

# The Acts of a Street Preacher

## On Calling Names

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers,  
how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”  
- Jesus

Jesus Christ stands alone as the greatest name caller in the entire Bible. Little wonder the majority of “Christian” ministers shiver and start sweating, and began whining about God Fearing preachers calling people names in their open-air sermons, murmuring about how such conduct is “driving people away from Christ”, “lowering the gospel message down to a diatribe”, and “enraging unsaved people into thinking you are just a hatemonger”, etc., etc. ad nauseum. They never paid any attention to anything Jesus Christ said in the first place, dodging his many rebukes at being like unto such things as rocks, serpents, worms, devils, hypocrites, foxes, whited sepulchers full of dead men’s bones, chickens, and mown grass, to name a few. Ever read the gospel collection of the sermons of Christ?

“THOU HYPOCRITE.”  
- Matthew 7:5

Throughout the life of the “lowly Galilean” (Luke 23:6), the man who was “called a Nazarene” (Matthew 2:23), and “Beelzebub” (Matthew 10:25), and “Lord, Lord” (Luke 6:46), and “Master” (John 13:13), and “a malefactor” (John 18:30), Jesus Christ the “Lamb of God” could find appropriate vocabulary to name his hearers with explicit terminology of the most accurate caricatures ever voiced in the open air. Jesus Christ whose name “is above every name” (Philippians 2:9), daily drew upon the character of sinners with an assortment of the lowest names. And the timid opinions of the Sissies for Christ simply manifest that they do not know Him, nor do they care to be like Him.

“I have even called thee by thy name:  
I have surnamed thee,  
though thou hast not known me.  
Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds”  
- Isaiah 45:4,9

For those who have never noticed such things, the Bible very clearly records the following facts concerning Jesus Christ the Lamb of God:

1. He called someone a “hypocrite” twenty (20) times, and accused some of the greatest religious leaders of his day of “hypocrisy” three times (see Matthew 7:5/ 6:2,5,16/ 15:7/ 16:3/ Matthew 23/ Mark 7:6/ Luke 6:42/ 11:44/ 12:56/ 13:15).
2. He called people “serpents” (Matthew 23:33).
3. He called his entire generation of religious leaders a “generation of vipers” (Matthew 12:34/23:33).
4. He called the same generation of people “faithless and perverse” (Matthew 17:17/ Luke 9:41).
5. He called them “this wicked generation” (Matthew 12:45).
6. He called them “adulterous and sinful” (Mark 8:38).
7. He called them “evil” (Luke 11:29).
8. He called men “adulterers” (Luke 18:11).
9. He called men “extortioners” (ibid.).
10. He called them “unjust” (ibid.).
11. He called the religious leaders “blind guides” (Matthew 23:16).
12. He called them “fools” (vs.17, 19/ Luke 11:40/ 12:20/ 24:25).
13. He called them “ye blind” (ibid.).
14. He called them “blind leaders” (Matthew 15:14).
15. He said they were “full of extortion and excess” (Matthew 23:25).
16. He called them “whited sepulchers” (vs.27).
17. He said they were “full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness” (vs. 27).
18. He called them “chickens” (vs.37).
19. He called them a “liar” (John 8:44, 45).
20. He accused them of “fornication” (Matthew 15:19/ Luke 7:21).
21. He called the majority of people on the earth “dogs” (Matthew 7:6/ Mark 7:27).
22. And He called a woman’s daughter a “dog” (Matthew 7:6).
23. He called people “wicked” (Matthew 18:32/ Matthew 25:26/ Luke 19:22).
24. He called the leader of the country a “fox” (Luke 13:32).
25. He called them “unprofitable” (Luke 17:10).
26. And he called them “unrighteous” (Luke 16:11).
27. And he called them “sinners” repeatedly.
28. It never bothered him to call the “harlot” what she was (Matthew 21:31,32/ Luke :15:30).
29. In His nicer moments He called his disciples “sheep” (John 10:1-27), and the lost He called “unbelievers” (Luke 12:46).

