

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TESKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM TODAY. HERE'S WHAT IS COMING UP. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF OUR SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT 1ST TIMOTHY 6:20-21, THE CONCLUSION OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE YOUNG PREACHER TIMOTHY. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO 1ST TIMOTHY 6. I'M GOING TO MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, ROGER CAMPBELL JOINS US, AND HE'S ANSWERING THE QUESTION: WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR ZEAL? JIM DEARMAN JOINS US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FROM FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. KEE FORD JOINS BARRY GILREATH IN FABRIC OF FAMILY, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ONLINE BULLYING. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: IS AN ENGAGED CHRISTIAN MAN APPROVED TO TEACH AT A CONGREGATION? I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO FIRST TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 20, O TIMOTHY, GUARD WHAT WAS COMMITTED TO YOUR TRUST. AVOID THE PROFANE AND IDLE BABBLINGS AND CONTRADICTIONS OF WHAT IS FALSELY CALLED KNOWLEDGE; BY PROFESSING IT, SOME HAVE STRAYED CONCERNING THE FAITH. GRACE BE WITH YOU. AMEN.

>> (SINGING)

>> OUR PASSAGE FOR TODAY ARE THE FINAL WORDS FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE YOUNG TIMOTHY, THE PREACHER WHO WAS WORKING WITH THE CONGREGATION THERE IN EPHESUS, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 3. PAUL IS GIVING HIM SOME INSTRUCTIONS SINCE IT'S POSSIBLE HE MAY BE DELAYED IN VISITING EPHESUS. BACK IN CHAPTER 3, VERSES 14 AND 15, HE TELLS US EXACTLY WHY HE'S WRITING TO HIM: HE SAYS, THESE THINGS I WRITE TO YOU, THOUGH I HOPE TO COME TO YOU SHORTLY; BUT IF I AM DELAYED, I WRITE SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO CONDUCT YOURSELF IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH. SO THAT'S THE REASON HE'S WRITING, AND HE'S GOING TO BE CONCLUDING THE LETTER HERE. AND OUR TEXT FOR TODAY BEGINS WITH THE ADMONITION, GUARD WHAT WAS COMMITTED TO YOUR TRUST. THIS WOULD BE THE TRUE TEACHINGS THAT TIMOTHY HAD BEEN GIVEN BY PAUL AND BY INSPIRATION. HE WAS WARNED ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS BACK IN CHAPTER 1, VERSE 3; AND THAT'S THE REASON THAT TIMOTHY WAS TOLD TO STAY THERE IN EPHESUS: TO DEAL WITH THOSE FALSE TEACHERS. WE GET TO CHAPTER 4, VERSE 1, PAUL WARNS TIMOTHY THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DEPART FROM THE FAITH. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S INEVITABLE THERE. ACTS 20:29-30, THIS IS FURTHER ON IN HISTORY WHEN PAUL IS MEETING WITH THE ELDERS FROM EPHESUS. HE SAYS, I KNOW THIS, THAT AFTER MY DEPARTURE SAVAGE WOLVES WILL COME IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK. ALSO FROM AMONG YOURSELVES MEN WILL RISE UP, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS TO DRAW AWAY THE DISCIPLES AFTER THEMSELVES. YOU SEE, THERE WERE PROBLEMS GOING TO BE COMING TO EPHESUS, AND PAUL WAS DOING EVERYTHING HE COULD TO WARN THEM ABOUT THAT, TRYING TO MINIMIZE THAT EFFECT. BY THE TIME WE GET TO REVELATION CHAPTER 2 WITH THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH THERE IN EPHESUS THAT'S RECORDED, WE FIND OUT THEY'RE DOING A GOOD JOB DEALING WITH THE FALSE TEACHERS, BUT THAT CONGREGATION HAD LEFT ITS FIRST LOVE. SO THERE WERE STILL SOME ISSUES THERE, BUT THEY WERE DOING GOOD IN THIS PARTICULAR

