

Way of the Eagle

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Time Changer



The immorality in the church and world today has grown and continues to grow at an alarming rate! Most people today have lost their moral compass. One of the main reasons for this is the corrupting of minds by satan through the entertainment industry. Secular entertainment (radio, TV, movies, music, internet) is one of the biggest tools satan uses to mislead people and keep them in bondage through profane/bad language, violence and sexual immorality.

Sin has come so acceptable in society that people don't call it sin anymore. People become so accustomed to what they see, hear and experience that they become desensitized to sin. Sin is even tolerated in the church. Paul urged us to practice discipline and correction in the church with anyone who compromise and/or deliberately lives in sin.

I'm going to take you into a journey through a film called *"Time Changer"* which is an independent Christian comedy-drama. In the movie, Dr. Norris Anderson uses his late father's time machine to send his colleague, Bible College professor Russell Carlisle from 1890 into the early 21st century.

The year is 1890 and Carlisle has written a new manuscript entitled *The Changing Times*. It's about pointing out sin and moral values to people, but Carlisle doesn't see the need to also say that Jesus is the Author of this moral compass. His book is about to receive a unanimous endorsement from the board members of the Bible College until his colleague Dr. Anderson raises an objection (as he's been to the future in his time machine and sees what happens). Without the unanimous endorsement, his book might not do so well. Carlisle and another professor seek to have the unanimous endorsement rule changed, but the dean insists Carlisle talk to Anderson privately to resolve their disagreement.

Dr. Anderson believes that what Carlisle has written could greatly affect the future of coming generations, fervently arguing that teaching good moral values without mentioning Christ is wrong. Using his secret time machine, Anderson sends Carlisle over 100 years into the future, offering him a glimpse of where his beliefs will lead.

Arriving in the early 21st Century, Carlisle is shocked to find that half of all marriages end in divorce (instead of the 5% in 1890), teenagers talk openly about deceiving their parents, movies and TV contain blasphemous words and sexual promiscuity and people who go to church are so bored that they need extra "fun" activities.



Dr. Carlisle was talking with one Christian woman trying to understand why there is so much profanity in the movies. The woman explained that the name of the Lord was taken out of schools years before which gave satan a victory. Morals in the society were there for a while but the name of the Lord was not and the people became more and more liberated with their views and become less and less convicted because there they weren't told of an absolute authority. Dr. Carlisle asked how those people can curse so openly the name of the Lord. "Don't they understand that He is the one who created them and gave them life?" he said.

The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. If people don't hold reverence for the Lord what shall we expect?

Dr. Carlisle went to an evangelical church and found out about their outreaches and going around the neighbourhood to ask people to come to church. He thought that was great! But he was really surprised how their outreach focused on advertizing the social activities and how much fun people can have, with no mention about salvation, how to receive Christ, or how to become a Christian.

Towards the end of his time in the 21st century, Dr. Carlisle was invited to speak at this church. Briefly he said: "Friends I've been away for quite some time, it will be truthful to say I have been living in another culture. A culture much simpler than the one I've been observing here. We do have problems where I come from. We know that all people are born with a sinful nature and all of us like sheep have gone astray from the Lord our God. However the lifestyle I've been observing here in the past few days is at the very least startling. In II Timothy Paul warns us about the last days. The scriptures say that in the last days man will be selfish, proud, without natural affection for others, unshameful, ungrateful, unholy, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. From what I've seen, the state of this society is now, and reminds me of the days of Noah prior to entering the ark. Just like Sodom and Gomorrah, sin appears to be blatant now as it was then. Surely these must be the last days that Paul mentioned and the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is eminent. Please understand me that I don't set myself at a higher position from anyone here tonight. I too failed my Lord in many ways. I feel partly to blame. In the past few days I came to realize how wrong I was in thinking that we can form society through the teachings of our Lord without the Lord of our teachings. The Lord God who created all things appears to be eliminated from our schools, governments, businesses, arts and in your entertainment. Through the invention of radio and TV, the devil planted sinful thoughts and ideas in the minds of people. So much so, that Jesus Christ and what He did and what He stands for and what He is has been lost.

I urge you this evening please consider this carefully and re-examine your relationship with Christ. Please be abundantly clear that you have submitted to Jesus and receive Him into your lives as Lord and Saviour. If you are playing a game of pretend with the Lord, tonight if you know deep down in your heart you never submitted to Him, now is the time to make yourself right with God, by calling out to Christ and truly repent. Let us renew our commitment to be people who shall live for Christ and tell others of this enduring act. These are the things that are in my heart and will remain with me forever. All of us will live forever and to leave earth without the presence of our Lord, will put us where the Bible calls the lake of fire. If you have not surrendered please give your life to Jesus Christ right now, your place in eternity will depend on it."

When Dr. Carlisle finished his speech there were tears in his eyes, but the pastor of this church and the congregation weren't touched or moved by what he said and seemed rather bored with the sermon. No one came up for an altar call. No interest!

Dr. Carlisle left the church disappointed and saddened. And just like this church, how many thousands are like it out there who live in a make-believe-faith without accountability and without fear of God.

The requirement to enter God's kingdom is that we must be absolutely perfect without sin through Jesus Christ. All of us face eternal judgement in separation from God without Jesus as our Savior. He is the only one who lived a perfect life and thus He becomes the substitute for our sins. He rose from the dead and He wants to save us from the penalty of death so we can have eternal life with Him.

When Dr. Carlisle went back into 1890 he said to Anderson that in the 21st century sin abounds, the Lord is not feared, morals have replaced Christ with liberal teachings, the families are in disarray, no morals, no respect, and the world lives without Jesus. The churches are filled with professing Christians who claim to believe but don't follow the Lord. Dr. Carlisle admitted that he was wrong in his teaching to separate the Lord's authority from his teachings and excitedly tells Anderson he will revise his book.

The movie and this teaching is showing us that every time we teach our children or anybody, especially in the Church, about sin, indecency and immorality we need to back it up with Who says so-which is Jesus Christ! Let's help turn society, at least the part we can affect, away from this path toward destruction!