

Shun The Very Appearance Of Evil



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away from it. That's the thing to do.***



Bro. William Branham

Message: 61-0426 - Micaiah
The Prophet

You say, “My pastor, my church, don’t believe that.” Well, you’re—you got in the wrong company. You got in the wrong company. You see? That’s what Jehoshaphat did. He got in the wrong company. He got a lot of glitter, and Ahab showed him all the glittery things of the...



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26 I guess Jehoshaphat might've said, "You still believe in Jehovah?"

"Oh, why, certainly, we believe in Jehovah, certainly, certainly."

"All right," he said, "now..."

When you see the world inviting you somewhere, remember, they got a axe to grind. See? And young lady, you here coming out of a Christian home, that's never smoked or drank, and that girl

tries to give you a cigarette, she's got a axe to grind. That young man wants to take you out to dance, there's a axe to grind. See? Just watch. Keep out of that company. Keep away from it. No matter how good they seem to be, shun the very appearance of evil, the Bible said.

Stay away from it. Don't see how—how close you can get to it without sinning; see how far you can stay away from it. That's the thing to do.

Don't never see how close
you can go to sin; see how far
you can stay away.



27 Like Scotchman was that was going to go over the mountain. They had three drivers there. One of them said; he said, “Well, that great cliff,” he said, “is that the road up there?”



He said, "That's the road."

Said, "Well, how wide is that road?"

He said, "That road is just ten inches wider than the wheels of the carriage in places."

Said, "You better choose a good driver."

He said, "I must ascend the mountain, go over it."

One man said, "I can drive my horses at a gallop, and with a—take my whip and

drive my horses at a gallop, and stay within two inches of that rim all the way around without falling.”

The other driver walked up and said, “I can stay within three inches of that rim and go around it at a full gallop.”

The other fellow was just standing there, picking on his thumbs. Said, “What about you, sir?”

Said, “Sir, I might be able to do that, but I don’t want to

take that kind of chance. I stay
just as far against the side as
you want to.”



He said, “I’m your passenger.” That’s right. And that’s the way it is. Don’t see what you can do to get by with it before God; see how far you can stay away from sin, and all shapes, and orders, and unbelief. And abstain from everything that’s ungodly. Get away from it. Stay away from it.

And I think if a man’s ever been over in Canaan’s land and tasted the good things of God, you don’t have to worry

much about he or she about it.
They'll stay away from it, as
long as they've ever tasted
them good grapes of Canaan.

61-0426 - Micaiah The Prophet
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And as soon as you see sin in any form, jump from it, get away from it. I don't care what you have to do, get away from the very appearance of evil



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Message: **61-1015M -
Questions And Answers**

14 And thinking on that, **I was thinking of this, that death is associated not with life. Life and death cannot exist at the same time.** And the trees has to have the sap go out of them before that the leaf can die on the tree. So therefore, death is associated—I would think in the realms of a human

being—**death is associated with sin.** Because before we had any sin, we had no death at all. **But where there is death, then there is sin; and where there is sin, there is death; 'cause death is the results of sin.**

15 And then, he that...**The soul that sinneth, it shall die.** But when we're borned again of the Spirit of God, we have Eternal Life and not associated anywhere with death. See? **Death cannot**

associate with Life. Life cannot associate with death.

16 And talking to—in the room yesterday where some young Christians was, I said, “If you were standing out here on the road and a car was coming down the road at ninety miles an hour out of control, you would get off that highway as quick as you could. You’d jump, slide, do anything, get out of the way of that car.” And that’s the way

that sin should be to a Christian, **because sin is associated with death.** And as soon as you see sin in any form, jump from it, get away from it. I don't care what you have to do, get away from the very appearance of evil. **Because remember, to associate with sin is death. Just the same as standing there and let that car strike you.**

17 **Don't just wait and see what it'll do; get out of**

the way of it. The very appearance of evil, shun it quickly. When you see a temptation coming up, and sin...You know, if it's something wrong, that death is lurking after you. See? Then get away from it just as quick as you would get away from a—an automobile approaching at ninety miles an hour. See? You'd—you'd want to get away from it right quick: Out of the way, jump, slide,

run any way, just get away from it.

18 And how that we know that we have Life, is because that we hate sin. And we hate sin so bad, that we know that death's associated there, and we shun the very appearance of it. Any way we can get away from it, we jump, run, anything that we can do to keep away from sin, because sin has death in it. And we sure don't want to

**associate anything in death.
We want to keep away from
that.**

19 So I thought that would be a good little thought. It struck me yesterday talking to these Christians; and I thought that would be good to pass to the church this morning, especially while the young people are setting here and undergo—undergo such temptations as that.

