

Witch Hunt

1st Timothy 4:7, Titus 3:9

Everybody look there's a new bandwagon in town
Hop on board and let the wind carry you around
Seems like there's not enough to keep us busy till the Lord comes back
Don Quixote's gotta have another windmill to attack

(Chorus)

Another witch hunt looking for evil wherever we can find it
Off on a tangent, hope the Lord won't mind it
Another witch hunt, takin' a break from all our gospel labor
On a crusade but we forgot our saber

(Repeat Chorus)

There's a new way to spend all our energies
We're up in arms instead of down on our knees
Walkin' over dollars trying to find another dime
Never mind the souls 'cause we really haven't got the time

(Repeat Chorus)

So send out the dogs and tally ho
Before we sleep tonight we've got miles to go
No one is safe, no stone's left unturned
And we won't stop until somebody gets burned
Bro Bro Bro Bro Bro Bro Brothers

1st Timothy 4:1-8 (NASB)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer. In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Titus 3:9-11 (NASB)

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

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These verses address the fact that we need to stay focused as Christians in our daily lives. What is our purpose here? Why did Jesus leave us here in the world? (Don Quixote was a character in a 17th century Spanish novel that after reading too many chivalry novels lost his sanity and believed they were real. He then set out on several adventures. He would attack windmills believing they were giants.)

Matthew 5:13-16 (NASB)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

James 1:27 (NASB)

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

1st Thessalonians 5:11 (NASB)

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We are to be salt and light to the world. In other words we are to show the world who God is. We are here to help those in need. We are to help and encourage one another as we go through trials. We are to take the gospel to those around us.

We are not to be caught up in every fad that comes along. The way Churches are set up today it's easy to fall into this and get carried away by the latest "program". Instead we need to stay rooted in the Word of God and do the things commanded by Jesus and the apostles.

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This last verse and chorus describe going out and looking for evil wherever it can be found and ridding it from the face of the Earth. The line "send out the dogs and tally ho" is from British foxhunting. This describes tracking down evil and not stopping until we find it no matter the cost. This sounds like a noble thing to do but the chorus brings us back down to Earth. Because when we do this we are off on a tangent. To join in on one of these hunts is to take a break from our gospel labor that was outlined on the previous page. It is like going on a crusade (into battle) and forgetting our saber (sword). What is our sword? What is our command concerning evil?

Ephesians 6:17 (NASB)

And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION (Isaiah 59:17), and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

1st Thessalonians 5:21-22 (NASB)

But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (NASB)

I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES (Deut 13:5, 17:7, 17:12, 21:21, 22:21).

God's word tells us examine everything carefully. That means to weigh it against the standard of God's truth. It doesn't tell us to weigh it against tradition or personal taste but against God's truth. This is the key to it all. The problem comes when we weigh it against our own opinion, and then claim it as God's command. Then after we weigh it God's Word tells us to hold fast to that which is good and to abstain from all evil. God's word tells us to apply that to not only ourselves but to anyone who claims to be a Christian. However, it stops there. We don't take it outside the church doors and try to force everyone on the outside to behave like Christians or else. To those on the outside we are to be salt and light and show them who God is and point them to Him.