

TONIGHT WE WILL FINISH STUDYING THE SERIES

1952 TO 2016

IS THE FINAL DIVISION PERIOD

**THIS IS THE THIRD GREAT DIVISION IN THE
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

THERE HAVE BEEN THREE GREAT APOSTASIES IN THE CHURCH

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CHURCH GREW BY THE TENS OF THOUSANDS

THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS WAS WORKING IN 52

120

1809

FASTEST GROWING CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS WAS WORKING

1849

1906

ONCE AGAIN

FASTEST GROWING CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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1952

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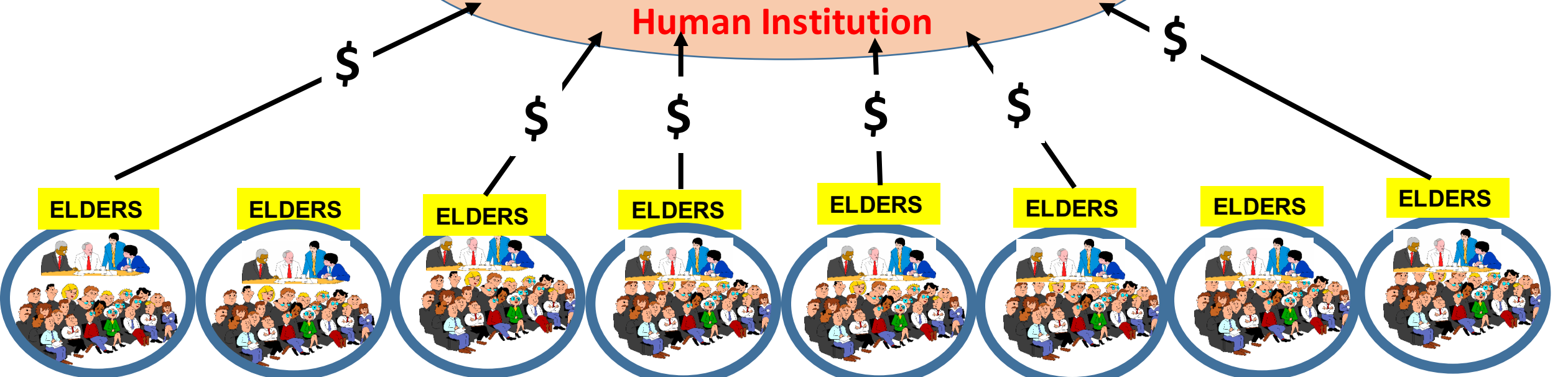
OVERSEE THE WORK WHO, WHEN, WHAT, WHERE



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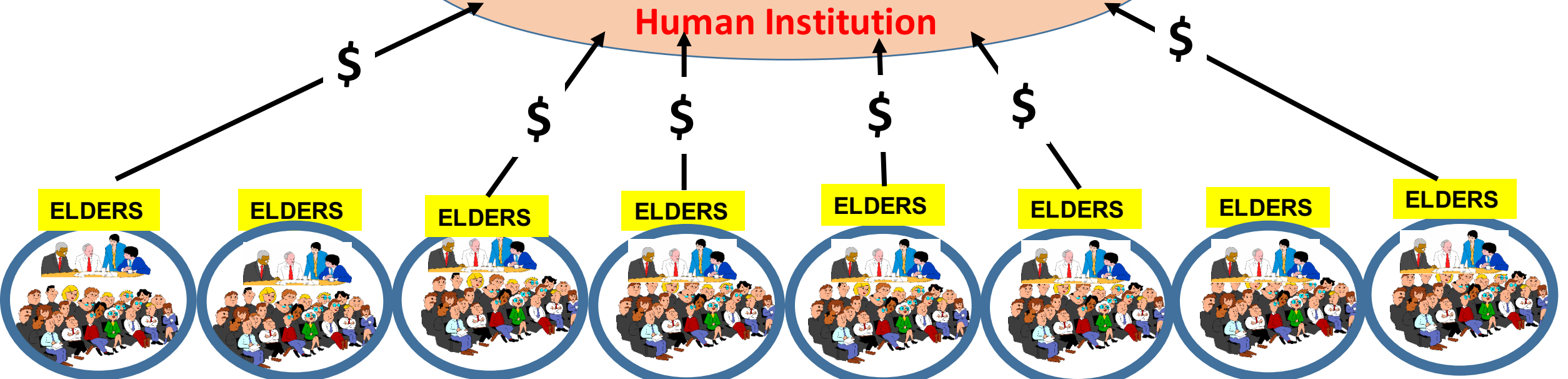
IF WE CAN HAVE A MISSIONARY SOCIETY WITHOUT BIBLE AUTHORITY THEN WE CAN ALSO HAVE OTHER THINGS