30. In His sharper moments his disciples were “faithless” (John 20:27/ Matthew 17:17/ Mark 9:19), and the “unbelievers” were “damned” (Mark 16:16) and nothing but “worms” (Mark 9:44, 46, 48).

Now to those of us that are never bothered by Jesus Christ calling people such vividly, descriptive names, the reason why He talked that way to people is very simple, and easily understood the very first time you read the Bible through completely. He learned it from His Father! His Father “made man upright” (Ecclesiastes 7:29), but before the chronology had gone sixty sentences, God was already forced by man’s disobedience to call the only woman on earth “deceived” (1 Timothy 2:14). The woman’s deception forced God to call the only man on earth “dead” (Genesis 2:17/ 1 Corinthians 15:22). And before the man could comprehend the meaning of those names, God “cursed” (Genesis 3:14) the serpent “above all cattle, and above every beast of the field”. And whether you like that exegesis, or even understand it is immaterial to fact, because Brethren, this sissified ecclesiastical theology of reverent soothsaying (Acts 16:16) has robbed 90% of Christianity from just plain common sense. We say common sense, because the entire issue of name calling is one of “the first principles of the oracles of God” (Hebrews 5:12); namely this, that regardless of what you are talking about, YOU HAVE TO CALL IT SOMETHING!!!!

“And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field,  
and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam  
TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD CALL THEM:  
and whatsoever Adam called every living creature,  
that was the name thereof.”  
- Genesis 2:19

Brethren, the very first man on the face of this earth, was uneducated. He never went to school, never read a book his entire life, and never even knew what a dictionary was. But the very first task God ever gave him, was to call the thing what it was! And for six thousand years of history, God has never corrected him once. For “whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.” And can you not see how many names Adam had to come up with, when the Bible says, “Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field” (Genesis 2:20)?

Name calling has its root and purpose in descriptive identification. And though Adam was uneducated, he set down a vocabulary that his ancestry has yet to get away from. And his Father in Heaven advanced the lesson for all eternity by noting what every Bible Commentator has missed for the last 200 years. Hasn’t it ever made you wonder why God took every creature that He made and then “brought them to Adam TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD CALL THEM”??? God

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Almighty could have very easily created every living thing, and called it what it was, and then brought them to Adam and said, "This is an elephant. And this is a butterfly." But God did not do that. Neither did God even tell Adam to name every creature. There is no command of God recorded in Genesis two, instructing Adam to name everything. Instead, the Bible notes the Holy Curiosity of Jehovah God in forever recording the reason God brought every creature to Adam, was "to see what he would call them". And Paul's admonition to the Hebrews is just as accurate today as ever before, "when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God" (Hebrews 5:12). Brethren, how many times do you have to read the Bible through before you start paying attention to what you are reading?

Has it ever dawned on you what "the first principles of the word of God" are? Could you name even the first five principles of the word of God? And we are supposed to think you are qualified to be ordained? Before the Bible has recorded two chapters of creation's history, God has only set down seven principles for mankind.

1. Find out where God wants you (Genesis 2:15).
2. Work hard to address the things God put you over and keep them (Genesis 2:15).
3. Obey what God tells you (Genesis 2:16, 17).
4. Don't spend too much time alone (Genesis 2:18).
5. Call the thing what it is (Genesis 2:19, 20).
6. Sleep when and how God wants you to (Genesis 2:21).
7. Find a help meet (Genesis 2:23) and put that relationship before any other family relationship (vs. 24).

And every timid Christian minister that thinks it is wrong to call people names, will violate every one of those principles throughout his entire miserable life. There will be no exception to that rule! You find a minister that cannot call a thing what it is, and teaches others that you are wrong in doing so, you will also find a man that has missed every direction God gave him and whose character shifts as much as his location; a man that dodges responsibility and cannot keep things in the order God wants them in; and you will also see a man that will not do exactly what God tells him to do; he will spend too much time alone thinking about himself; he will also be lazy and sleep too much; and you will meet a man that has never been able to find a true help meet or recognize a good one when he sees her, because he never looked for that quality in a woman, and if he is still married to the first woman he found, she's completely miserable with him. And you will find most men of this type of timidity have had more than one for non-Biblical excuses, because the little

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coward has never been able to leave Mommy and cleave to his wife, or he wants his wife to be his mommy!