20 And then, I believe a question, if we can only get to

it down here, something
another associated in that
also...**And just remember
that anything that is sinful,
death lays right there. And
when you're partaking of
that sin, you're partaking of
death. So stay away from it.**

61-1015M - Questions And
Answers

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wishbone, have a backbone like
that; stand out.*



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Message: **52-0715 - Faith In The Son Of God**

14 Here not long ago there was a—a young fellow in the hospital in Jeffersonville, was dying. The boy, they called me up, our doctor friend in Jeffersonville, sent me out to him. Said, “Go out and see him, the boy is going to die.” Now, he was a...He had a venereal disease. And his

mother died, and he just run wild there, and there was little girl, little sister had also taken a wrong road, and the little boy, and they started driving taxi cab, and after while the kid got in trouble. A dandy boy, I knew him; he just got on the wrong foot. And I went out to see him.

I looked at him, and I...He said, "Billy," said, "I tell you," said, "I—I'm ashamed for you to come here." Said, "Doctor

has told me to make my peace with God.”

I said, “Delbert, are you a Christian?”

He said, “No, I’m not.”

I said, “Let’s talk about that first, Delbert.” I said, “Aren’t you ashamed? Your mother was a Christian, wasn’t she?”

Said, “Yes, sir, she was.” And he said, “Brother Branham, I—I don’t know, I just...I just got out.” Said, “The first cigarette I smoked, and

some of the boys told me,” said, “just to be smart, and then the girls begin to tease me, and I started smoking.” Said, “I didn’t mean to become that way.” And said, “I started drinking, and I didn’t mean to, just a sociable drink, a glass of beer.”

15 That’s the way it is. Shun the appearance of evil. Have this first thing in front of you: when it’s evil, say, “No.” Need to say that, “No.” That settles it. Don’t have a

wishbone, have a backbone like that; stand out. See? When you know you're right, if you believe in God, if you're born again, you will do it. That's right. There's no question about that. If you're born again, it'll take care of itself. Then, now...If the...

And the boy got on the wrong foot; he had syphilitic. Doctor give him everything that he knew of. They were giving him Salvarsan, 606; everything that could take

place. And if there's doctor in the building, knows what that is. Mercury even goes into the bones and so forth.

16 Said, "There's not a chance for the boy to live." God...?...still and do some work. All right.

Now. So I talked to him a little while, and I said, "Son, would you become a Christian?"

He said, "I want to, Brother Branham." He said, "I—I'm

afraid God won't receive me:
I've been so sinful."

I said, "Oh, yes, He will.
Oh, yes, sir. He will receive
you."

He said, "You think He
would take me, and me with
this disease like this? What
have I got?"

I said, "It's not your body
you're presenting to Him; it's
your soul, my boy." See?

And he said, "Well, I—I
come. I come." And I read to

him John 14. And I knelt down and prayed. While I was praying, the boy raised up his hands and sobbed and cried, said, “Dear God,” right out while I was praying. Said, “Have mercy on my soul. Please don’t let me die a sinner. Lord, with all my heart, I believe the Word is right. And I’m coming, I’m coming to accept You as my Saviour.” The boy had a wonderful conversion.

I got up and patted him on the head, and blessed him. I said, “Now, Delbert, let’s talk about Divine healing.”

He said, “Well, Brother Branham,” said, “I...It’s all right now, whether I would get well or not, now.” He said, “Everything’s all right now.” Said, “Something happened in here now; I’m not afraid to die now.”

17 I said, “Well, that’s the main thing, Delbert.” I said, “Now, that’s the real thing.

Now, let's speak of the Lord,
Who could stoop low enough
to get your sinful soul, He will
stoop just as low to take your
diseased body, right down in
the bed of adultery, pull you
right out of here and make a
gentlemen out of you, and
heal you."

He said, "You think He
would, Billy?" He said, "If He
will, I will serve Him the rest of
my days. What I have,
whether I get well, or not, I will
serve Him the rest of my

days.” He wasn’t talking too much on healing.

I knelt down and prayed for him for him to get well, laid hands on him, went on up. I called up the doctor, and the nurse called me, and told me to get a hold of the doctor, the doctor wanted to see me, that sent me out there, had prayer with him, ’cause...?...I said, “Doc, I want you to go out...I’m—I’m definitely led, you should give him another shot.”

18 I said, “Well...”

He said, “I done give him more than...He said, “It—it isn’t going to take.” And said, “I’ve tried it.”

I said, “As a—as a friend, as your buddy, will you—will you do one favor for me?”

He said, “Sure, Bill, what is it?”