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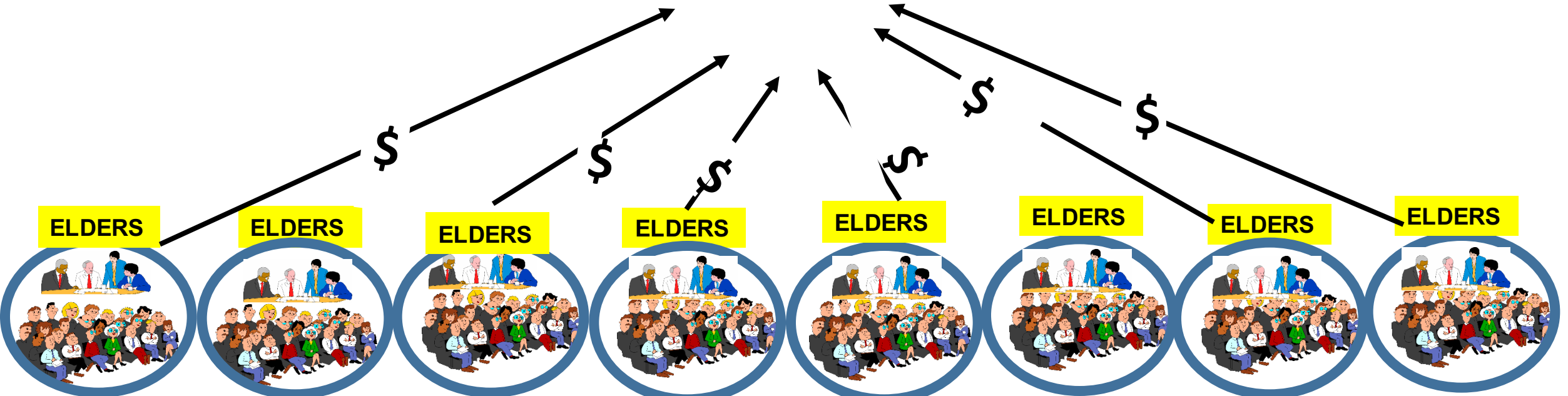
**IN 1952 THIS SAME IDEA WAS ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT UP UNDER A DIFFERENT FORMAT
WITH A TV PROGRAM CALLED THE HERALD OF TRUTH**

**NO BIBLE
AUTHORITY**



**THESE ELDERS WOULD
OVERSEE THE WORK
WHO, WHEN, WHAT, WHERE**

THE HERALD OF TRUTH



WATCH THIS NEXT CHART

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT

***IT SHOWS HOW AND WHEN DIVISIONS TAKE PLACE
OVER THE PAST 2000 YEARS***

COMPARING THE THREE APOSTASIES - WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON

120 - 606



120 ad BISHOPS



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1849 - 1906

Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins.
President Christian Church

OVERSEE PREACHING



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1952 - 2016

Caring for orphans

PREACHING



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AN INTERESTING QUESTION

SINCE THE BIBLE IS SO CLEAR AND THE TEACHING SO SIMPLE, WHY DOES IT TAKE FROM TWENTY TO FIFTY YEARS FOR BRETHREN TO FIGURE IT OUT?

- 1. Every church is to have its own elders – Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5**
- 2. An eldership is restricted to overseeing its own flock – 1 Pet. 5:1-4.**
- 3. If one church is in need, several churches may send to relieve that need – 1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 8 & 9; Rom. 15**
- 4. If several church are in need, one church may send to relieve that need – Acts 11:27-30**
- 5. There are no sponsoring churches, institutionalism or centralization in the New Testament.**

***And especially since everybody on both sides agree
That this is the Bible teaching***

PAUL GIVES US THE BIBLE ANSWER



120 ad
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2 Thess 2:9-11 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

Eph 4:14-15 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the **trickery** of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head

HERE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS USED IN OUR LAST DIVISION

1952

1980

1. We don't have to have authority for everything

2. Laughed at Command – Example – Nec. Inf.

3. Laughed at Book – Chapter - Verse

4. Attempted to list our church building for sale.
Actually took over the building in Anchorage.

5. Put a quarantine on preachers

6. Called us orphan haters

7. Stopped all fellowship and support

8. The list of awful things goes on and on and on

***THE SAME DIVISIONS WERE REPEATED
AND FOR EXACTLY THE SAME REASONS
IT WAS THE WAY WE VIEWED THE BIBLE***

1952 - 1980

Open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values.

