MAKING THE WORD OF GOD VOID
Ps. 119: 126; Matt. 15:6

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Word of God has great power to save men. Rom. 1:16; James 1:21

2. It can keep men from sin. Ps.119: 11

3. It can build up men spiritually. Acts 20: 32; I Pet. 2:2

4. The Word is “quick and powerful”. Heb. 4:12

5. There is ample power in God’s word to save the soul of every person. Mk. 16: 15 – 16; I Tim. 2:4

6. But, since we know every person is not being saved, there must be something hindering their salvation.

7. This is what our text says – The Word can be made void (ineffectual) in the lives of men by certain things.

8. Let us study some of the things that make the Word void in the lives of men.

I. THE WORD IS MADE VOID BY LAWLESS CONDUCT.

1. What God said about MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE is being set aside by our lawless society. Matt. 19: 1- 12; 5:32; Mk. 10: 11 – 12; Lk. 16:18

   (1) The one who divorces without the cause of fornication, and remarries, commits adultery. Matt. 19:9; Lk. 16: 18; Mk. 10:12

   (2) The one who is put away commits adultery when they remarry. Matt. 5: 32

   (3) The one who marries a put away person commits adultery. Matt. 5:32; Lk. 16: 18; Matt. 19:9

2. What God has said about HOMOSEXUALITY is being set aside. Rom. 1:26 – 27; I Cor. 6: 9 – 11

3. What God has said about LASCIVIOUSNESS and IMMODEST DRESS is set aside. Gal. 5:19; I Tim. 2 : 9 – 10

4. PORNOGRAPHY is present everywhere – quick stop markets, TV, etc.
5. All kinds of CRIME is found on every hand – drugs, etc.

6. LAWLESS CONDUCT is making void the Word of God.

II. THE DENYING THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS INSPIRED MAKES VOID THE WORD.

1. Many who claim to be religious teachers deny the inspiration of the Bible.

2. They treat the Bible as if it were just the misguided opinions of men.

3. The Modernists, who deny the verbal inspiration of the Bible, have made it void.

4. The Word of God is VERBALLY INSPIRED. I Cor. 2: 9 – 13; II Pet. 1: 20 – 21

5. David said, “Therefore I esteem all they precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.” Ps. 119: 128

6. II Tim. 3: 16 – 17

III. DENOMINATIONALISM – RELIGIOUS DIVISION -- MAKES THE WORD VOID.

1. Jesus recognized this would be the effect of division. John 17: 21

2. Religious division makes infidels.

3. In denominationalism there are many things that are repulsive to right-thinking men, and to any Bible student.
   
   (1) The division.

   (2) The power and position men claim for themselves. I Cor. 4:6

   (3) The many conflicting doctrines.

   (4) The different names and organizations.

   (5) The emphasis on the carnal man, not on the soul.

4. Denominationalism contributes to the Word of God being made of none effect in the lives of men and women.

IV. HARDENED HEARTS MAKE THE WORD OF GOD OF NONE EFFECT.
1. Not every person reacts to the preaching of the gospel the same.

2. Three thousand of the people on Pentecost heard and obeyed. Acts 2:41

3. The people who listened to Stephen’s sermon became angry and stoned him. Acts 7: 54 – 60

   (1) Were filled with envy.
   (2) Spake against what they heard.
   (3) Put the word from them.
   (4) Judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life.

5. Felix: Acts 24:25
   (1) Feared and procrastinated.


8. Many people today have the ability to understand the word and obey, but they will not. John 5: 39 – 40

9. These people make the word of God void in their lives.

V. OBSERVING BAD EXAMPLES MAKES THE WORD OF GOD VOID.

1. Many give the hypocrisy of professing Christians as their excuse for not becoming Christians.

2. Men hinder the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. 1:18

3. Jesus placed a curse on those who cause others to stumble. Matt. 18:6

4. Paul told Timothy to be an example. I Tim. 4:12

5. The moral failures of Christians are responsible for the failure of the word to bear fruit in many instances.

6. The bad example of Christians makes the word void.
VI. THE WORD OF GOD IS MADE VOID BY INDIFFERENCE.

1. God spoke to give mankind a standard by which to live. John 12:48

2. The word is given to save mankind from sin. Rom. 1:16; James 1:21

3. If men treat the word as if it were not given, they make it void in their lives.

4. Indifference toward God’s word is a mark of American society.

5. Americans are more interested in TV, recreation, eating in a fancy restaurant, sporting events, and a multitude of other things, than they are in the Word of God – making the Word void by INDIFFERENCE.

6. The Word is made void in the lives of many Christians:

   (1) They are indifferent to what God says about:

   A. Attendance. Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 2:42

   B. Giving. I Cor. 16: 1- 2; II Cor. 9: 6 – 7

   C. Modesty. I Tim. 2: 9 – 10; Matt. 5:28

   D. Adultery and fornication. Gal. 5:19

   E. Teaching others. Matt. 28: 19

CONCLUSION:

1. Whereas it is true that the vast majority of our society has set aside the Word of God, this is not true of all.

2. There are thousands of saints seeking to obey the Word.

3. They have the attitude of David: “I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word…” Ps. 119: 158

4. Friend, have you been making the Word void in your life?

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