AREA. PAUL TELLS TIMOTHY TO AVOID PROFANE AND IDLE BABBLINGS AND CONTRADICTIONS. THESE ARE THINGS THAT WOULD BE DISTRACTIONS FROM HIS MINISTRY. WE SOMETIMES USE THE PHRASE, GOING ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE, RUNNING AROUND TO NO GOOD END. THAT'S WHAT PAUL IS WARNING TIMOTHY ABOUT. DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN ALL OF THESE WILD GOOSE CHASES GOING ON. STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS IS DON'T ATTEND EVERY FIGHT YOU'RE INVITED TO. SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO JUST TRY TO STIR THINGS UP AND JUST ALLOW THAT IN ITS OWN PLACE; BUT YOU STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT, AND DON'T LOSE THAT FOCUS, BECAUSE SOME ARE GOING AFTER FALSE KNOWLEDGE. PAUL WARNS TIMOTHY ABOUT THAT. HE NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT'S TRUE IN THAT SCRIPTURE, BUT THAT ALSO IMPLIES THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING FALSE; AND DON'T YOU DARE FALL FOR THIS FALSE TEACHING, BECAUSE YOU SEE, THE FALSE TEACHERS HAVE A SENSE OF ARROGANCE: OH, WE KNOW SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T. AND IT'S GOOD TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND SAY THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS THAT I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND, AND I NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT. BUT DON'T ALLOW THAT DESIRE TO LEARN MORE LEAD YOU INTO FALSE TEACHING. AGAIN, WE NEED TO CHECK EVERYTHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD. EVEN WHEN SOMEBODY COMES AT YOU WITH WHAT THEY CLAIM IS KNOWLEDGE, THEY MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, BUT IT MAY NOT BE THE TRUTH. BECAUSE YOU SEE, SOME HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH IS WHAT PAUL WARNS TIMOTHY ABOUT. SOME PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR SALVATION. THEIR FAITH IS NO LONGER WORKING BECAUSE OF THIS. AND CLEARLY, WHILE WE'RE HERE, THIS REFUTES THE IDEA, THAT FALSE TEACHING OF ONE SAVED/ALWAYS SAVED. NO, THEY CAN STRAY CONCERNING THE FAITH. YOU CAN STRAY; AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE DONE SO. SO AS WE TRY TO APPLY THIS TO OURSELVES, WE CAN SEE THAT DOCTRINE MATTERS. DON'T FALL FOR THIS BELIEF THAT THERE'S MANY DIFFERENT PATHS TO GET TO HEAVEN. THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BE CAREFUL AND CHECK EVERYTHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD. AND DON'T YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO GET DISTRACTED. KEEP FOCUSING ON THE TRUTH. KEEP YOUR FOCUS WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. DON'T FALL FOR FALSE TEACHING. YOU KNOW, FALSE TEACHERS ARE A DIME A DOZEN. THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM. THEY WILL HEAP THEM UP FOR THEMSELVES, PAUL WAR, TIMOTHY, AND DON'T YOU DARE STRAY FROM THE FAITH. IT'S POSSIBLE, SO WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL. STRAYING FROM THE FAITH, THAT IS A CRITICAL, CRITICAL PROBLEM. REMEMBER, GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SAVED. HE WANTS YOU TO STAY IN THE FAITH. HE'S GIVEN US ALL THIS INFORMATION TO KEEP US THERE. HE WANTS YOU TO GET TO HEAVEN, AND SO DO WE. AND THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. NOW ROGER CAMPBELL JOINS US, AND HE'S ANSWERING THE QUESTION: WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR ZEAL? BE READY ALWAYS.