I said, “Go, give him another shot. Will you do it?”

He said, “Yes, upon the strength and the...”

I said, "It won't hurt him?"

"No, it won't hurt him."

I said, "Go, give it to him."

He went there and give the boy a shot, that one took. What was the matter? What taken place? Why wouldn't the others take? Prayer changed things. The boy is well and sound today. See what I mean? It's prayer that changes things. Get your head set level. Look towards Jesus Christ. Remember,

He's the Author and Finisher of your faith. Have faith in Him; don't doubt. Believe that everything that He said is the truth. And God will heal you, both soul and body.

**52-0715 - Faith In The Son
Of God**

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evil. Separation, completely
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**Message: 62-0506 -
Possessing All Things**

45 Now, one day Abraham had it kind of rough, and Lot having it easy, wading in sin. How easy it is and how pleasing sin looks to be, and how innocent it looks to be. Now, if Lot says this, “As long as I believe! I believe in God, so why can’t I go down here in Sodom, and—and it’ll be all

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right. I'm a believer." But it wasn't all right.



46 See, God, when He called Abraham, He called him to separate himself from everything. And that's what we have to do. God calls us to

a total separation from sin, “Come out from among it, be not partakers of it!” Shun it, the very appearance of evil. Separation, completely annihilated from it! Stay your distance away from it. Don’t tread upon its grounds, no matter how—how it...nice it looks.

47 You people, you might think here now, here it is, “Brother Branham, I—I sometimes I’m tempted to steal, or sometimes I’m

tempted to smoke.” Or sometimes the women think, “I’m tempted to dress like the people of the world, you know, the immoral clothes and things. I’m tempted,” the young ladies. Now, you think that’s tempting, what about over here where you’ve got every little move to watch, you see, in a ministry. What a greater thing it is over here, and what they’d have to answer more for. Because, you have to answer for your

own souls, but we have to answer for everybody we speak to. See? So Satan just constantly...Where you'd say, you: "Isn't that a pretty little dress? It's all wrong to wear, but isn't it beautiful? It'd fit me just right." Where it is to me...Now, that, you know that's wrong. But in a minister it's, "You should go to this meeting here, this is just it. They say it's so great, the congrega-..." And yet you've got to wait and hear God say

“go,” see. “Oh, would you go over here and see this person here? This is such-and-such.” And you got to watch, be careful. See? Oh, it’s so sly. And now we have to watch those things.



48 Now, Abraham had to watch, too. But he, instead of going down into Sodom with Lot, he separated himself and went up into the desert, took the way with the Lord's despised few. That should be our attitude. Take the way with God's people regardless whether it's hard or easy, go anyhow. Be ready to go at anytime, now, wherever He might call you.

62-0506 - Possessing All Things

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***“Well, it’s Christmas, you got a right to have a little clean fun.”
Don’t you believe that. Stay away from it. Shun the very appearance of evil. Stay out of it.***



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Message: **61-0125 - Why?**

32 And Ahab went down and had some fellowship with Jehoshaphat—or, Jehoshaphat with Ahab. And he...Whenever you see some of the unbelieving world, “Would you come out to our little card party, dear?” Be careful.

“Well, you know you work here and your boss wants

you...We're just going to have a few little social things tonight." Stay away from it. Get away from it.



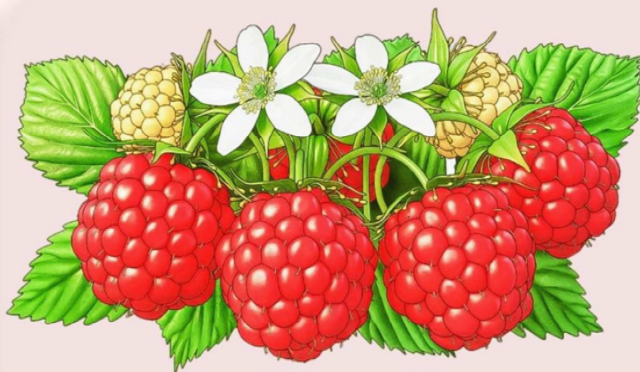
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61-0125 - Why?

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God wants your hands; He
wants your eyes; He wants
your tongue, wants your
lips, wants your ears, wants
your hands and feet so He
can bring forth fruit through
you.

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55-0227E - The Healing Of Jairus'  
Daughter  
Rev. William Marrion Branham





**My highest ambition,  
and only ambition, is to  
see Jesus Christ  
glorified. I live for that.**

59-0525 - Images Of Christ  
Rev. William Marrion Branham



Only believe,  
Only believe  
All things are possible,  
Only believe.

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