



“ALIGNING WITH THE NINE”
***CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE HOLY GHOST***
CORPORATE FOCUS ON TEMPERANCE
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TWO WORDS FROM WEBSTERS 1828 VERSION

SECOND WORD – “INCONTINENCE”

- **INCONTINENCE**
 1. Want of restraint of the passions or appetites; free or uncontrolled indulgence of the passions or appetites, as of anger.
 2. Want of restraint of the sexual appetite; free or illegal indulgence of lust; lewdness; used of either sex, but appropriately of the male sex. Incontinence in men is the same as unchastity in women.
 3. Among physicians, the inability of any of the animal organs to restrain discharges of their contents, so that the discharges are involuntary; also, the involuntary discharge itself; as an incontinence of urine in diabetes.
- **Incontinence is the inability to control appetites, emotions, and attitudes. It is commonly used in our culture to politely describe those that have lost the ability to hold their bladder. Incontinence in any area of life is messy, embarrassing, and inconvenient.**

BIBLICAL APPLICATION OF THE SECOND WORD “INCONTINENCE”

- **2 Timothy 3:1-7**
This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- **² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**
- **³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,**
- **⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**
- **⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**
- **⁶ For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,**
- **⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

BIBLICAL APPLICATION OF THE SECOND WORD “INCONTINENCE”

- The Bible teaches the last days will be characterized by many sins including incontinence. Christ’s disciples living during these days must rise above this sin through the power of temperance. We must be able to say “no” to sin and self in order to serve God faithfully in the midst of countless opportunities to join the sinful crowd. Unfortunately, it seems that many Christians are joining the *hedonistic (belief that only pleasure has worth or value and and that pain or displeasure have disvalue – the opposite of worth)* masses just when they need our Lord the most.
- Sinful practices and lack of restraint are NOT biblical and in fact, go against the entire purpose and focus of Grace

BIBLICAL VALIDATION AGAINST INCONTINENCE AND LACK OF TEMPERANCE

2 PETER 2:4 – 22

- ⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
- ⁵ And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- ⁶ And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
- ⁷ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
- ⁸ (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
- ⁹ The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
- ¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
- ¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
- ¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
- ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while

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- **¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:**
- **¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;**
- **¹⁶ But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.**
- **¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**
- **¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.**
- **¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**
- **²⁰ For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**
- **²¹ For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.**
- **²² But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again: and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP IS UNDER A MANDATE TO TEACH TEMPERANCE

- THE ENEMY WANTS US TO REMAIN BLIND TO TEMPERANCE
- WILD AND UNCONTROLLED IS THE MESSAGE AND METHOD OF OUR WORLD TODAY (LITERALLY WHAT OUR COUNTRY IS CONTENDING WITH RIGHT NOW)
- BECAUSE TEMPERANCE GOES AGAINST THE NORM OF THE DAY, IT IS EASY FOR THE BELIEVER TO IGNORE AND “GO WITH THE FLOW” OR “GO ALONG JUST TO GET ALONG”
- WELL, AS BELIEVERS WE “SET THE STANDARD”, WE DON’T BOW DOWN TO THE STANDARD OF BAAL!

ASSESSING YOUR BAROMETER ON TEMERANCE

TEMPERANCE	I WILL STOP DOING	I WILL KEEP DOING	I WILL START DOING
FOR MYSELF			
FOR VOH			
BROAD BODY OF CHRIST			
AS BEING "IN" THIS WORLD BUT NOT "OF" THIS WORLD			