

feb 3

go along to get along

"there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." prov 14:12

those words were penned centuries ago by one of the wisest men who ever lived. truth remains truth no matter when it is spoken. we will all be judged by how well we defend that truth. and no matter how man decides what the truth is, it is God's truth which will matter in the end.

i watched a movie the other day about a girl who went off to college and allowed her truths to become clouded by a teacher. there is so much of that going on today. we send our children off in hopes of equipping them for the world and instead they are indoctrinated by a perverted truth. they often return with an entirely different set of values than they were raised with.

recently there was a story about a famous christian singer who was hosting a relative's same sex marriage. it was all done in the name of a God who is love. we preach God's love and acceptance so much while we allow His standards to be put on the back burner. "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness." hab 1:13

"for I am the Lord, I do not change." mal 3:6 God is God alone and He will forever be. He will not and cannot go against His written word, the bible. if there is any change happening, it has to be in us.

“all that is necessary for evil to triumph, said Burke, is for good men to do nothing; and most good men nowadays can be relied upon to do precisely that. where a reputation for intolerance is more feared than a reputation for vice itself, all manner of evil may be expected to flourish. people today are allowing their true beliefs to be harnessed from fear of retaliation or stigma.

we cannot be silent out of fear or anything else when a world around us is drowning in a sea of darkness. are you ashamed to make a stand as a christian and defend your beliefs, or have they also become corrupted? "for whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." mark 8:38 those words spoken by Jesus continue to echo forth today.

the truth we know must be defended. God's love is unconditional; His acceptance is not. throughout the bible we hear God saying, "if you will, then I will." one either stands in the grace God has provided or they stand alone. remember, "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness." hab 1:13 our God is holy and He commands us, "you shall therefore be holy, for I am holy." lev 11:45

we have no holiness of our own. only when we stand in Christ has "He made us accepted in the Beloved." eph 1:6 if we "go along" with the crowd, we will be going where they are going. i don't know about you, but i've got a different destination in mind and all the

distractions and diversions in life can not divert me from my path. "because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." matt 7:14 no, i won't go along unless you're going my way.