Now do not take the author's word for this, go find Reverend Timidity that makes a big ado over preachers calling people names and examine him closely, and you will discover that the character that missed "one" of the "first principles of the oracles of God", habitually misses them all. But whether you like it or not, the very first "principle" that God looked for in a man was "to see" (Genesis 2:19, 20) if he could call a thing what it was! And all eternity, and every dictionary on the face of the earth testifies to that fact that "the first man Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45) was very in-depth in his name calling. If you doubt it, look at the last name Adam ever gave out to one of God's creatures, and any true man will agree that Adam gave out names for the purpose of descriptive identification.

"She shall be called WO-MAN,  
because she was taken out of man."

-Genesis 2:23

Like an elderly black preacher once said, "You ladeez of God's creative wisdom were called woe man by our first granpa, cauz youuz was 'taken out a man', and youuz been taking it out on man evva since."

Now we said all of that to teach you that first and foremost, Biblical name calling has its first principle in descriptive identification. God Almighty and His Son Jesus Christ never called anyone a name that did not describe them and identify them accurately. You see, the ecclesiastical coward's association that try to teach Christians not to call people names, first and foremost do not want you describing sin and identifying sin. And that incessant character flaw of spineless wonderment dates back to Adam. Because the very first sin Adam committed, began to deteriorate his principles that God first looked for when he "formed man out of the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7). When Adam violated the third "principle" of the "oracles of God" (see No. 3 above), it began to affect the fifth principle of the word of God. That is, Adam began to shy away from calling the thing what it was.

"And the man said, The woman whom thou  
gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree,  
and I did eat."

- Genesis 3:12

No Adam, that was not quite the accurate picture. That scenario paints Adam out to be a fool. Sin does that to people! A fool is someone who is deceived. But the Bible is very clear that "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being

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deceived was in the transgression” (1 Timothy 2:14). You see, to violate one of the first principles of the word of God, immediately effects other principles, and that is what is missing in the character of Christians these days...PRINCIPLES!!! And sin is the only thing that weakens principles.

“Wisdom is the principal thing.”  
- Proverbs 4:7

“Principles” are spiritual qualities of character that God looks for in you. Hence, “principalities” (Ephesians 6:12). The “principalities” throughout the Bible are spiritual manifestations of certain characteristics of the spirit of God without any soul. By that we mean, a “principality”, a “prince” of some dominion (see Daniel 10:11-21) appears as an “angel” (c.f. Daniel 9:21/ 10:13, 21/ Jude 9/ Luke 1:19, 26), which are “spirits” (Hebrews 1:13,14). And though they have physical manifestations (Genesis 19:1-11), they have no soul. They have no feelings. Just a manifestation of character with no feelings. You never read in the Bible of anyone hurting the feelings of an angel. Ever met someone with character but no soul? They are just as strange as someone with soul, but no character (see any African American jazz player in New Orleans). Most timid ministers are just like that. They work on emotions and feelings, but have little or no character. What is missing in their shallow “Christianity” is spiritual strength, which manifest itself in principles by which they live. The character of the man is seen in the principles of his life.

