Crooked and Perverse Generation

Tony Mauck · Philippians 2:1–16

INTRODUCTION

- It's Philippians chapter 2, verses 1 through 16. In these verses, we are given important instruction, direction for our lives, and motivation to do what we must to gain heaven.
- A crooked and perverse generation among whom you appear as lights in the world. Holding fast the word of life.
- Despite the strong currents that are pulling us, trying to drag us with the multitudes headed in the wrong direction, we hold fast the word of life.

1 Simply Ignored: No Reaction at All

Matthew 25:31–46; 1 Timothy 4:7

- This wicked and crooked and perverse generation can simply be ignored. Basically, you can have no reaction at all. You can overlook what is there. And act as if it doesn't exist.
- That we get desensitized to the fact that we live in a wicked and perverse generation. And that we start to not see these things as the bad things and destructive things that they are.
- Why is sin such a bad thing? And why should we react to it? Because one's relationship to God is affected, that's why. It affects our souls. It is destructive in nature.
- We need to do some sin sensitivity training. Train yourself to be godly, Paul says in 1 Timothy chapter 4 and verse 7.
- Being desensitized to a crooked and perverse generation is this close to getting in it.

2 Getting In It: Partaking

Deuteronomy 17:2–7; Colossians 3:6; Genesis 7:23

- They became desensitized to idolatry, and soon enough they were all in it.
- They lived among it, didn't react to it, and the next thing you know, they were doing it. Because sin has an appeal.
- Notice verse 6 of Colossians chapter 3, it says, For on account of these things, the wrath of God will come.
- He blotted out every living thing. And he's going to do that again. And you will not derive comfort from the fact that you find yourself in the majority.
- That's what happens if we partake and do not change our course.

3 Stop Sinning: Refrain or Abstain

1 Corinthians 15:33–34

- Stop sinning and be sober minded as you ought. That's one of my favorites. 1 Corinthians 15 and verse 34.

- Is there a secret to defeating sin? Stop it.
- Flee, youthful lusts. Flee. Abstain from every form of evil.
- You need to refrain or abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

4 Developing a Passion Opposed to Sin

Psalm 119; 1 John 2:15–17; Ephesians 5:18

- Not just not partake, not just refrain or abstain, but the scriptures talk to us about developing a passion opposed to sin.
- We don't want anyone to be lost. But the sin that is being practiced, we need to hate it.
- Lord, remove the false way from me and graciously grant me your law.
- My eyes shed streams of water. Because of that crooked and perverse generation among whom we live.
- I hate and despise falsehood. And I've got to tell you, it's falsehood of every kind.
- We need to come to hate the sin that grips our world. Jesus' kingdom is not of this world.

THE CHALLENGE

We urge you to respond while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES