

7. Does dancing make me delight more in reading the Bible? (2Tim 2:15).

8. Does dancing lead me to want to pray more to God? (James 5:16)

9. Does dancing increase my zeal for the growth of the Lord's church? (Matthew 6:21)

10. Can I honestly say that dancing helps me to be a better Christian? (Matthew. 6:24)

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NEWS AND NOTES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow. Have you enrolled the children of your friends and neighbors? A program is being planned for Friday evening so that the parents of the children can come. Let's encourage them to do so.

Singing at Mark's Nursing Home this evening at 6 o'clock.

The first personal work class will be held immediately following services this evening. If you are interested in learning more how to do this and willing to do it, we urge you to come.

Brother Clayton Pepper will be at the South Side church building in Ft. Wayne presenting lessons on the subject of personal evangelism each evening through Wednesday at 6:30 each evening. Another qualified man in this area on this important subject.

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Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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WHAT ABOUT DANCING????

The Christian belongs to Christ. "Ye are not your own." I Cor. 6:19,20). He is vitally concerned with excluding "the works of the flesh" from the life. He is concerned with filling the life with the "fruit of the Spirit". (Gal. 5:19-23). The Christian's ideal is Christ and he strives to be as much like Christ as it is possible for him to be.

Many Christian young people, especially this time of the year, are tempted to dance because of the "prom" and activities of other groups to which they may be invited.

What must the Christian do? Each one must examine himself. (2 Cor. 13:5). Will you make such an examination by facing the following questions squarely and refusing to be satisfied with superficial answers?

1. Does dancing incite me to unlawful thoughts and desires? (Matthew 5:28).

MIXED MARRIAGES

I believe mixed marriages to be one of the biggest problems the church faces today. I feel I can write about it with authority because I'm living with it. Preachers don't preach on it, teachers don't teach it; but members do defend it and practice it.

In the light of II Cor. 6:14-18, this is very strange. I suppose if I could not read, I could plead ignorance of this command, but I can read and so it is only left for me to say that no older, responsible person ever mentioned it to me.

People try to explain away II Cor. 6:14-18 by saying it applies to business and friendly associations. True, it does, but what is more of a yoke than marriage? What could be more unequal than a child of the Devil as stated in verse 15.

Even if this command were not in the Bible, to marry someone who isn't a Christian would still be wrong because of the danger in which it puts his soul. We assume, of course, that the Christian is determined to live a Christian life.

Problems could arise as early as the honeymoon, especially on mid-week service night! Later, there will be family picnics on Sunday that last into the late afternoon with pressure from the family "not to leave, yet!" the strain that develops is unbelievable. It even hinders him from enjoying his family not to mention his worship. Then comes the fellowship with the church that makes the unbeliever aware that he is different and out of place in many cases. The believing mate will naturally be defensive for him and there will arise another problem sometimes involving most of the congregation.

However, all the previous problems will be nothing compared to what arises when children come along. Who ever heard of taking a baby to church and expecting it to be quiet? Of course, they can be dragged all over town on a shopping spree, but to church?

Discipline, a problem anyway, can turn out to be a family battle, involving grandparents, aunts, etc. The Bible lays down ground rules for raising children but if one parent doesn't accept the Bible, that leaves the door wide open for a very confused and unhappy child. There is nothing more heart breaking than to hear a child say, "Daddy, please go to church with us," and to hear the reply, "Oh, not today, I have a headache."

There are a thousand little things that happen continually but space hinders mentioning but a few. Social activities are also a bone of contention. Whereas a Christian has to be careful with whom he is seen and where, the unbelieving mate has no such worries. Social drinking can be a problem. So can the mode of dress. Most women like to dress to please their husbands but this may not be possible for the Christian.

I could go on and on, but I think this is enough. Every young person contemplating marriage should be warned of these everyday dangers along with II Cor. 6: 14-18. The burden that mixed marriages puts on the church will weaken it and lessen its effect in the community. Should any child of God take such a chance with his soul? Even if the unbelieving mate "goes along" with the Christian, their marriage will lack the fulfillment and bliss that a marriage in Christ brings.

--Judy Thompson, Marion, Ill.

--Via Donmoyer Digest

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2. Does dancing provoke such thoughts in the mind of my partner? (I Cor. 2:11)

3. Does dancing serve to arouse emotions which God intends to be aroused only in marriage relationships? (I Cor. 7:9--Heb. 13:4)

4. Does dancing serve as a stepping stone to baser things? (Col. 2:20)

5. Does dancing increase the respect which good people have for me? (Matt. 7:16--Matt. 7:20)

6. Does participating in dancing increase my love for God? (Col. 3:1,2).