

SPIRITUAL PALLBEARERS

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Topic:
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Texts: Romans 1:28-32, 1 Timothy 5:6

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Our Father in Heaven, We thank You for Your mercy and grace that we continually enjoy each time we approach Your throne boldly. We sincerely acknowledge You as Lord over our lives, and we earnestly ask that Your lordship will continue to reign in each and every one of us. Even now, as we gather at Your feet, teach us by Yourself, and bestow upon us the strength to do Your will alone In Jesus mighty name we have prayed, Amen.

Introduction

Today's teaching is for those who can understand the matters of the Spirit and are mature in Christ, because it requires a spiritual man to understand the things of the Spirit. This is why, I'd like us to position ourselves well before the Lord to receiving from Him.

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Romans 1:28,32

[28]And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

[32]Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

1 Timothy 5:6

[6]But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

Study

We might be wondering, what kind of topic is this? But it is of a truth that we have many spiritual pallbearers in the fold today,

some of which know why, while many do not know. In whichever category you are, as we go on, you will be able to identify it. I can say that many of us are familiar with who a pallbearer is. But it is still necessary to define who it is.

Who is a pallbearer?

A pallbearer is a person chosen to carry or help carry a coffin or casket during a funeral, especially when it is being taken to the burial place. The truth is that whenever a man dies, there must be at least one person to serve as a pallbearer for such a person, no matter how young or old the dead person is. This is because once a person dies, he becomes helpless. And since such a person cannot move their body, someone must carry them to the grave.

Today, we have professional pallbearers who perform all forms of gymnastics while carrying the dead. Though the dead is not aware, the onlookers find it entertaining.

I will briefly talk about two types of pallbearers:

1. Professional pallbearers
2. Honorary pallbearers

We are talking about spiritual matters here, and only spiritual people can understand. When talking about a spiritual pallbearer, we then know that it is not what is visible to the physical eye, but to the spiritual.

Who is a spiritual pallbearer?

A spiritual pallbearer is someone who helps carry a spiritually dead person to the grave of eternal destruction instead of helping them to escape it. In some cases, the pallbearer does not have the power to bring the dead back to life, so all they can do is to make the dead twice the child of hell. Going back into our Bible text, **Romans 1:32**, we can see this spiritual pallbearer

clearly. The Word of God says: “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” — **Romans 1:32, KJV**

Let's begin to break it down.

1 Timothy 5:6 says: “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.” In this verse, Paul talks about those who are alive physically but are spiritually dead. This is to tell us that a man can have a name of being alive but, in the real sense, be dead. So, the issue here is not simply enjoying legitimate pleasures. The area of concern is to be living for pleasure, making pleasure the governing pursuit of one's life while neglecting God, what He says or His mind about how we live. If we look into the Word of God carefully, we would see that every form of sin brings pleasure in one way or the other. They gratify the flesh because they are flesh-sponsored and censored.

Let's see it this way.

It is important to clarify that today many fall into at least one of these categories. It is either they are the spiritually dead or they are the pallbearers. Just like how pallbearers has duties over the physically dead, it is the same way the spiritual pallbearers do.

These are some of the characteristics of a spiritual pallbearer:

1. He celebrates sins in the life of the spiritually dead.
2. He excuses sins in the life of the person.
3. He encourages the spiritually dead to continue in sin.
4. He supports the evil committed by the spiritually dead.
5. He facilitates the spiritual destruction of the spiritually dead.

Sometimes, the spiritual pallbearer may not commit a particular sin or do the evil personally. But such a person would always back those who do so. Remember, there are two types of pallbearers. That is the same way it is spiritually.

Now, let's examine them.

But we must know that, physically, professional pallbearers are those who carry the corpse and move it from one place to another. So, **they have direct contact with the corpse.** While the honorary pallbearer is someone who is given the specific honor of being associated with carrying or accompanying the coffin at the funeral but **does not carry it physically.** Therefore, such a person sits but does not carry it physically.

Therefore, such a person:

1. Sits in a designated place during the funeral service.
2. Walks in the funeral procession alongside or behind the coffin.
3. Stands with family or other pallbearers at appropriate moments.
4. Accompanies the coffin to the burial site.

Let's break it down please, are you with me?

1. Spiritual professional pallbearers can be likened to sins that have direct contact with the spiritually dead man. These are people who actively and consistently assist in carrying spiritually dead or dying people towards destruction. They don't merely approve of someone's sinful lifestyle. They participate in facilitating it. They are professional in the sense that carrying people towards destruction has become a deliberate pattern of their influence.

Now, check your life.

If you are a spiritual professional pallbearer, these are the things you'd see in your life if you are one.

1. If you encourage people to continue in sin, no matter how small the sin is.
2. If you teach doctrines that excuse or normalize sin as a minister. If you don't call a spade a spade and you begin to call it a shovel because you don't want people to be annoyed, thereby causing sin and making it look normal, claiming everyone is doing it, then you are a spiritual pallbearer.
3. If you provide opportunities for people to fall, the moment you introduce a younger believer into sin, you are providing an opportunity for people to fall.

Who did you introduce pornography to?

“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. [7] Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!” — **Matthew 18:6–7, KJV**. God is not pleased with such people that do so. Deliberately placing temptation before someone who is struggling, dressing seductively to lure men and women, makes you a spiritual pallbearer who carries people to the pits of destruction.

