hearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity)."

James 3:17 (Amplified)

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