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Encouraging Christians to guard their hearts

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So it is with the "Great Falling Away" predicted for the Last Days. Scripture gives every indication that many professing Christians will move in increasing velocity away from the things of God and toward the things of the world. In the days ahead, it will be increasingly difficult to swim against this powerful current.

The following list is provided to allow people to examine which direction their ongoing lifestyles are taking them.

## 19 signs you are becoming a part of the Great Apostacy

1. Prayer is either non-existent or mechanical
2. You know the Word but you don't really live it
3. Earnest thoughts about eternal matters no longer grip your heart
4. You can indulge in inward and outward sin without feeling devastated
5. A longing for holiness is no longer a predominant passion of your life
6. The pursuit of money and possessions are an important part of your life
7. You can sing worship songs without really meaning what they express
8. You can hear people treating eternal issues flippantly without becoming upset
9. Your main concerns are of your temporal, earthly life
10. Conflicts in your relationships with others are not a major concern to you

11. You no longer hunger for a deeper life in God
12. You don't live with a full and grateful heart
13. You have little concern over and make little effort to meet the needs of others
14. You always see your level of spirituality in positive terms
15. You are more concerned about your pet doctrines than people's souls
16. Sports, entertainment and pleasure are important aspects of your life
17. You are more concerned with your image than with the reality of your life with God
18. You are full of bitterness, or criticism, or pride, or covetous, or lust
19. You have a head full of knowledge and a heart made of stone

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Life is precious - including and especially eternal life! These little ones are precious treasures to us, and when they are suddenly gone there is a void. I can attest to that. Yet, what comfort when we know they are truly in Him.

Having lost our fifteen month old granddaughter Cassie Hope to an unexpected death just last August 17, 2008, I know all too well how life gets turned upside down in a twinkling of an eye.

As I continue in life and ministry and see all of the tugs and pulls and battles

and how the lines are increasingly being drawn, none of us knows where our great nation is heading. (It doesn't look very good right now.)

Most of us have strong opinions on one side or the other. I fear for our nation - for the families and people of this nation. The fissures of division seem to get deeper with each week.

Yet one of the beautiful things I saw first hand at the passing of Cassie was the beauty of the church rising up, embracing those wracked by grief and pain. Love is poured out, tears are shed. Sacrifices are made. There is a oneness as all come together.

Nonetheless, so many tears are shed and as days pass, healing comes - though the pain of the loss of such a tender young one will never go away this side of heaven.

In some sense the cultural divisions don't seem to go away either. One thing that I believe God has called me to is to love those who are in opposition. By His grace, may that happen more and more.

By God's grace I will love those who hate the Gospel and its principles which

uphold the preciousness of life at all ages and stages. I will love those who detest the narrowness of Truth. "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." John 14:6

I need His help (and so do you) to walk that balance of Truth and Grace.

Ultimately, is it love to not share the Gospel (Truth) with those who don't know Him just to maintain peace? Absolutely not!

Our pastor stated recently "If you read the obituaries in the Grand Rapids Press, you get the impression that everybody is in Christ. What a falsehood." If a person goes to the grave without confessing their sins and believing in the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord, they are not saved.

There is a line in the sand between Heaven and Hell. It's part of the human dilemma that we face and one of the marks of our reality. We live in a fallen world. We need to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. John 3:16. Do YOU know Him?

Truth and grace! Both are desperately needed. We can't do it without the help of our Savior and Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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