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Encouraging Christians to guard their hearts

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“For Such a Time as This”

by Bill Johnson



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We hear from many of you. Many of you think that those years of unbelievable societal blessing are coming to an end and not so slowly in these recent years.

One of the ways in which we at ADA know that we can be of assistance to our brothers and sisters in Christ and their families is by informing, educating, warning, and preparing our loved ones for what lies ahead.

We are in a war for the hearts and souls of our children, dear friends in Christ! To the victor goes those hearts and souls.

These are not idle thoughts or words. This is reality!

It is in this vein that I write this month. It is very late in America. Will the church rise to fulfill the Great Commission and its mission as salt and light? Will political correctness trump the freedoms of speech, religion, and press in these waning days of free America? Will we stand by and allow homosexual marriage to become the law of the land and remain silent as millions of unborn babies are killed?

If you don't care, who will?

We went out on a limb and booked one of America's most sincere, activist, experienced, yet humble Christian soldiers to come to our little West Michigan community. Gary Bauer will encourage to good people to rally their hearts, minds and lives to prepare them for the spiritual battle that lies ahead for people who want to understand the times in order to know what to do.

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We encourage you to register for ADA's summer event and join with us in this rare opportunity to hear from one of the premier voices in the pro-family movement.

When: Friday, July 29, 2011.
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: First Christian Reformed
721 Hillcrest Avenue
Fremont MI 49412

What: “For Such a Time as This”
- featuring Gary Bauer

Cost: Adults - \$ 10 per person.
Free admittance for children and youth under age 18

For more information or to register call: 1-888-733-2326 or go online at: www.americandecency.org

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The other day I was going to the business office to take care of some financial matters and I could not believe some of the things I was seeing. The landscaping around campus looked exceptionally great. There were new dorms, new faces and unfortunately, scantily clad females were everywhere as well.

The reason I am writing this letter is simple: sexual purity. This is something that is difficult for both males and females, but particularly hard for males because they are stimulated by sight.

In their book, *Every Man's Battle*, Steve Arterburn and Fred Stoeker explain something that's important for women to understand about men:

youthful lust and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace." However, girls, help us brothers out. Your dress can easily cause us to stumble, and the Apostle Paul tells us that he would gladly give up eating meat if it caused a brother to stumble. (Now, we, of course, do not advocate giving up clothes, only ones that cause guys to stumble).

This may be shocking to some girls, but your clothing does have a negative effect on guys. Please consider your clothing and what the Bible says concerning the way you dress...

It seems that women today have not only forgotten how to blush, but they also do not recognize what should cause a blush. Men and women are created differently. Men are visually stimulated, while women respond more to touch. As one man put it, "What a man's touch is to a woman, the sight of a woman is to a man."

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Men receive gratification through the eyes.... Our eyes give men the means to sin broadly and at will. We don't need a date or a mistress. We don't ever need to wait. We have our eyes and can draw sexual gratification through them at any time. We're turned on by female nudity in any way, shape, or form...

Women seldom understand this because they aren't sexually stimulated in the same way. Their ignitions are tied to touch and relationship. They view this visual aspect of our sexuality as shallow and dirty, even detestable...

Modesty is an issue of the heart. We may not understand why men are wired for sexual stimulation by sight, but remember, this is part of God's plan, and He has declared it good - when it is used for His purposes. We have a responsibility not to cause men to stumble by dressing in a way that visually tempt a man to sin. This is a serious issue, if we desire to reflect God's heart and be a blessing rather than a hindrance to the men around us.

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