4. When you defend people who are confronted about their ungodliness. If you go on social media, you'll see people support evil and defend those who are corrected for living and working disorderly. Are you not one of those who defend an evildoer? It is pitiful to see that those who should decry immodest and ungodly

dressings are the ones defending it and quoting scriptures upside down, and through this, they have made these ungodly men and women continue in evil. By this, they become spiritual pallbearers.

5. If you introduce others to sinful practices, how many people have you introduced to masturbation? How many have you introduced to alcohol and weed smoking? Even gossiping and stealing? How many learnt it from you? The truth is that many parents are the ones that introduce their children into many evil things they do to them indirectly through the way they live right before them. Some children were introduced into sexual intercourse at an early age because they saw their parents in the act. Some children became addicted to pornography because they were exposed to their parents' nakedness. So, how many have you introduced to sin? You have served as their spiritual pallbearer.

6. When you celebrate and promote an ungodly lifestyle, remember that those who take pleasure in those who sin are also deserving of death. Celebrating and promoting an ungodly lifestyle is so common today, especially through social media. Uploading the picture of someone who is halvely dressed and seductively dressed in the name of wedding, birthday, anniversary, etc. is another way of you celebrating and promoting evil. You have become a spiritual pallbearer, not only to that person but to all those who view the uploaded pictures and videos through you.

You love it. That is why you can advertise it. Also those who give compliments to those sets of people on social media, such as “sexy,” “beautiful,” “hot,” etc., too. It does not matter if you live such a lifestyle or not. Inasmuch as you comfortably upload it, you have promoted and celebrated evil. It does not matter if

others who call themselves Christians are doing it. Yours is not to join them. “**Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou bear witness in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:**” — **Exodus 23:2, KJV**

7. If you mock holiness and those who preach righteousness. If you are among those who call others “holier than thou” because they preach against sin, and call ladies who have chosen to glorify God in their appearance and lifestyle “old-fashioned” and “Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,” you are a spiritual pallbearer. If you are of the mentality that one can over-practice Christianity and consider holy living extreme, and believe that one can still bend towards the worldly system a bit, then you are part of the problem of those who are spiritually dead, and you are, of course, a pallbearer, carrying them to destruction. Holiness is total, and without it no man shall see the Lord but end up in eternal destruction. “**Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**” — **Hebrews 12:14, KJV**

8. When you use your influence to make sin appear acceptable, when you compromise God's truth, thereby making those who look up to you go astray, changing figures and time at work, being unaccountable in funds, and doing things which the Lord hates, yet justifying them as if they are accepted by Him, it's dangerous.

9. If you compel others to do against the will of God, there are those who compel those under them to act against God's Word. There are parents who compel their children to tell lies in order to cover them up. Some compel them to steal. These are spiritual pallbearers.

10. Those who buy trousers, short and tight skirts, makeup, false hairs for their wives, and female children and indirectly compel

them to dress contrary to the will of God, are serving as spiritual pallbearers for them. Some schools do not permit girls to wear skirts that go below their knees. These are all spiritual pallbearers. If you are a school owner and you have chosen trousers as a general sportswear for both males and females in your school, you are a spiritual pallbearer unless you repent and change it back according to the will of God and not minding what people will say. Stop calling evil good and good evil. **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” — Isaiah 5:20, KJV**

2. Spiritual Honorary Pallbearers: When talking about this set of people, there are those who may not actually lead others into sin, but they give approval, support, applause, or companionship to those who do.

These are the set of people who might not be the ones committing the sin, but they stand around the spiritual coffin and applaud the person being carried to destruction. They are the set of people who behave these ways

1. “It is not my business.”

You see someone whom you have access to correct and guide, but you keep saying it is not my business. You are an honorary pallbearer accompanying such a person into destruction.

2. “Let them enjoy themselves.”

You see people living in sin, and you are of the opinion that they should enjoy themselves while living in sin, and you know that they are on their way to hell, but you say they are still young and need it. Then you are a spiritual pallbearer.

3. **“Everybody has their own life.”**

Instead for you to call them to order and make them see the dangers that lie ahead, you keep saying they have their lives to live. The Lord is not pleased. If you tell them and they do not change. That is a different case. You will be bold to say that you are innocent of their blood.

4. **“God understands.”**

When you keep saying “God understands” to a sinful lifestyle, which has served as an encouragement for such to continue in them, you have made yourself a spiritual pallbearer. Now, you need to ask yourself, am I in any way a spiritual pallbearer? Or am I the one dead and being carried to the grave of eternal destruction?

Look around you.

Are those friends of yours not the ones that are pushing you to clubs and bars? Are they not the ones that take you to witch doctors and connect you to men and women with whom you commit immorality? Change them. Friends in fraudulent activities are your spiritual pallbearers and are already close to burning you in the pit of eternal destruction. Perhaps you are the one carrying your spiritually dead friends, family members, colleagues at work, and church members, leading them on. You are doing something dangerous to your soul because the end will not be tolerable.

It is time to wake up. sit, think and begin to correct your mistakes one by one without further delay, the Lord has spoken to you clearly and convincingly through His word, don't linger but be proactive! If you are spiritually dead, repent and separate yourself from evil. and if you have been leading, supporting, celebrating, or encouraging others in sin, repent and choose to

become an instrument that leads souls toward Christ, holiness, and eternal life.

This is the end of this teaching.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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