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We Need More GIANTS

I want to dedicate the message of this letter to the memory of David Wilkerson, 79, who departed this life on April 27, 2011 as a result of a car crash with a truck. Most of you who believe, know of David's work as: pastor, evangelist, author, and modern-day prophet. His Teen Challenge centers world-wide have been responsible for the salvation and deliverance of countless souls, and his World Challenge Ministry and Times Square Church have brought so many to the Light of God's Word and His available Power. In a world where many "large ministers" have discounted the Gospel message by their fallen behavior, David's work has achieved much credibility.



David Wilkerson



Pope John Paul II

A few years ago, I embarrassed myself by writing about the Virgin Birth of Jesus as the "Immaculate Conception," then I was corrected by several who informed me that it actually meant that it was the conception of Mary, that was immaculate—"free of any stain of original sin as pronounced by Catholic dogma." When I read about Pope John Paul II being on the slate to be "Beatified," I didn't understand, since I didn't know the word. A trip to Wikipedia gave me a current spelling and definition. I include it here for your information:

Beatification (from Latin *beatus*, blessed) is a recognition accorded by the Catholic Church of a dead person's entrance into Heaven and capacity to intercede on behalf of individuals who pray in his or her name (intercession of saints). Beatification is the third of the four steps in the canonization process. A person who is beatified is given the title "Blessed".

In a four-day period, David Wilkerson was gone, Pope John Paul II (gone six years) was "Beatified" by the Catholic Church, and Osama Bin Laden was killed.

All those events had deep religious and social ramifications, and sorting it all out brings the need for additional clarity to those who call themselves by the Name of Christ. I believe we are in the last years before the Lord returns, and consequently—the last days before the presentation of the Antichrist and following that—The Great Tribulation. The reasons for the Church to come to life and separate itself from tradition and delusion is because the days ahead will require absolute Truth! The Deceiver will take advantage of our ignorance and our false teachings, to posture himself as "the answer" to all previous deceptive teachings.

Pastor Wilkerson was a mighty soldier of the Cross—to the very end. My father once sat on his



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Following the terrorists attacks against the United States on 9/11/01, and after remaining on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list during three U.S. presidential administrations; Osama Bin Laden was killed as a team of Navy Seals penetrated his private residential compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan on May, 2, 2011.

Teen Challenge board, and since I was a teen, his name was revered in our house. For years, we printed his "Last News" newspaper-styled tract until several years ago, when he withdrew his permission to reprint it since he had come to the belief that Jesus would indeed come again, but not in a sudden, and secret fashion as his denomination had taught him. Since the tract was so evangelistic and popular, this ministry, under my brother David's lead, rewrote it to convey the same message, "Jesus can come at any moment." Then, as you know, two years ago, I came

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to the same understanding as Pastor Wilkerson, not consciously by his lead, or anyone else's, but by the Lord Himself. Pastor Wilkerson came under heavy attack from many mainline denominations, even his own, but he stayed true to the Lord and His Word.

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when we see copies of Him among us. Weeks ago, radio talk shows fed on Donald Trump's public and prolific use of the "F" word. One local show I listen to received a call from their "resident pastor" to shed a religious light on whether or not we should accept such language from someone who is, or who proposed to be, a political leader. His conclusion was that in public, such a high profile person should not talk like that, while in private, it may be more acceptable. Calming myself, I tried to get a call in, but was unable, to give a Biblical response to profanity: "But I say unto you, Swear not at all...But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Matt. 5:34-37). And "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37).

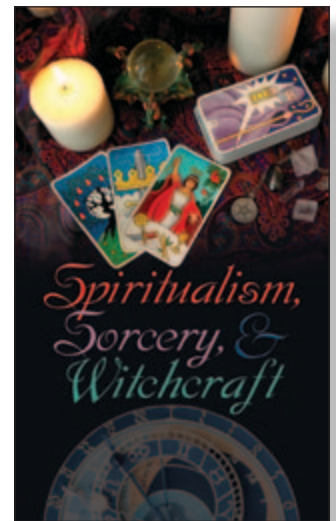
There needs to be more giants in the land, than ever before, because Righteousness is being compromised—as never before. I have always thought that the pendulum swung for moral purity, and clothing styles—as well. Once it would swing so far, then a natural disgust or familiarity would bring it back to its home of opposition. A returning swing I am referring to, is long overdue and I am afraid it is due to a break in the pendulum mechanism. We know that in the last days, sin will run rampant and at some point, the Lord God will remove His restraint on sin; then violence and sin's destruction will be the increasing norm of the day. **THIS IS WHAT WE ARE SEEING TODAY.** The stage will be set for the Antichrist's appearance—as peacemaker, as he will impose his image as "Christ, teacher, friend to all," to those who know little of Christ. It is not anything we can prevent, only something to prepare for. At my desk, I see hundreds of heartbreaking stories—children and grandchildren, taken by crime, homosexuality, drugs, witchcraft and spiritualism. I am afraid the pendulum is broken and we won't be able to save the world, but we need to save our family and those who seek the answer that is in Christ Jesus. All the of non-scriptural religious tradition and false teaching needs to be abandoned and replaced with a Holy, sanctified blush that comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives! In his article, "No Shame at All," Greg Gordon explains the burden I have for Holiness for these days:

CAN YOU BLUSH?

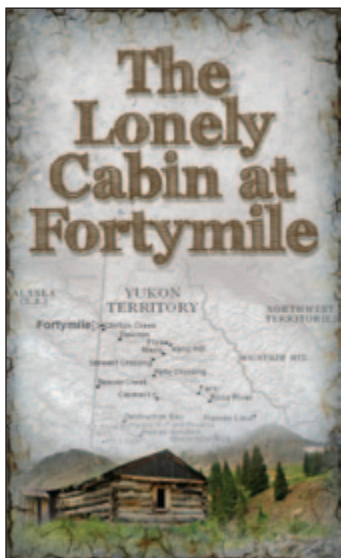
“Jeremiah has a very strong word for this generation of God’s people. Hear the cry of this weeping prophet: “thou hadst a whore’s forehead, thou refused to be ashamed.” and in another place, “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush.” I have a simple question for you, “Can you blush?” The Church though has tragically forgotten how to blush. We have called good what God calls evil and love the things God utterly hates. There is no shame at all in the Church of Jesus Christ today. Oh how we need hot tears, broken hearts over the church that is so sterile and the world that is dead. It is a time to wake up to the realization that the Church is not able to blush over sin. David Wilkerson, preaching on this passage in Jeremiah, said: “God’s people had lost their sense of shame and grief for sin; Sin in society, sin in the church, sin in their own lives. They no longer felt God’s hatred and wrath against sin. God must restore the blush to His people! Allow the Holy Spirit to probe your heart very deeply and very thoroughly, that you may walk wholly blameless before the Lord in this late hour.” We are living desperate and deceived lives, not realizing the nearness of the hour and the hardness of our hearts. We have forgotten to blush, we have lost our modesty, decency, holiness, purity. Horatious Bonar stated 200 years ago, that “he looked for the church and found it in the world and looked for the world and found it in the church.” If it was true in Bonar’s day, how much more it is in ours. We have never in Church history needed a humbling blushing of the Church more than we do today! Modern day

evangelicalism has gotten so far from the “original article” that we are powerless to impact the world. The Holy Scriptures say “neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin,” but the sad truth is that we are living in a day of utter compromise in the Church where sin rules over many. We are saying that “sin shall have dominion over you,” believing these modern day theologians that conveniently forget to add the “not!” God is “restoring the blush to His people!” He must! But alas it shall come with judgment unless we choose to weep and blush now.”

God’s Word is powerful and His touch is adequate. We have been looking for some powerful messages that will help you and I to share with those in our world. We didn’t have to look far, since they were in our hand all along. Just like His Words, when read in a new presentation, under different circumstances, the message can be life changing! One tract, has deep and relevant meanings for today: **“Spiritualism, Sorcery and Witchcraft,”** has been on our shelves for decades, but it is up-to-date, and now with a new look. **“Are Cows Really Holy?”** is a powerful search-light that helps us examine our own speech as Christians. Most of us feel the need to “emphasize” or “accent” shocking or glorious moments, and through acquired habits, we use euphemisms to give “power” to our words, when actually — plainly spoken words are more than ample. Non-Christians will often attach a word attributed to God or His Character, to everyday things—



thus making them seem more powerful. Christians use God's Name in vain also, but in a way that is suitable to them. Finally, we want to share what I saw as a jewel lost in a pile of broken colored glass—"Lonely Cabin at Fortymile," after Mike Jackoboice, a GTS family member, pointed out some historical info that brought this tract to life.



I want you to read these tracts and then pray, asking the Lord how many you can send or place in people's hands, then order that amount He would show

you. Don't throw these samples away—please! Leave one of each on your coffee table or desk at work, where it will catch someone's eye. Then when they pick it up—just tell them to take it and read it at home. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict the sin that hinders Salvation.

Bow or pray prostrate before the Lord and worship Him, and ask His Character to be your character, and His Righteousness to be yours as well. Cry in surrender to His Majesty. When that is done, and it must be done continually—blush will restore and your part of the world will gain a "copy of Christ," one that is much needed.

Next, I want you to help us with an offering of support so we can do this work together. I am not begging, but I still need to. The message that the Lord gave me for the last letter we sent you, touched my own heart and the Lord spoke to me. Most confirming was a \$20 gift from one of our sisters in the Lord,

who was moving from her single room—to a homeless shelter. Her gift was marked: "Where needed most." Her letter and sacrifice wet my cheeks and gave me the voice "loud and clear" that I was looking for. As a result, my wife and I whole-heartedly agreed that I would work permanently at Gospel Tract Society, as a full time "volunteer," because, how can I take money, and benefit my income when others make such loving sacrifices? I will make my way somehow and the Lord will supply as He always has. It is not a hardship for us, not at all, and it won't end there; I will contribute financially, just as you do, and do so with joy. I need you to walk with us all the way as we try to fix the damage of the broken pendulum, and so as a good coach would do, I won't ask you to do what I won't do first.

The most important thing we can do—right now—is to commit our souls to the "Blush." That lost innocence and holiness that we once knew, or maybe never quite knew. It came about as we compromised the things we allowed our eyes to watch, our ears to hear and our minds to participate in. It was quite natural, and most likely didn't require any action on our part, since the enemy would infiltrate and assault our senses with degradation, filth, promiscuity, perversion, and all kinds of unholiness. We must be proactive to reclaim our soul and the home of the Holy Spirit. To begin: Start your day with a prayer of blessing and protection from the effects of a fallen world. Then, when you perceive a lusty or degenerate billboard, TV show or commercial, turn your eyes quickly so the image won't burn in your mind. If you are in the midst of filthy talk or joke, walk away before the theme fully develops. Protect and develop your blush. At night before bed, bow or pray prostrate before the Lord and worship Him, and ask His Character to be your character, and His Righteousness to be yours as well. Cry in surrender to His Majesty. When that is done, and it must be done continually—blush will restore and your part of the world will gain a "copy of Christ," one that is much needed.

May the Holy Spirit of our Lord, have full reign in your life, so that He is magnified and the world will have a reflection of Him—right there in front of them.

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