“Seven shepherds, and eight principal men.”  
- Micah 5:5

One of the greatest lessons of such in the Bible that a minister had better learn, is about character: the character of God. Hebrews 1:3 identifies Jesus Christ as “the express image of God’s person”. The word for “express image” is character. Jesus Christ is the “the express image”, the “character of God”. He is called the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6), and Paul referred to Him as “the angel of God” (Acts 27:23). Jesus Christ is the very character of God Almighty. He is the “Principles” of God in One Person. His character is that of a Lamb with the temperament of God (John 1:29/ Revelation 6:16). And one of God’s first principles is the ability to call a thing what it is. This ecclesiastical timidity that abhors such descriptive identifications is just a blatant lack of godly character. The coat of arms for the Anabaptist Churches of North America displays a belted sword, within which is an ox yoke, a plow and a brazen altar beneath the foot of Calvary’s Mount. Those historic pictures symbolize the Anabaptists’ willingness to serve, plow or sacrifice for Jesus Christ. Inscribed around the belt is this inscription, “VULTUS IMAGO DEI” .... the express image

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of God, the character of God.

That is what a “characterization” is. It is a descriptive depiction of the physical manifestations of the person’s character. And every “NAME” on the face of the earth, has its roots in this principle of descriptive identification, or characterization. The Old and New Testaments are full of God Almighty’s descriptive characterizations of people both saved and unsaved. God has never hesitated to call a sinner by the most fitting and descriptive name. Evidence the following:

1. He calls sodomites “dogs” (Deuteronomy 23:17, 18) in the Old Testament.
2. The first group of sinners ever called “wicked” in the Bible being sodomites (see Genesis 13:13), David kept the characterization in tack, saying of “the wicked” (Psalm 59:5) that “they return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city” (vs. 6, 14).
3. Jesus Christ called all the mockers “dogs” that were standing around His cross watching Him die (Psalm 22:1, c.f. vs.16), and he called them that even before they were born!
4. His Father in Heaven calls all preachers who cannot call the thing what it is, and warn people in public “dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber” (Isaiah 56:10).
5. And because God Almighty knows why they refuse to warn the wicked in plain terms, is because they know no one will pay them for such rebukes, the Father calls the Sissies for Christ “greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter” (vs. 11).
6. When a black woman, who was “Greek, a Syrophoenician by nation” (Matthew 15:22/c.f. Genesis 9:22/10:6/Psalm 105:27/ Mark 7:26-28) asked Jesus Christ to heal her daughter who had gotten herself full of the devil, Jesus Christ referred to them both as “dogs” (vs. 26), even as she was worshipping Him (vs. 25). Note: It never bothered that sister to be called that by God Almighty, because she had the “character” to know what she was in comparison to whom she was worshipping (see vs. 27/ and also 2 Samuel 3:8 and 9:8). Moral??? It never bothers folks of character to call other folks descriptive names, nor does it bother them to be called descriptive names.

Illustration: Two very good preachers the author knew from Bible school, who both teach that it is wrong to call people names, got up recently at a Street Preachers’ Conference in Tennessee and called the author “crazy”, a “trouble maker” and “a dangerous man”, knowing he wasn’t present, but some of his friends were. In comparison to other great men of the caliber of these two preachers, the author must confess that these

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beloved brethren are right, but they really ought to refrain from violating their own characterless principles.

“All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe,  
that observe and do; but do not ye after their works:  
for they say, and do not.”

