



Pastor's Comments

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Christian Standards

This past Sunday I addressed the matter of Christian **standards** in our continuing series of messages on "Contemporary Christianity." A **standard** is that which is established by authority as a **rule** for the measure of things. One would assume that since God does not change, **standards** reflecting His Word and values **should not change**. Not so with "Contemporary Christianity" in which "change" seems to be the keyword! Formerly held **Christian standards**, which **reflected traditional godly moral values**, have been mocked and obliterated by leaders whose primary interest seems to be to gain acceptance of those who love the degenerate worldly concepts of Hollywood! **Biblical standards** that **upheld holy living** and were against use of alcoholic beverages, gambling, lustful dress, immoral sexual behavior, etc., are long gone in these backslidden churches! Oh how the church needs faithful preachers who will heed God's voice, "Prepare ye the way of the people...gather out the stones; **lift up a standard for the people**" (Is. 62:10).

Christians should have **godly standards** which **reflect personal convictions** based on God's Word. These **standards serve as boundaries** providing spiritual **freedom and protection**. Imagine what it would be like for children playing in a park surrounded by busy streets if they had no fenced boundaries. They would be unable to play freely because they would always have to be conscious of the dangers of the traffic. Those who rebel against **standards established to protect them** and focus only on what they cannot do, fail to enjoy the freedom of what they can and ought to do.

I invite you to attend any of our services and hear this "Contemporary Christianity" series of messages on which I am presently preaching.

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