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## The Latest Scandal

Maybe, like me, you have seen on the television news, Facebook, or other websites, talk exploding about Miley Cyrus and her obscene behavior. Apparently she danced in a very sexualized way and stripped down to next to nothing. The odd thing is, all of a sudden now there's an uproar, and young Miss Cyrus has been doing such things for quite a while now. I guess what makes this time different (even though it isn't, not really) is that her ungodly antics were done on a nationally

televised stage. It is sad to think of any young girl degrading herself in such a way, and it is sad to think about how her father must feel, and it is monumentally sad to stop and consider what might happen now because of all the young girls that see Miss Cyrus as a role model. So, the whole thing is not only sinful, and not only sad, but it is also something that could be a catalyst for further sin and sorrow. So what lessons can we learn from Miley, her situation, and her recent decisions?

Well, to begin, we can make the simple observation that fame & fortune do not make a person happy or their life any easier. "Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven." (Prov. 23:4-5) The truth is, having money does not solve problems; it creates a different set of problems. And God's Word teaches us that the riches of this life are vanity, while being spiritually rich is what we all need to aspire towards in life.

Another lesson that can be learned from all of this is that what we sometimes want or think we need is perhaps the worst thing for us. Miss Cyrus, it seems, has been making decisions recently to change her image because she wanted to be seen as more of an adult, and less as a kid off of the Disney channel. She thought this would change peoples' opinions of her. I suppose in that regard, you could say that she succeeded! But is how she's acting how an adult behaves? "Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days. With God are wisdom and might; He has counsel and understanding." (Job 12:12-13) The fact that her antics are not seen as "adult" or "mature" is evident

with all of the media attention and backlash regarding them. Sure, no one sees her as an innocent girl who played "Hannah Montana," anymore, but no one is taking her seriously, either.

Which brings us to another good point: eventually, sin catches up to you. Often we talk about how evil so much of the world is, and how they condone sin and have seared consciences. But notice what most of the headlines regarding Miley's performance are saying. You'll find words like "absurd," "uncomfortable," and even "shameful!" There comes a certain point where even those not spiritually-minded can see just how WRONG something is. Much has been said about a shot of Will Smith and his family, in the audience, looking on with confused grimaces. Something tells me that's not the reaction that Miss Cyrus was hoping for. "For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on

that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 2:13-16) The Lord has given us the ability to discern good and evil, and even those who have little to no knowledge of the Bible can see when something is sinful, even if they don’t fully know what sin is. Be thankful that God gives us consciences!

It must also be said that a lesson can be learned from all of this regarding parents and children. From all I’ve heard, which isn’t much, Billy Ray Cyrus has tried to rein in his daughter, but has always been ignored, perhaps in favor of her mother. Parents not agreeing on these things & sending mixed messages will not be effective in shaping their children’s’ lives for the better. Mothers, fathers, make sure that your children understand limitations and what is proper behavior! “You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deut. 11:18-19)

A question that comes to mind regarding what’s in the news recently and similar

events in the past, is this: what will those people think, looking back on their young selves, in fifteen or twenty years? Will they know shame? Regret? And if so, will it be the kind of sorrow that produces change? “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” (2 Cor. 7:10)

Ultimately, what everyone needs to learn from all of this (and this was not the first and it definitely won’t be the last), is that the love of money causes many evils. And that this world is not important, because we are to be storing up treasure in Heaven. And, on top of all of that, do not get caught up in every “new” thing. Do not go on and on about this new scandal or that headline. All that will serve is to let others know that such antics will get attention & make money. Rather, pray for such ones, and focus on what God wants for us in our lives. Preach the word, and do not be distracted by this life!

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# Burial of Jesus

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- After His death, when evening had come, (Mark 15:42)
- Because the next day was the Sabbath, (vs. 42)
- Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the council, (vs. 43)
- Took courage and asked Pilate for the body of Jesus (vs. 43)
- Pilate was surprised to hear that he already died (vs. 44)
- And asked a centurion whether he was already dead (vs. 44)
- When Pilate then learned that he was dead, (vs. 45)
- He granted that the body be given to Joseph (vs. 45)
- Joseph wrapped the body in a linen shroud (vs. 46)
- Put it in his own tomb and rolled a stone against it (vs. 46)
- Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses (vs. 47)
- Saw where Joseph had laid the body (vs. 47)