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From/To: Mrs. Ralph Smith

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Memphis, Tenn.
June 20, 1960.

Dear Mr. Chalk,

I attended the workshop at I.P.I. on June 12 thru 15th. On Sunday evening I was present when you brought the talk in the auditorium. I was much impressed on the topics you discussed and I really enjoyed your talk. Would you please send me a copy of your talk. I plan to use it in talks before parents this coming year in P. I. A. work.

My family and I attend Union Ave. Church of Christ here in Memphis. My husband is serving as an elder. If you are ever in Memphis we would love to have you and yours to visit us.

May you have many years of happiness and success in your work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ralph Smith
527 Chalmer Rd.
Memphis 17, Tenn.

June 22, 1960

Mrs. Ralph Smith
527 Chalmers Rd.
Memphis 17, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I appreciated your letter and its kind remarks. It was a pleasure to speak to the group and especially so on that vital subject.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to stay after the talk and make your acquaintance. That particular Sunday was a very pressing one.

Enclosed you will find the material for which you asked. I am also including another talk which will help explain the one you requested.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

P.S. My sister, Mrs. Jerry Kelley, attends Union Ave. I believe she placed her membership there while her husband is at U.T.

MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES OUR CHILDREN NEED

INTRODUCTION

1. The Bible specifically instructs parents to spiritually nourish their children. Eph. 6:4
2. Anthropologists teach that one of the four universal functions of the conjugal family is the "nurture of the young in an atmosphere of intimacy."
3. These same values are needed by our parents and teachers.
 - a. "Our teachers must be more self-conscious of the value roles they play." p.49 (Tennessee's Children and Youth, A report from The Planning Committee For The 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Tennessee Commission on Youth Guidance, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, Tennessee, 1960.)
 - b. "It is, therefore, important that teachers become more self-conscious about the value roles which they play." p.50, *ibid.*
 - c. "We must set standards for our children by example." p.50, *ibid.*
4. A recent study (LOOK, March 29, 1960) reported, "The only reason we have juvenile delinquents is that we have grown-up delinquents. The cycle is both vicious and self-generating."

I. THE VALUE OF HONESTY

A. The Bible states:

1. Rom. 12:17
2. Phil. 4:8

B. A recent national survey (LOOK) showed that "Less than 10% of the people interviewed felt that honesty was a prime requisite for success."

C. Examples:

1. Police officers in Chicago.
2. New York butchers and fuel-oil dealers.
3. Van Doren keeps \$127,000.00

II. THE VALUE OF TRUTHFULNESS

A. The Bible states:

1. Col. 3:9
2. Rev. 22:14,15
3. N.T. condemns lying over 40 times.

B. In the survey mentioned above, "nearly every one interviewed admitted to lying several times a day."

C. In a New York community 60% interviewed lied to spouses; 50% to their children.

III. THE VALUE OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

A. The Bible states:

1. Rom. 14:12
2. Rev. 20:12
3. Matt. 25:1-13 (Five Foolish Virgins did not accept the principle of individual responsibility.)

B. Group orientation has almost swallowed individual responsibility.

C. Group morality is the norm today.

D. A psychiatrist recently explained our present moral system as one wherein, "People just don't have the courage of their convictions."

Morgan Smith
June 20, 1960

"THE AGE OF PAYOLA"

INTRODUCTION

1. Recently 12 LOOK magazine reporters were sent into all parts of the country and into all walks of life.
2. Their mission: to sample present-day morality, especially in view of the payola affairs.
3. LOOK announced (March 29, 1960) that, "payola is just one phase of an epidemic of immorality in this supposedly God-fearing nation."

I. WHAT IS MORALITY?

- A. Modern man says it is "a vague, unrealistic code which he should be familiar with, but which does not affect him."
(LOOK, March 29, 1960)
- B. Webster says, "rightness or wrongness; as of an action."
- C. The Bible does not use the term but it does define it.
Rom. 12:9

II. AMERICA'S NEW CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Cheating
 1. Half those interviewed by LOOK cheated the government.
 2. In school it is a regular practice.
 3. The law may be cheated, if we do not like the law.
- B. Lying
 1. Nearly everyone interviewed admitted to lying "Several times a day."
 2. for business reasons, accepted practice.
 3. In a New York community: 60% lied to spouses; 50% to their children."
- C. The New Fifth Freedom—the freedom to chisel.
- D. The personal code of ethics has been exchanged for a "group morality."

III. WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

- A. Only an inspired answer from a Divine Source ought to satisfy us. II Pet. 1:3,4
- B. The Bible teaches:
 1. Rom. 12:17; Phil. 4:8—HONESTY
 2. Col. 3:9; Rev. 22:14,15—LYING
 3. I Thess. 5:21,22—MORALITY
 4. Matt. 25:1-13—INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY
 5. I Tim. 5:22
- C. The answers can be found in one passage. Matt. 22:37-39

CONCLUSION:

1. A Colorado psychiatrist said, "People don't have the courage of their convictions."
2. Resolve to resist the "new code."
3. Therein will be found true security for the future of this life and the life to come.