1952



LIBERAL CHURCHES

CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Conservative

Holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, typically in relation to politics or religion

EXTREMELY LIBERAL
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LET'S LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE CHURCHES WE CALL
"LIBERALS" & "EXTREME LIBERALS"

1952 ————— **1980**

LIBERAL CHURCHES

1. Sponsoring churches
2. Human boards
3. \$100,000 kitchens - gyms

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**EXTREMELY LIBERAL
CHURCHES**

1. Instrumental music
2. New Hermeneutic
3. Change agents

THE SITUATION AS IT EXISTS TODAY

2 Tim 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim 2:17-18 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth,

LIBERAL CHURCHES

1. Celebrate Women's Ministry
2. Conservative Liberals
3. New interpreting
4. Women preachers

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DON'T MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF THE WOODINVILLE CHURCH. THERE IS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT. IT IS A LIBERAL CHURCH BUT NOT AS LIBERAL AS OTHERS. THERE ARE HUNDREDS JUST LIKE IT THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

IT IS NOT A NEW GROUP BUT OLDER THAN MONROE.

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LIBERAL
CHURCHES

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS OF WOODINVILLE

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Conservative**

FIRST – THE PROS

**Conservative Liberals
WOODINVILLE**

- 1. DO YOU BELIEVE THE PEOPLE AT WOODINVILLE ARE CHRISTIANS?**
- 2. DO YOU BELIEVE THE PEOPLE AT WOODINVILLE ARE ALL GOING TO HELL?**
- 3. DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS A SIN TO VISIT AND WORSHIP AT WOODINVILLE?**
- 4. BRENT HUNTER DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THEM AND HE IS A CONSERVATIVE!**
- 5. AN ELDER AT WOODINVILLE TOLD BRENT THAT THE ONLY THING THEY WERE DOING THAT HE WOULDN'T APPROVE OF IS HAVING A DINNER IN THE BUILDING ONCE A MONTH. THAT MEANS NO SPONSORING CHURCHES, ETC.**

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Needy Saints

Acts 2:44

Acts 4:32ff

Acts 6:1

Acts 11:27

Rom. 15:26

1 Cor. 16:1

2 Cor. 8:4

2 Cor. 8:12ff

2 Cor. 9:1

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NOW – THE CONS

**Conservative Liberals
WOODINVILLE**

- 1. THEY CAME OUT FROM A VERY LIBERAL CHURCH IN BELLEVUE.**
- 2. THEY HAVE NEVER RENOUNCED THE VERY LIBERAL CHURCHES.
THEY WILL PRACTICE SPONSORING CHURCH COOPERATION WHEN IT BECOMES CONVENIENT.**
- 3 THEIR FELLOWSHIP IS STILL WITH THE LIBERAL CHURCHES SUCH AS BELLEVUE.**
- 4. THERE IS A REASON THEY NEVER CAME TO A CONSERVATIVE CHURCH BUT BUILT THEIR BUILDING
JUST UP THE HIGHWAY FROM THE KIRKLAND BUILDING.**
- 5. THE KIRKLAND CHURCH HAD BEEN THERE FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS BEFORE THEY STARTED.**
- 6. HISTORY & SCRIPTURES TEACHES US THAT SUCH CONGREGATIONS GETS MORE LIBERAL.**

WHEN MUST YOU LEAVE A CONGREGATION

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST
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THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN

LONG BECOMES SHORT – 1 Cor. 11

FAST BECOMES SLOW – Jas. 1:19

BIG BECOMES LITTLE – Mk. 4:31

WHITE BECOMES BLACK

Or

OBEDIENCE BECOMES SIN

Rev 3:1-5 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

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THERE IS A BIBLE SOLUTION ABOUT ASSOCIATING WITH QUESTIONABLE THINGS

[Proverbs 4:15](#) Avoid it, do not pass by it; Turn away from it and pass on.

[1 Thessalonians 5:22](#) Abstain from every form of evil.

[2 Timothy 2:22](#) Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness,

[1 Corinthians 6:18](#) Flee immorality.

[1 Corinthians 10:14](#) Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

[1 Timothy 6:11](#) But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness,

[Proverbs 1:15](#) My son, do not walk in the way with them Keep your feet from their path,

[1 Peter 2:11](#) Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

**IF YOU ASSOCIATE WITH CHARLENE YOU WILL SOON END UP BUYING A HORSE.
IF YOU ASSOCIATE WITH STEVE YOU WILL SOON END UP BUYING A TRACTOR.
IF YOU ASSOCIATE WITH LIBERAL THINKING PEOPLE YOU WILL SOON END UP - -**

GOOD AND SOUND ADVICE THAT WOULD APPLY TO THIS SITUATION

If you are hiking and meet a bear – don't see how close you can get

If you drive next to a mountain cliff – don't see how close you can get

If there is poison in some tacos – don't see how many you can eat

If you are walking in the light – don't see how close to darkness you

What fellowship has light with darkness – come ye out from among them 2 Cor. 6:14

Don't think you are so smart that you can walk so close to sin

1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.