

## For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson has been sick the last few days.

Joyce Venable was not feeling well on Saturday.

The doctor has taken John LaValla off his chemo right now. They expect to begin again at a lower dose in the future.

Several members have ongoing health issues and we should help in whatever way we can.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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for us an abiding city where purity and holiness reign.

### Preach to Save Ourselves and Others

The great work of teaching the Word of God is made more difficult in a society in which the imaginations of man's heart are only on the evil continually, as ever faithful preacher since the days of Noah can testify. We must not grow weary in the good work of faithfully presenting the gospel of our salvation for there will be many who have the honest and good heart who will obey and be saved.

(This article from 1990 was made available by brother Headrick's grandson and is just as needed as when it was originally written. When we look at the direction of change in our society over the past three decades, maybe it is needed even more. We must stand against evil, and it begins by filling minds and hearts with the Gospel. DLH)

# Seeking His Righteousness

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## A Morally Lenient Society

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Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education. This society publishes the Kappa Delta Pi RECORD. In the magazine for the Spring of 1987, Jean Cain, a teacher in the Memphis City Schools, had a perceptive article. She expressed her love for the classroom where "we make decisions, solve problems, suffer or enjoy the consequences of our behavior, laugh together, cry together, and grow together." She viewed teaching and learning as "exciting adventures." However, she lamented that "all is not well with



*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.*

**2Timothy 4:2**



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teaching today." After citing a host of ever increasing impediments to teaching, this dedicated teacher said as per the title of her article, "I'm teaching as fast as I can" to overcome the difficulties.

### A Picture of Our Society

One of the most pernicious and pervasive problems teachers have to cope with is the demand "for teachers to solve the problems that a morally lenient society has created." Please read with me her professional appraisal of societal morals and their implications for teaching. She wrote the following as a paragraph but I am going to number the points she made for our convenience.

1. "Society produces movies, songs, and television programs where smoking marijuana and sniffing cocaine are commonplace and acceptable,
2. where everyone has a smart come-back to every statement or question,
3. where authority is ridiculed,
4. where moral standards no longer exist,
5. where the quick thrill is sought,
6. where long-term goals are obsolete,
7. where greed is a common motivating factor,
8. and where power is synonymous with success."

These societal conditions have significant ramifications for the work of teaching. The author contended that "These movies, songs, and programs depict heroes who display no regard for life or property. Yet, we teachers are expected to be miracle workers and reach each and every child who passes through our classrooms combatting all this erotic stimuli with reading, writing, and arithmetic. I'm

### Store In My Heart

#### Galatians 5:19-21

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Paul reminds of his teaching regarding the things of this world in these verses. Listing the deeds of the flesh will not keep us from getting caught up in the wickedness of the world but keeping them in mind will help us be aware and watchful as we go about our daily life. Each of these have consequences both now and in eternity.

trying to produce this miracle. I'm teaching as fast as I can."

### We Can Live Above The World

Yes, and in this morally lenient society we need to be preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ as fast as we can. The gospel believed and obeyed will change on from immoral to holy, as noted in **1Corinthians 6:9-11** coupled with **Acts 18:8**. While songs with immoral connotations fill the air waves, we need to sing the songs of Zion as the Lord's antidote. Where authority is ridiculed we must teach "as fast as we can" that all authority is given to Christ. In a society where moral standards no longer exist we must hold up the word of God as absolute truth and hold to it as our standard. Where the quick thrill is sought by the majority and long-term goals seem obsolete, we must tell people what lies beyond the grave just as fast as we can. Where greed is the motivating factor in our society we must teach the grace of giving and remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. To those who view power as synonymous with success we must, as fast as we can, teach the greatness in the kingdom of God that is accomplished by being servant of all.

While we live in the world, we are not to be of the world. In a world that imbibes the hemlock of existentialism, situation ethics and amorality, let us learn that it is *"Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way."* **Psalm 119:104**. Let us pray for strength as we live in this morally lenient society and with full assurance of faith be content to preach the word and practice the same leaving the results with Him who has prepared