- Matthew 23:3

7. The New Testament calls unsaved men of any race “dogs”, who try religion and then run back into the world with the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:22).
8. And Paul warned Christians to “beware of evil workers” just as you would “beware of dogs” (Philippians 3:2).
9. God Almighty refers to a “fair woman” .... Now, stop right here, and ask yourself: Is there anything wrong with being “a fair woman”???? Hey, Preacher, the Bible calls Sarah a “a fair woman” (Genesis 12:11, 14). She was the first “fair woman” in the Bible, and the New Testament admonishes Christian ladies to be like her (1 Peter 3:5,6). Nevertheless, God Almighty says “a fair woman which is without discretion” is “as a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout” (Proverbs 11:22). Do you realize how many pastor’s wives are “fair women”, but they have absolutely no discretion at all!??  
Question: Ever seen a pig with a diamond stud in its nose??  
Question: Ever seen a pastor’s wife with one in her nose??
10. Jesus Christ called anyone who cannot understand what you just read, and would malign the words of God, as “swine” (Matthew 7:6).
11. And Peter called unsaved women of any race, who try religion and then run back into the world with the knowledge of Jesus Christ, a “sow that was washed”, who returns “to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Peter 2:22).
12. And what about the only preacher God could find to “rebuke the iniquity” of a “soothsayer” (Joshua 13:22), which spokesperson happened to be a “she”, “speaking with a man’s voice”, whom the Bible very descriptively calls a “dumb ass” (2 Peter 2:15, 16/ c.f. Numbers 22:28)????
13. Or, what about preachers that always want money from folks, whom the Lord calls a “horseleach” (Proverbs 30:15)?
14. Brethren, God Almighty calls people “grass” (Psalm 37:2/ 90:5/Isaiah 40:6).
15. God calls lost folks “dust” (Psalm 22:29/ Ecclesiastes 3:20).
16. God calls people “dumb” (Isaiah 35:6/ Matthew 15:30/ Mark 9:25).
17. He calls them “dung” (1 Kings 14:10/Job 20:7/ Psalm 83:10/ Jeremiah 9:22/ 16:4).
18. God’s wisdom cries out in public and calls people names, like “fool” and “simple” (Proverbs 1:22), “crooked” (2:15), “wicked” (2:22), “forward”

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(2:32), “sluggard” (6:6), “a whorish woman” (6:26), “a thief” (6:30), “strange” (7:5), “an ox” and “a fool” (7:22).

“DOTH NOT WISDOM CRY?”

- Proverbs 8:1

Yes, wisdom cries in public and “crieth in the gate” (vs.2, 3) and calls people names like, “evil”, “arrogant” (vs.13), “scorner”, “clamorous” (9:8, 13), and “PERVERSE” (8:8/12:8/ 14:2/ 17:20/ 19:1/23:33/ 26:6/ 28:6). Amen. And Amen.

Hey, Preacher, a wise minister of the word of God has the courage and character to call the PERVERT what he is, because he has “perverted that which was right” (Job 33:27).

QUESTION: Ever met anyone on the street that was “perverted”? They are that way because they “perverted that which was right”. Now are you going to be honest with him, and truthful, and bold enough to call “the thing” what it is??? If God says the man is “perverted”, are you going to tell him what God said about him...to his face? O, stop this effeminate ministerial lying, gainsaying and ecclesiastical cowardice. These very same “expert street preachers” with their egotistical and philosophical “Manual” on how to be a coward and a hypocrite, call all sorts of people names in their manual, and from behind the pulpit in nice church meetings, attended by nice “christianettes” just like them, that shout ‘amen’ in high octaves, to their coward’s bravado behind closed doors. What a sorry bunch of hypocrites! How a minister can write a stupid manual, condemning other preachers braver than himself for calling people names in public to describe their sin, when in the same hypocrite’s manual, he calls other ministers all kinds of names; calls sinners “wicked”, calls policemen “whimp cops”, and calls saved, God fearing pastors and friends that had him in for meetings, and gave him money for the effort, “idiots”, “he-men” and their preaching like “garbage truck exhaust”, is past all scriptural reason. He will not call them those things to their face! And Brethren, right there is the difference. To call people names in private, or in a book, but teach that the same name-calling is wrong in public, is just utter cowardice.

That same Expert Street Preacher had his manual sent down to the District Attorney in Buford, South Carolina to be used in evidence at trial against a God-fearing pastor that he went to Bible School with, who had been arrested and locked into a mental hospital against his will, and drugged up, just to stop that pastor’s preaching the word of God, and rebuking people in public. The Street Preachers’ Fellowship actually has the newspaper articles, and trial transcripts where this coward’s Street Preaching manual was used to prove that this God-fearing pastor’s rebukes and calling down of sin was wrong! In his expert street preachers’ manual, that same expert street preacher refers to

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the preaching of that Brother in Christ that landed him in the mental ward, and calls that brother's preaching the exhaust emissions from a "garbage truck". And we are supposed to think that is more righteous than calling down fornicators, adulterers, sodomites, drunkards, murderers, rapists, fools and perverts in public?