>> IF I WANT TO SERVE GOD AND GO TO HEAVEN, IN MY LIFE, WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT: KNOWLEDGE OR ZEAL? IF SOMEBODY WERE TO ASK YOU THAT QUESTION, HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THEM? WHEN WE TALK ABOUT KNOWLEDGE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BIBLE KNOWLEDGE. HOW IMPORTANT IS MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURE? IN OTHER WORDS, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR ME TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES? WELL, JESUS SAID, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. WITHOUT KNOWING THE TRUTH, I CAN'T BE MADE FREE BY IT. WE HAVE HISTORICAL REFERENCE IN THE BOOK OF HOSEA, HOSEA 4:6, GOD'S CHILDREN WHO WERE PART OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, THEY WENT INTO CAPTIVITY BECAUSE OF WHAT? LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. AND SO NOT HAVING PROPER KNOWLEDGE, IT CAN BE DEVASTATING. IN EPHESIANS 5:17, WE READ THAT CHRISTIANS WERE INSTRUCTED, BE NOT UNWISE, BUT UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS. YES, HAVING A STRONG BIBLE KNOWLEDGE IS REAL KEY IN BEING THE KIND OF PERSON THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE. BUT WHAT ABOUT ZEAL? WHAT ABOUT BEING FERVENT IN SPIRIT? THAT'S WHAT APOLLOS WAS, ACTS 18:25. WHAT

ABOUT HAVING A HEART THAT'S ON FIRE FOR THE LORD? IS THAT IMPORTANT? ABSOLUTELY. THE BIBLE SAYS IN TITUS 2:14 THAT THE LORD HAS PURCHASED UNTO HIMSELF A PEOPLE THAT HE WANTS TO BE WHAT? ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS. JESUS TOLD A CONGREGATION OF HIS PEOPLE THAT WAS LUKEWARM - THAT'S THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA - HE SAID, BE ZEALOUS AND REPENT. SO THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE ZEALOUS. BUT, YOU KNOW, JUST BECAUSE A PERSON HAS ZEAL OR IS REALLY INTO SOMETHING OR PUTS IN A LOT OF EFFORT, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS PLEASING IN GOD'S SIGHT. IN ROMANS CHAPTER 10, WE READ THAT PAUL SAID, BRETHREN, MY HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED. FOR I BEAR THEM RECORD THAT THEY HAVE A ZEAL OF GOD - THERE'S NO DOUBTING THEY'RE ZEALOUS - BUT NOT ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE. WHEN YOU'VE GOT KNOWLEDGE BUT NO ZEAL, THAT'S JUST COLD AND EMPTY, AND THAT'S FRUITLESS. WHEN YOU HAVE ZEAL, BUT NOT BASED ON KNOWLEDGE FROM GOD'S WORD, THAT'S REALLY DANGEROUS. THINK ABOUT THE MAN WE KNOW AS SAUL OF TARSUS, LATER KNOWN AS THE APOSTLE PAUL. BEFORE HE BECAME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, WAS HE ZEALOUS? OH, YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT. HE SAID, I WAS MORE ZEALOUS THAN ANY OF MY CONTEMPORARIES, GALATIANS 1:13-14. WHEN HE WAS MAKING HAVOC OF THE CHURCH, PERSECUTING CHRISTIANS, HE WAS ALL IN, PUT ALL OF HIS EFFORT INTO IT. BUT HE WAS WRONG. HE WAS LOST. SO IT'S POSSIBLE TO HAVE ZEAL AND BE LOST. IT'S POSSIBLE TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND BE LOST WHEN WE DON'T APPLY THAT. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE BOTH ZEAL AND KNOWLEDGE. WHAT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE IN BEREIA? WHAT WERE THEY DOING? THEY WERE INVESTIGATING THE SCRIPTURES. THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH READINESS OF MIND, AND EVERY SINGLE DAY THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES. THAT'S THE SPIRIT WE NEED TO HAVE. AND AS WE REFERENCED APOLLOS, HE WAS FERVENT IN SPIRIT. THAT'S THE ZEAL THAT WE NEED TO HAVE. WE DON'T MAKE A CHOICE. IT'S NOT ONE OR THE OTHER. WE WANT THEM BOTH IF WE WANT TO BE LOYAL SERVANTS OF THE LORD JESUS. I'M ROGER CAMPBELL, AND THIS HAS BEEN BE READY ALWAYS.

