

# PLAIN SPEECH

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**“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)**

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## CAMOUFLAGE CHRISTIANS

I am not the smartest of men. However, I do not have to be the “sharpest tool in the shed” to see clearly that worldliness has infiltrated the church on many, many levels. Indeed, I do not have to be the proverbial “Rocket Scientist” to conclude that many Christians (so they verbally profess) have adopted a mindset which produces a daily lifestyle that, sadly, is simply not markedly different from that of their worldly neighbors, worldly family members, worldly co-workers and worldly friends.

Many are the “Camouflage Christians” out there who blend right in with their untoward surroundings, just like a deer hunter blends in with the forest. Let me share with you some examples I have seen over the years. I have seen Christians (so they verbally profess)...

- Choose to use profanity (**Proverbs 19:1**).
- Choose to listen to vulgar and degrading songs (**Philippians 4:8**).
- Choose to watch programs littered with ungodliness on the television (**Psalms 101:3**).
- Choose to go to night clubs and party the night away (**1 Peter 4:3**).
- Choose to allow their children to go to Prom (**1 Thessalonians 5:22**).
- Choose to engage in a night of social drinking (**Ephesians 5:18**).
- Choose to divorce their spouses for any old “reason” (**Matthew 19:9**).
- Choose to gossip (**1 Peter 4:15**).
- Choose to wear immodest clothing (**1 Timothy 2:9-10**).
- Choose to hold grudges (**Matthew 6:15**).
- Choose to treat God like “one of the boys” (**Hebrews 12:28-29**).
- Choose to live high on the hog – rarely considering how to best use their money (**2 Corinthians 9:6**).
- Choose to cheat on their spouses (**Hebrews 13:4**).
- Choose to let their children “run the roost” (**Ephesians 6:1**).
- Etc., etc., etc.

Listen carefully: Christians are supposed to be different from the world. Hear afresh the following passages:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (**2 Corinthians 6:14-18**).

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you**, as becometh saints” (**Ephesians 5:1-3**).

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” (**Titus 2:11-14**).

How much clearer can it be that Christians are not supposed to “fit in?”

Folks, we are not to be like everyone else (**1 Peter 4:1-4**). We are supposed to stand out, not blend in (**Philippians 2:15**).

If you are a camouflage Christian, you need to repent, for you stand wholly opposed to God (**James 4:4**).