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The Pastors Thinking:

Please Do Not Miss the True Authorship of The Bible.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Timothy 3:16

We live in a time when people believe they have the authority to believe, and act as they please, and however this is not true. They also believe that "if they do not like something, they can just change it to their liking". And this is also not true, but people can be as heathenistic as they choose, they can change laws and rules to fit their lifestyle and their hearts desires. However, the one single document that cannot be changed is the bible, IT IS GODS HOLY SCRIPT and it cannot be altered. While it is true that many versions of the bible exist today, all are not God's Holy Script. People must be careful when comparing their version of the bible to the to God's words. Chances are if your version was produced after 1700ad it is not an authentic version of God's word and has been altered. My personal reference is the King James Version because I believe it is the most accurate version. It was translated into the English language for King James I of England and this translation took 7 years from 1604 – 1611 by 47 translators who carefully used every effort to translate and many of the translators were skilled in both Hebrew and Greek. The King James Version translation effort was based primarily on the Bishops Bible, but the translators also used the Tyndale, Coverdale, and Geneva Bibles, and if you study very carefully you can trace their accuracy back to the original text as far as history can tell, using the "Textus Receptus" making it the most accurate English version of God's Holy Script. When we are dealing with the bible, we must be careful and not to allow other translations to alter the original text. God said *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."* meaning it is unchangeable in any form. God gave these people who originally wrote these words the exact words to write and they wrote exactly as the Holy Spirit inspired them. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth these words, *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God... Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."* 1 Corinthians 2:12 - 13 Christians must separate the words of men's wisdom from the wisdom of the Holy Spirit if they are going to study the things of God. The original text was completed before

100ad and it is the original word of God. There is no evidence that God ever altered His original text after John completed the book of Revelations around 90ad. The bible does not nor can be changed or altered in any fashion, and if it is it is no longer God's Holy Script but mans unholy script. Therefore, I rely on the King James Version as the closest to the original text in the English language, no matter what. When Gods word is altered it is not God altering it, because God cannot or ever will change, in thought or fact. "*For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*" Malachi 3:6 If the bible has changed then it is man who changed it and not God, and changing God's word is always "error", "*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.*" Amen. Romans 1:25 Whatever God said before 100ad it is still Gods laws and facts, whatever any person thinks or says. Just because the bible does not please you, does not mean it is wrong, just because the bible condemns you does not mean it is wrong, nor are you allowed to alter it for your happiness. Changing truth is making it a lie because truth does not change, ever! The bible was written as a book of instruction in life and it should be followed not changed. God said it "*... is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*" not to please the world but a guide for the saved sinner. People who change Gods word will pay account for their sins. I would never trust any person to alter God's word in any form, LEAVE IT AS IS God does not make mistakes and He is never wrong.

BEING A FRIEND TO THE WORLD

By Curtis Pugh

The word "world" appears in the King James New Testament 203 times. Depending upon its usage and context it can mean a variety of things. It can mean the creation, the Roman Empire, the nations in contrast to the Jews, those without Christ, etc., and is even used of both the elect of God and those whom He has not chosen to save. For example, John who wrote the Gospel of John, the books we call First, Second and Third John and also the Revelation used the word world in a number of ways, but never used it to mean all of humanity. Rather he used in in a variety of ways.

Consider this verse: "**Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God,**" (James 4:4). James does not necessarily mean that his readers were adulterers and adulteresses in the moral, sexual sense, but rather in their unfaithfulness to God. This unfaithfulness was clearly evident because they were friends of the world.

These who ought to be faithful to God were instead in love with the material things of the world and desired the sinful pleasures as well. They had departed from what they ought to have been and were no longer loyal to God. Rather they had aligned themselves with the enemies of God – the whole godless system consisting of man's ideas, pleasures and goals. They had left off loving God first.

Merriam Webster gives the following shades of meaning for the word "friend" that help us understand the verse under consideration. "Friend" can mean (1) "one attached to another by affection or esteem," (2) "one that is not hostile," (3) "one that is of the same nation, party or group," (4) "one that favors or promotes something," (5) "a favored companion." We understand, then, that being attached to the things of the world and the philosophies, pleasures associated with lost men and women, looking at things and pleasures with admiration, not being opposed to such things, being "in" with those who live in the realm of worldliness or favoring the world's system as opposed to God's program is a friend of the world!

There is no middle ground here. Either the child of God loves God and His Word, kingdom, people and godly living or he is hostile to God and His program. Seen in this light, Oh how the children of God need to be constantly in repentance: turning away from these things to God! Our hearts ought to be broken down in sorrow because of our love of the world – our natures being bent toward its comforts and pleasures.

Only those willing to give up the comforts, ease and sinful pleasures of this world system fully follow after the Lord. Being a friend of the world means that we are enemies of God. What a serious matter to contemplate! Whose friend are you?