>> LIKE SO MANY OTHER THINGS IN LIFE, IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR SITUATION, BUT BOTH. BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND ZEAL. THANKS, ROGER. WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH IT. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A FREE BIBLE COURSE THAT WE OFFER THROUGH THE MAIL. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. WE'D LOVE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, AND WE MAY DO SO DURING ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS. WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR AUDIENCE. JIM DEARMAN IS GOING TO JOIN US IN JUST A MOMENT.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL MAIL IT TO YOU. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FROM FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

>> FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER ONCE SAID, QUOTE, I WOULD RATHER TRY TO PERSUADE A MAN TO GO ALONG, BECAUSE ONCE I HAVE PERSUADED HIM, HE'LL

STICK. IF I SCARE HIM, HE'LL STAY JUST AS LONG AS HE'S SCARED, AND THEN HE'S GONE, UNQUOTE. YOU KNOW, THIS IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO MOTIVATION FOR SERVING GOD AND JESUS CHRIST. GOD AND JESUS KNOW THAT LOVE IS THE SUPREME MOTIVATOR, NOT FEAR. THAT'S WHY GOD SENT JESUS TO OFFER HIMSELF AS THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND. IN THE BIBLE, GOD REPEATEDLY REMINDS US OF HIS GREAT LOVE AND SEEKS TO MOTIVATE US TO LOVE IN RETURN. QUESTION: HAVE YOU OPENED GOD'S WONDERFUL BOOK LATELY AND LINGERED LONG WITHIN ITS PAGES TO SEE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS SHOWN FOR YOU AND THE LOVE THAT HE DESERVES IN RETURN? JESUS SAID WE SHOW THAT LOVE BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS. ARE YOU LOVING BY LIVING EACH DAY FOR THE LORD?

>> THANKS FOR THOSE THOUGHTS, JIM. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH? HERE'S A FEW WAYS YOU CAN DO THAT: ON OUR WEBSITE OR OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL, OR YOU CAN DOWNLOAD OUR APP AND YOU CAN WATCH IT ON YOUR PHONE OR YOUR TABLET. IF YOU DOWNLOAD THE ROKU OR APPLE TV APP, YOU CAN WATCH IT ON YOUR TELEVISION. THE PROGRAM IS THERE EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS AN EPISODE. NOW, KEE FORD SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT A DANGEROUS SUBJECT THAT HAS AFFECTED MANY OF OUR CHILDREN: ONLINE BULLYING. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY.

>> KEE, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK WITH US ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY. YOU WERE WITH US IN A RECENT EPISODE IN WHICH WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS FOR KIDS, AND WE EXPLORED THAT JUST A LITTLE BIT. I THOUGHT MAYBE WHAT WE COULD DO ON THIS SEGMENT IS TO MAYBE THINK ABOUT THIS PRACTICE OF ONLINE BULLYING. WHEN YOU AND I WERE KIDS, WHEN WE THOUGHT ABOUT A BULLY, WE THOUGHT ABOUT SOMEONE MAYBE ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WHO WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER KID IN ORDER TO GET SOME KIND OF GAIN OUT OF IT THEMSELVES. BUT REALLY, THOUGH THAT DOES OCCUR, THERE'S ANOTHER AREA OF BULLYING THAT WE SEE TODAY THAT HAS BEEN VERY, VERY SERIOUS IN THE LIVES OF A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND EVEN TO THE POINT TO WHERE SOME YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN THEIR OWN LIVES BECAUSE OF THIS BULLYING THAT WAS TAKING PLACE ONLINE. AND PARENTS SEEMINGLY HAD NO IDEA THAT IT WAS EVEN TAKING PLACE. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT?

>> I'LL SAY WHEN IT COMES TO ONLINE BULLYING, IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY; BECAUSE AS YOU SAID, SOME PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN THEIR LIVES, HAVE HURT THEMSELVES. AND IT IS A PRACTICE THAT UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR SO LONG, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'LL EVER STOP, BECAUSE WE ARE A TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED NATION, WE'RE GOING FORWARD WITH THINGS. BUT MY ENCOURAGEMENT TO PEOPLE, TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO MAY WATCH AND THE THINGS THAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP WITH THIS, BE A SAFE PLACE FIRST OFF FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO COME TO. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, IF YOU START NOTICING CERTAIN SIGNS, IF YOU NOTICE YOUR CHILD SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE MORE WITHDRAWN, THEY'RE SPENDING MORE TIME IN THEIR ROOMS. ME PERSONALLY, I WISH THERE WAS AN AGE LIMIT ON WHEN CHILDREN GET ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

>> YES.

>> THESE SOCIAL MEDIA APPS ARE DESIGNED TO GET PEOPLE ADDICTED. AND IF YOU THINK ABOUT HOW THE BRAIN DEVELOPS, IF YOU TAKE A 14-YEAR-OLD, 13-YEAR-OLD, 12-YEAR-OLD AND YOU PUT THEM INTO THIS SOCIAL MEDIA SPACE, THERE ARE ADULTS WHO ARE NOT EVEN ABLE TO HANDLE IT CORRECTLY, SO HOW CAN I EXPECT MY 12, 13 OR 14-YEAR-OLD TO BE IN THAT SAME MINDSET?

>> WELL, AND AS PARENTS, ESPECIALLY WITH THESE YOUNGER CHILDREN, WE NEED TO BE MORE PROACTIVE IN THEIR USE OF THE INTERNET. AND I THINK IT'S CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE FOR A PARENT TO INSIST THAT AS MY CHILD, I'M GOING TO HAVE ALL YOUR PASSWORDS, I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO VIEW YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE, I'M GOING TO VIEW YOUR INSTANT MESSENGER THAT YOU GET, THAT INFORMATION. ANY OF THIS, I'M GOING TO HAVE ACCESS TO. AND SO MANY PARENTS WANT TO TAKE A HANDS-OFF, BUT THERE'S A DANGER IN THAT BECAUSE THERE'S THIS ASPECT OF BULLYING. AND, YOU KNOW, IT GOES BOTH WAYS. SOMETIMES OUR CHILDREN MIGHT BE THE RECIPIENT OF THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY, AND SOMETIMES OUR CHILDREN COULD EVEN ENGAGE IN THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY. SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE AWARE OF THAT.

>> YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS OF CHILDREN MAKE DECISIONS SO SPUR IN THE MOMENT. THIS DIGITAL AGE, ANYTHING THAT YOU DO, IT'S OUT THERE. AND SO THEREFORE, IF A PERSON TAKES A PICTURE, THEY SEND IT TO ANOTHER PERSON, AND WE SEE A LOT OF THAT STARTING, AND THEN THAT'S HOW BULLYING STARTS. SOMEBODY CAUGHT A FIGHT ON CAMERA, SOMEBODY SENT A PICTURE THEY WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO, AND NOW IT LIVES ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB FOREVER.

>> OH, YEAH. YEAH.

>> THAT'S HOW THAT BULLYING STARTS. AND I AGREE 100 PERCENT WITH WHAT YOU SAID. IF YOU ARE A PARENT AND YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE ON SOCIAL MEDIA APPS, YOU NEED COMPLETE ACCESS. YOU NEED TO BE THEIR STAR FRIEND. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO SEE EVERYTHING THAT'S ON THERE. NOW, WE DO KNOW THAT SOMETIMES CHILDREN CAN DO THINGS AND THEY CAN TAKE SOME STEPS IN THE APPS JUST LIKE THERE'S A CERTAIN APP WHERE YOU CAN MAKE YOUR APPS LIKE A CALCULATOR OR ANYTHING IN YOUR PHONE LOOK LIKE SOMETHING, BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY HIDING SOMETHING BEHIND IT, LIKE GHOSTING APPS. SO BEING ABLE TO SPOT THOSE THINGS IN YOUR CHILDREN'S PHONE. BUT AGAIN, AS WE SPOKE ON A PREVIOUS EPISODE, HAVING THOSE TYPE OF THINGS LIKE A LIFE 360, A BARK, ANYTHING THAT GIVES YOU ACCESS. AND AGAIN, IT'S NOT AN INVASION OF PRIVACY; I WANT TO PROTECT MY CHILD. SOME PEOPLE WILL SAY, WELL, I WANT TO JUST LET THEM, I'M GOING TO TAKE A HANDS-OFF APPROACH. NO. WE HAVE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED TO HELP STOPPING BULLYING, BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN DEVELOP ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, AND ALL THESE THINGS BECAUSE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY DO ONLINE.

