

BEWARE POLLUTION
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“Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” I Pet. 2:11.

Recently, the news was warning that the frogs are dying because of man made pollution which endangers us because of global warming. Our automobiles, our factories and our standard of living have been brought into question on the same pretense. Much of this is false theories dreamed up by those who want to destroy the well being of America. Actually, there are pollutions far greater around us that are ruining and misshaping the lives of mankind. In the authority of God’s word let’s consider some ignored pollutions. Our daily Christian walk is being assaulted by these surrounding dangers on a daily basis. Suprisingly, one of these is **False Religion**. *“Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves”* Matt. 7:15. Millions are polluted by false religious teachings offered in place of simple repentance and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. But what are some of the surrounding dangers you and I face? **Worldly Companions**. *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed”* Prov. 13:20. We cannot be hermits, but understand the crowd you spend time with can divert you into sin. This is a big danger to the youths reading this. I have said before, “You can’t run with a skunk and smell like a rose.” The constant atmosphere of sinning friends can exert pressure on any child of God. Then, there is **Drinking**. The Bible warns, *“Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise”* Prov. 20:1. Thousands are being killed every year by drunken drivers. Booze has helped millions to

slip into immoral relationships with others resulting in disease and family destruction. When you drink alcohol you are asking for trouble. Millions are still hooked on **Smoking**. I Cor. 6:19&20 says *“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* There is no argument about cancer and smoking. It’s effect on others is equally clear and yet people still walk a mile for a camel. We who love Christ cannot allow such a deadly habit to kill our body indwelt by the Holy Spirit. **Drugs** are in the same category of human destruction. *“If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are”* I Cor. 3:17. Every teen should avoid the deadly destruction of drugs when pressured by surrounding friends. Tens of thousands of adults have been ruined forever by the use of the devil’s poison. I want to warn also of the problem of **Dancing**. Prov. 4:26 & 27 warns *“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.”* The newest fad in TV dance programs is throwing scantily clad, gyrating, contestants before lustful eyes and claims great success. From Bible times to the present it is clear, the relationship of the dance to desires for sex. We believers must turn our feet away from the dance floor and refuse to watch such programing. So much of today’s entertainment leads to **Evil Thoughts**. The Bible has long warned *“as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”* Prov. 23:7. The images that the entertainment media projects are like sparks falling on dry tinder. They will burst into flame and out of control if allowed. You better guard your eyes for they are the windows of your soul. Careless watching of entertainment and the perusal of bad books can be devastating to your personal life and walk with God. Evil

thoughts are a sure lead in to other evil pollutions like **Unnatural Lusts**. *“Be not deceived; neither fornication, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...shall inherit the kingdom of God”* I Cor. 6:9. And further, Col 3:5 commands, *“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence.”* Then add Rom. 1: 24, *“Wherefore, God gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.”* Furthermore, Rom. 1:26 says *“For this cause God gave them up into vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lusts one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.”* The Bible is clear in expressing God’s hatred for all forms of immoral sex conduct. God’s approval has always been on one man and one woman when it comes to sex. The spreading plague of all sexual action outside of marriage is not a right; but a perversion of God pleasing marriage and procreation. I must love the sinner but God hates the sin. It is not a hate crime to warn of this marriage ruining, purity destructing sin so clearly warned about and condemned by the Bible. Same sex marriage is not a right but rather a God hating decision. It does nothing but add confusion to our sex crazed nation. This is much encouraged by **Movies, TV, Magazines and Evil Computer Web sites**. The self gratification crowd is set on educating our youth in every immoral form of character destroying looseness. It is a huge lie to present all forms of “kinky” sex as normal and gratifying. Please guard your family and selves from all forms of questionable entertainment. We need to send a message to the immoral

crowd that we will guard against their attempts to cheapen and ridicule God’s plan for lifetime one man one woman marriage. Please guard your children from all forms of looseness in sexual things. Homosexuality is not a born trait but the result of events allowed to titillate the mind of our kids. Teach them to *“Flee youthful lusts”* II Tim. 2:22. **Beware Profanity**. Stop listening to those programs that use it. Repeated exposure will pollute your mind and grieve the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:29 states *“let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.”* Or what about Matt. 5:34 *“swear not at all.”* Godly speaking requires a yes or no from true believers. Kindly warn others who use it and turn off programing in which it is the norm. **Avoid Rock And Roll**. Nearly the entire music industry has lost it’s way. Remember what fills your mind will regulate what you think and do. Eph 5:11 orders *“no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”* No Christian can roll in the pig pen of Rock and not be pushed toward evil. I have often said “fellowship is two fellows in the same ship”. With all the new small electrical gadgets and ear phones it is easy to isolate ones self in a world of evil. Dear young person, the Psalmist urges you to *“be a companion of all them that fear thee and of them that keep thy precepts”* Psa. 119:63. Again, *“Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil”* Exodus 23:2. Rock and Roll is the “Pied Piper” of this generation of youth and beyond. The beat of the music is based on the lust of the flesh. Morals and decency are ridiculed and its musicians glorified. Dear ones, choose Godly character building, Christ honoring music, to fill your listening ears. As you can see I have run out of room to warn of pollution. There are others to be avoided as well. Standing side by side with God I love and care for the sinner, but must warn of the results of sin. One day you will stand before God for a life check. Are you ready? Lets clean up now and stand true.