

The Unholy Trinity of the Now Generation

Phil 3:17-19

Introduction:

- A. Paul writes of those “whose God is their belly.” (v. 19; cf. Rom. 16:17)
- B. Not all idolaters worship and service pagan gods. (Col. 3:5)
- C. Anything that governing force in our lives is our God.
- D. Let's note the unholy trinity of the now generation.

Discussion:

I. The God of Materialism.

- A. Material gain has a legitimate place in our lives.
 - 1. Must work for material gain (Ep. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:10-12)
 - 2. Must provide material things for our families (1 Tim. 5:8)
 - 3. Must use our gain properly (1 Tim. 6:17-19)
- B. Material gain has become the god of many (cf. 1 Tim. 6:5-10)
 - 1. When gain becomes the center of life concerns and activities.
 - 2. When material advantages governs every move.
 - 3. When unrighteousness becomes the means of getting and keeping gain.
 - 4. When it hinders duties to God, the church, the family or neighbors.

II. The God of Pleasure (v. 19; 2 Tim. 3:4)

- A. Sports crazy society.
- B. Spiritual activities scheduled around pleasure seeking.
 - 1. Gospel meetings
 - 2. Time of services.
- C. Nothing appeals (?) unless it is “fun” or “entertaining.”
 - 1. Schools must make learning “fun.”
 - 2. Church activities must be “fun”
 - 3. Sermons must be entertaining.
 - 4. Worship must be made “fun”
- D. Some things must be done that not “fun”

III. The God of Sex

- A. God made this natural desire for marriage (Heb. 13:14; 1 Cor. 7:2, 9)
- B. Man has made a god of sex.
 - 1. Reflected in the fashion world (cf. 1 Tim. 2:9-10; Mt. 5:28)
 - 2. Reflected in the entertainment world.
 - 3. Reflected in the advertizing world.
 - 4. Reflected in daily conversation.
 - 5. Reflected in the pattern of home life (Divorce, living together, etc)
- C. Christians governed by God - not passion (1 Cor. 6:18-20)

Conclusion:

- A. Let us avoid attitudes that make gods of God's blessings
- B. Let us always let the God of heaven and His Son be the god of our lives.