>> AND I THINK I WOULD ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS TO USE THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

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>> A PARENT MAY SAY, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ALL THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY, BUT THERE'S PROBABLY SOME KIND OF A RESOURCE INDIVIDUAL AT A LOCAL SCHOOL WHO COULD HELP TO EDUCATE YOU, TO INFORM YOU REGARDING THE TECHNOLOGY, JUST SOME BASIC THINGS THAT COULD EQUIP YOU. MAYBE TAKE A COURSE AT A LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. OF COURSE, CHURCHES A LOT OF TIMES WILL HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE MEDIA ASPECT OF THE CHURCH THERE, AND SO MAYBE IT WOULD BE GOOD, IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS THOSE SKILLS, TO PROVIDE MAYBE A CLASS OR SOMETHING TO THE PARENTS WHO ARE THERE WITHIN THE CHURCH AND EVEN COMMUNITY AS AN OUTREACH IN ORDER TO EDUCATE

OURSELVES. BECAUSE THE INTERNET, IT'S A LOT LIKE DYNAMITE. I MEAN, IT'S GOT THE POTENTIAL FOR GOOD OR BAD; IT JUST DEPENDS ON HOW YOU USE IT.

>> HOW YOU USE IT.

>> AND UNFORTUNATELY, WITH OUR CHILDREN WE'VE SEEN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE USED IT TO BULLY OTHER KIDS, AND IT'S BEEN VERY DEVASTATING. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH US THAT INFORMATION TODAY.

>> THANKS FOR THAT EXCELLENT INFORMATION. YOU CAN FIND ANY OF OUR SEGMENTS, INCLUDING THAT ONE, ON OUR WEBSITE OR ON OUR APPS. SHARE IT WITH OTHERS RIGHT FROM THERE. WE'VE GOT A GREAT WAY FOR YOU TO START EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S WITH THE GOOD NEWS TODAY PODCAST. JUST SEARCH FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> (SINGING)

>> IS AN ENGAGED CHRISTIAN MAN APPROVED TO TEACH IN A CONGREGATION?

>> I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, TROY.

>> WHAT DO YOU HAVE TODAY?

>> ARE YOU ENGAGED?

>> I AM NO LONGER ENGAGED; I AM MARRIED.

>> OH, YOU WERE THINKING IN THAT SENSE. I MEANT LIKE ENGAGED IN WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.

>> WELL, YOU KNOW WHERE MY MIND IS, AT LEAST I THINK ABOUT MY WIFE; BUT YES, WE ARE, SO DEPENDING ON HOW YOU USE THE WORD. I SEE WHAT YOU DID THERE.

>> YEAH. NORMALLY, WE HEAR YOU'RE ENGAGED, YOU THINK OF FIANCÉ.

>> RIGHT.

>> BUT THEN, I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, NO, YOU TRY TO ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS, YOU TRY AND ENGAGE THE CONGREGATION WHEN YOU PREACH.

>> ENGAGE THE CLUTCH WHEN YOU'RE PULLING AWAY WITH THE MANUAL DRIVE.

>> SO IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS ONE WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT, THE QUESTION ACTUALLY HAS TO DO WITH BEING ENGAGED TO A FIANCÉ. IT SAYS, IS AN ENGAGED, PARENTHESES, ATTACHED TO A FIANCÉ, CHRISTIAN MAN APPROVED TO TEACH IN A CONGREGATION?

>> INTERESTING QUESTION.

>> SIMPLE ANSWER, YES. BUT I THINK THERE'S MORE TO DISCUSS SINCE THE QUESTION WAS ASKED.

>> YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. I MEAN, IT SAYS A CHRISTIAN MAN. NOW, THERE'S ONE VERY IMPORTANT POINT HERE: 1ST PETER 4:11 SAYS, IF ANYONE SPEAKS, LET HIM SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD; IF HE MINISTERS, LET HIM MINISTER THE ABILITY WHICH GOD SUPPLIES. AND SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, DO IT ACCORDING TO WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU, ACCORDING TO DOCTRINE, ACCORDING TO WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

>> YEAH. AND I WAS READING THE QUESTION, AND IT'S KIND OF CHALLENGING FOR US BECAUSE WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE FULL CONTEXT.

>> RIGHT.

>> BUT I ALMOST FELT LIKE THERE'S A FALSE PREMISE THAT'S BEHIND THIS QUESTION, THAT MAYBE WHOEVER ASKED IT THINKS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE A MARRIED MAN IN ORDER TO TEACH; SO WOULD BEING ENGAGED TO QUALIFY YOU. I WOULD ARGUE FROM SCRIPTURE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MARRIED, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ENGAGED IN ORDER TO BE A TEACHER IN A CONGREGATION. AND WE HAVE PRIME EXAMPLES OF THAT. NO RECORD THAT WHEN PAUL SENT TIMOTHY THAT TIMOTHY WAS ENGAGED AT THAT TIME OR MARRIED. PAUL HIMSELF WAS NOT A MARRIED MAN, TEACHING AND PREACHING IN CONGREGATIONS. SO THERE'S REALLY NOTHING IN SCRIPTURE TO SUPPORT -

>> THAT YOU HAVE TO BE MARRIED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

>> AND SO CAN AND DOES THE SCRIPTURE SUPPORT A SINGLE MAN TEACHING AND PREACHING THE WORD? YES, IT DOES.

>> LET ME ADD THIS ONE CAVEAT: JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN MAN, WHETHER YOU'RE MARRIED OR NOT MARRIED, ENGAGED OR WHATEVER, DON'T FORGET WHAT JAMES 3:1 SAYS. HE SAID, MY BRETHREN, LET NOT MANY OF YOU BECOME TEACHERS, KNOWING THAT WE SHALL RECEIVE A STRICTER JUDGMENT. SO TEACHING IS A VERY, VERY SERIOUS THING IN THE LORD'S CHURCH AND IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY.

>> I LOVE THE KING JAMES RENDERING OF THAT: BE NOT MANY MASTERS, KNOWING THIS, THAT YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GREATER CONDEMNATION. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK ABOUT FREQUENTLY IN THE POSITION THAT I'M IN, THAT THERE'S A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. AND SO CAN AN ENGAGED MAN SERVE AS A TEACHER? YES. A SINGLE MAN, A MARRIED MAN CAN; BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE ENGAGED IN TEACHING THE CONGREGATION, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE SPEAKING AS THE ORACLES OF GOD, THAT YOU TAKE IT WITH ALL SERIOUSNESS, THAT YOU ARE PREPARED; BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES YOUR SOUL DEPEND UPON IT, BUT THE SOULS IN WHICH YOU TEACH DEPEND UPON IT AS WELL.

>> AMEN.

>> WE NEED TO SEEK TRUE BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE. WE HEAR THAT OUR PROGRAMS ARE FILLED WITH SCRIPTURE AND ALWAYS ASKING OUR AUDIENCE TO STUDY THEIR BIBLE TO SEE IT FOR THEMSELVES. WELL, THAT'S OUR GOAL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK EVERY RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF THESE THINGS ARE SO, ACTS 17:11. YOU CAN WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN IF YOU NEED TO HEAR IT AGAIN AND HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THE SCRIPTURES. YOU CAN HEAR IT AGAIN ON OUR WEBSITE, OUR APPS, OR OUR

PODCAST. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. MAYBE YOU HAVE A QUESTION YOU'D LIKE ANSWERED ON OUR PROGRAM. WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT AS WELL. REMEMBER THAT WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY