## Scripture of the Quarter

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold,

I will spit you out of My mouth. Revelation 3:15-16 (NASB)

## We Are The Church at Laodicea

The above scripture describes most Churches today. This newsletter—the Holy Spirit commanded me to write as a Watchman on the wall—will upset a lot of people. Why? Most, not all, don't want to hear or know the TRUTH! Why? The truth is absolute! Yet people want to change it or misinterpret it. This is what the Word of God states in 1 Timothy 4:1 (NASB) 4 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

This is where we are today in Churches. In my last newsletter I wrote and proved by statistics given by the Barna Group 90% of American Pastors are not preaching on the most important societal issues of the day, such as ABORTION, TRANSGENDERISM, HOMOSEXUALITY, FORNICATION, AND ADULTERY, JUST TO MENTION A FEW!

I hope, by now you are asking yourself this question: *How DID THIS HAPPEN?* The answer is very simple. **WE "THE CHURCH" ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN!** A look at the past to refresh our memories as to where we are today in our society -- When Prayer Was Taken Out of School. In 1962, the Court examined a simple twenty-two (22) word prayer, first used to negate prayer in schools:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country." This simple prayer, said by children, acknowledged God. This was just the beginning, next the Bible readings in schools were removed in 1963. We all have heard how an Atheist by the name of Madalyn O'hair was the one responsible for these two spiritual foundations being removed. My research showed she had very little to do with these two spiritual foundations being removed. It was two (2) specific court cases that were heard by the Supreme Court which caused their removal. The court case removing prayer was; Engel v. Vitale, decided in 1962 by an 8-1 vote. The people who challenged the laws establishing such prayers were a mixture of "believers" and non-believers in New Hyde Park, New York, and O'Hair was not among them. **In** 1963, in Abington School District v. Schempp, the court decided against Bible readings in public schools.

In my opinion, after doing prison ministry work since 2010 I believe, if prayer and the Bible would NOT have been removed, from our schools, some of these inmates wouldn't be in prison today. Why? They would have heard the **Ten Commandments from God** which states "Thou shall

not steal" "Thou shall not murder" "Thou shall not bear false witness" (lie), and the One Commandment out of the Ten that has a blessing attached; "Honor your father and your mother." The blessing God promised, if you obeyed this commandment, is that He would give you long life! Ref. Exodus 20:12 (NASB) 12"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Since we have removed God, from our society, we are now living in a society that anything goes because it feels good (pleases us). We live in a secular humanistic world that has no desire for the God of the Bible. The Apostle Paul wrote this over 2000 years ago in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NASB) 1But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

I would like to focus in on this last verse. Verse 5. An unnamed Church, my wife and I once attended, changed Pastors. After about a year, after the new Pastor became established, things began to change. I must explain, the congregation used the gifts of the Holy Spirit - prayed in tongues with interpretation, prophesied, and prayed in their prayer language (Baptism in the Holy Spirit) as the Bible describes and is very relevant for today!

Ref. 1st Corinthians 12:8-11, free gift of baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire by Jesus himself, Ref. Matthew 3:11.

All of these gifts from God were silenced in the above-mentioned church. Ref. 1st Corinthians 14:39 (NASB) 39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. I spoke with the Pastor and he stated he was approaching it from a "non-traditional way." Then I quoted the aforementioned scripture 1st Corinthians 14:39.

My wife and I took the Apostle Paul's advice "avoid such men as these." We left this Church! Why? The Holy Spirit left as this Pastor not only quenched the Holy Spirit, Ref. 1st Thessalonians 5:19 but he grieved the Holy Spirit, Ref. Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

You may be asking how did this happen? It was explained by a congregation member-we are trying to attract and not frighten people by speaking in tongues. So, the board of directors and the congregation **ALLOWED** it to happen! A WARNING to all who attend a Church, what ever the Pastor is preaching - Biblical truth or not, if you sit under him you are in agreement with all he says! I listed the above experience for an example, if you know things are not Biblical and you don't approach the Pastor and try and get back to Biblical teaching, the full Counsel of God, you are in agreement with him! We <u>must be</u> like the Berean's in the book of Acts! Ref. Acts 17:11 Now these were more nobleminded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Let's examine what happened in the Old Testament when a priest unto Jehovah God, Yahweh in Hebrew allowed a man named Antiochus Epiphanes, (which means god manifest), a Greek King to enter the most Holy Temple on earth, and he desecrated the altar by erecting a statue of Zeus, a pagan god and later sacrificing a pig on the altar. The next thing he did was to remove

the golden altar, the lampstand (menorah), all the gold and silver utensils, and the table which held the "Bread of His Presence". Then stripped all the gold from the outside of the Temple. Next Antiochus started having the Jewish mothers who had circumcised their sons killed and then killed their circumcised male child. Antiochus ordered that the all the Torah Scrolls (Jehovah's Law) be burned, stopped allowing their worship on the Sabbath (as God had commanded them to do) as well as celebrating of all the Feast Days of the Lord. Ref. Leviticus 23. A group of men called the Maccabees (which is a historical book in the Apocrypha and not in our Bible) tells the story of a priest named Matthias, who was grieved greatly over what was happening and would not bow down to the Greek idols and their religion. Matthias and his sons took a stand and fought the Greeks until they ran the Greeks out of town. In our Bible - if you read John **10:22** it talks about the Feast of Dedication, in Hebrew the word is Hanukkah, and is celebrated by the Jews in the winter. We read over the word dedication and never realize the story behind Dedication (Hanukkah, when they rededicated the Temple of God). Now if Matthias, a priest, took a stand - what about us? Let's look at a scripture that pertains to all of us including Pastors. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for GOD's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into *His marvelous light.* My question is this: If we are a Holy Nation and a holy priesthood - then should we be allowing the murder of our children? Absolutely not!

Let's talk about the Holocaust where six million Jews, men, women, and children died at the hands of a demon possessed dictator named Adolf Hitler. Everyone with a conscience, said "oh what he did was so horrific, terrible, and unconscionable. How did it happen?" The German people, knew what was going on and remained silent and allowed it to happen! There is a video on YouTube you can watch entitled "Sing a little louder". It is based on a

church by the railroad tracks where the Jews were being transported to death camps. When the train passed by slowly the Jews in cattle cars shouted "help us". The **Pastor** of the church was leading the singing said "sing louder" to drown out their cries for help.

In our country, we the **Church** are allowing infanticide. A statistic from an organization called Pharmacists for life report that 250,000,000 babies have been aborted by chemicals since 1973. Right now, in the slaughter houses (abortion clinics) of the good old U.S.A., 3000 babies are aborted daily. And if this isn't barbaric enough, we are harvesting babies body parts to sell for huge profits. How is this happening? Again, as I have said it before and I will say it again, A SILENT CHURCH IS A **POWERLESS CHURCH!** A law was passed recently in New York by the illustrious, Governor Cuomo allowing babies to be murdered right up to delivery. And we thought the Nazi's were bad - we have surpassed those butchers! Now in Virginia, the governor Ralph Northam - a medical doctor said, if a fully formed baby survives an abortion attempt the baby should lay on the table until the mother or a doctor decides to kill it or let it live. This is worse than a Satanist Priest offering a human sacrifice. "At least the devil worshiper is not hiding their depravity in polite terms." A quote from Evangelist Mario Murillo which I agree with! "My brothers and sisters—God gave us a reprieve by allowing Donald Trump to be elected. To remain silent Church at this unspeakable evil, is itself evil!" In the Old Testament God's People (Church) turned a blind eye, to the worship of Molech - a false god and let the people pass their babies through the fire killing them. Ref. Leviticus 20:1-4. When judgment from God came it was without mercy. If we as a Church, no matter what denomination, do not speak out with the loudest outcry against this barbarism I believe Judgment will come to America. God says in **Proverbs 6:17**(NKJV) <sup>17</sup>A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood. As the Church allows "The genocide of a generation!"

What's next? *Genocide of the elderly???*