Brethren, stop this cowardly nonsense that puts one's fears ahead of Bible authority, boldness and plain truth. You cannot preach against sin, and refuse to name the sin. Can you not see that? How is anyone to know what sin you are preaching against, if you do not name the sin? Brethren, you do not need some expert manual on how to preach on the street if you will just read your Bible. The very first open air "street meeting" to ever occur is found in Nehemiah 8:1-8, and the Bible listed very clear instructions as to how it should be done. Note the following:

- The people "gathered themselves together as one man into the street" (vs.1). Ever watched a group of novice street preachers that cannot stay together on the street, where every preacher goes a different direction, to grab his own corner under the excuse of reaching more people? There is a reason why they do that, and it has nothing to do with reaching more people!
- They "opened the book in the sight of all the people" (vs.5). Ever watched some novice street preachers that preaches with a sign in one hand, a hat on their head (1 Corinthians 11:4), a mega phone in the other hand, and his Bible in his pocket, or laying nearby? There is a reason why he does that, and it has nothing to do with the sign or the megaphone!
- Only one person preached at a time, while all the other ministers kept quiet and waited their turn to "cause the people to understand the law" (vs. 4, 7). Ever watched a group of novice street preachers who cannot shut up and let just one preacher speak, but they all think that God has given them something special to say to some bloke walking by while another minister is trying to speak, resulting in no one being heard clearly because of all the cacophony coming from the fish school of prophets? There is a reason why more than one preacher is shooting his mouth off at once, and it has nothing to do with having anything from God to say at that moment!
- The Biblical Street Preacher stands "upon a pulpit of wood" to get his voice "above the people" (vs. 4, 5).
- And when the Preacher preaches, even in a street meeting, his job is to give out the word of God "distinctly", and then "give the sense, and cause the people to understand the reading" (vs.7, 8). Ever watch a street preacher sermonizing on a corner in general terms, with verses of scripture that speak of sin generally, and judgment generally without

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saying “damnation” or “damned”??? Ever listen to a street preacher preach against sin without naming any specific sin that the sinners are obviously committing right in front of him?? There is a reason why preachers refuse to name sin, or the sinner, and it has nothing to do with preaching, being nice, honoring Jesus Christ, or attempting to keep down trouble.

- Brethren, you cannot give the word of God out “distinctly” without saying exactly what God says about sin. God Almighty has a lot to say about sin in the Bible, but when the Bible applies it to the individual sinner, God always names the sin very “distinctly”, and He has no reservations about naming both the sin and the sinner. Can you not understand that without the sinner, there is no sin?

“As by one man sin entered into the world.”

- Romans 5:12

All this bravado about “preaching against sin”, and “we take a strong stand against sin”, and “we stand against sin”. Brethren, there is no sin, where there are no sinners! YOU CANNOT STAND AGAINST SIN WITHOUT STANDING AGAINST THE SINNERS COMMITTING IT!!!! And any opinion to the contrary is a coward’s opinion and completely contrary to the word of God. Such stupendous cowardice is like unto policemen boasting about fighting crime that have never arrested a criminal. Crime running rampant in the streets of our country, and a policeman cannot find someone to put in jail, and we should believe he is worth paying to fight crime, simply because he brags about fighting crime! Ditto for the Sissies for Christ. You want to take offerings from God’s people because you’re too lazy to work, bragging about fighting sin and taking a strong Fundamental stand against sin, but you cannot call down the sinner in public and tell them what the Bible says they are!!! NUTS TO YOUR INCESSANT COWARDICE!!!

