



Mediums, Psychics, and Spiritual Healing

In a recent Time Magazine article, “Crossing Over with John Edwards” was rated as the most watched television show on the sci-fi channel. Mediums are no more than a credit card away. Psychics are deified on national television as the way to solve a crime. You may think...Oh, that doesn't say much...Oh, yes it does! It says that today's teens, as well as America as a whole, are enthralled with the supernatural and this widespread dabbling is anything but harmless.

What's really the harm? Well the Bible distinctly states that participation in such activities is an abomination before the Lord. Where do Christians stand on these topics? Too often the local church is taking the low road, refusing to preach on the dangers of such actions. Years ago I was a member of a church where the pastor had an open forum for the youth, on a Sunday night. The discussion was regarding Harry Potter and whether or not Christians could safely read the series. The discussion had progressed and it was time for the bottom line. Pastor stated his position, “I do not recommend it for kids under 13.” There was a hush over the congregation, and then, ...the entire youth group stood up and marched out of the church! Their frustration was evident and very tangible. They had attended the meeting expecting to hear biblical truth and left very disappointed after receiving a secular response. The role of every pastor, teacher, or evangelist is to uphold the gospel and preach the uncompromising truth. People young and old crave it!

Oprah is another good example of how dangerous it is to mix truth with other religions. Christian women all over the country have joined classes, which equate to nothing more than syncretism, old paganism dressed up in a New Age package, such as “The Green Earth.” Many are being led astray because the fundamental principles of Old Testament doctrine have given way to a weak theology set up and orchestrated by man. Syncretism is the mixing of religions. It was an issue that the nation of Israel was constantly challenged with. Not much has changed. Our society is still facing this age-old tactic of the devil. We are moving away from our Christian-Judeo roots at an astounding rate. It's time we get back to truth and refuse to stray from it. Here are some steps to help you:



- 1. Do not mix truth with false religions.**
- 2. Do not seek to learn from teachers who get their information from Buddhist, Muslim, Hinduism or other pagan religions.**
- 3. Refuse to participate in programs or teachings, which are affiliated with other world religions under the guise of tolerance.**
- 4. Do not fall for the trap when the accuser of the brethren says that you are closed-minded or a bigot.**
- 5. Accept the truth of the scripture that says there is but one way to heaven and that is through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and know that all other roads lead to deception and destruction.**

Warn others about these dangers. Words are seeds and when we take in words that are false, they can take root and have fruit, but it will be bad fruit!