Brethren, Jesus Christ died for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:1-5), and “not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). And when the Bible says “sins”, the list is almost endless: lying, stealing, fornication, heresy, lust, profanity, cursing and swearing, revellings, riot, uncleanness, lasciviousness, hatred, adultery, whoremongering, harlotry, sodomy, sedition, witchcraft, variance, pride, deception, drunkenness, idolatry, rape, abortion, nakedness, child molesting, rebellion, gambling, drugs, robbery, emulations, strife, tyranny and oppression. But none of those things exist apart from the liar, the thief, the fornicator, the whore, the adultery and his adulteress, the sodomite, the drunkard, the pervert, the gambler, the sexual deviate, the rebel, the dope head, and the lying politician. Those are the individual sinners that commit those individual sins. There is so much to preach against, and so many

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to preach to. But God deliver America from anymore spineless ecclesiastical cowards, that refuse to name those sins in the presence of sinners that commit them. YOU ARE NOT HELPING ANYONE, INCLUDING GOD!

Brethren, no one is advocating profanity, or obscenity, or the right to be an obnoxious irritation to the ears. If that is some preacher's motivation for supposedly preaching in the open air, his just reward is not far out (see 2 Samuel 16:5-10/c.f. 1 Kings 2:36-46). Neither is this to advocate going beyond either your own true personal fears, or common sense. Brethren just be honest about the limits to your courage, because "if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Corinthians 8:12). And stop condemning some other brother's courage and leadership from God in using that Brother's courage, simply because it exposes your fears. Pray God to help you conquer your fears, or at least be honest about them, until you can conquer them. And if you cannot conquer your fear, then get Brother Braver-Than-You to come over and help you do what you are afraid to do (see Judges 6:27).

Brethren, as a young policeman the author has been stabbed in the wrist once, stabbed in the palm of the hand another time. He has been in fights where a murder suspect kicked him in the side bruising his spleen. He has had three ribs broken in a fight over another officer's gun grabbed by a suspect. His nose has been broken twice in fights, once as a policeman, and once as a fool. He has had his left thumb almost bit off, and two knuckles realigned. He has been shot at three different times, once as a policeman, and twice as a minister. He has had numerous guns pulled on him and shoved in his face including a 20-gauge shotgun, two (2) .45 Colts, a 9mm, and a 10mm. He has had his right knee busted in the same fight that almost claimed his left thumb. He has fallen off a two-story building, been in five full-scale riots, one as a policeman and three as a minister. He was just involved in his 64th arrest for preaching the gospel in the open air. And has put his arm around a wanted murderer inside a dark church auditorium, who was hired to kill him, and prayed with the guy until the assassin shook uncontrollably and ran out of the church screaming, with the gun still in his pocket. But, Brethren there are some things that this preacher is afraid of doing, and he will not hesitate to tell you what they are, and why he is afraid of doing them. But calling a sin or a sinner what they are is not one of them. Howbeit, "all men cannot receive this saying" (Matthew 19:11), and the author refuses to measure one man's strength and courage against another, as long as both are honest about their limits. But cursed be this ecclesiastical cowardice that lies about another brother's courage because you cannot admit your fears.

The author is afraid of flying, though he flies tens of thousands of miles every

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year. Actually, the flying doesn't bother him it's the taking off and landing, and the drunk at the controls that scare him. The author is afraid of underground buildings, and concrete parking garages. He has buried his oldest son, and is very cautious about the safety of his other three. The author has over the years actively tried to tell folks to their face what God wanted them told. He has been in the unfortunate position several times over the last 28 years (maybe 8 times), when he had to call a woman a whore to her face! He has never done that without extreme proof, and present behavioral errors on the whore's part that needed immediate modification! (Wasn't that a graceful explanation?) He has had the uncomfortable position maybe three times in 28 years, to call a man bigger than he a "coward" to his face. And he has enjoyed the opportunity on countless occasions to call sodomites everything from "perverted" to "effeminate", and done so to their face. Brethren, it is just a simple matter of vocabulary. Whether is easier to say to the sick of sodomy, Thy degenerated manifestations of transsexual luminations are the degrading force that deteriorates thine existence; or to say, You effeminate sodomite, your perverted lusts will put you in hell!? (see Mark 2:9).

Brethren, God help us both with our fears and our courage. Courage is just the ability to act in disregard of your fears. But any man, that is one for God, can name the sin and the sinner, and call both by their proper name.