

## Some Thoughts on the King James Version {concluded}

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by Bill Crews

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the apostles and first century Christians. They had the Old Testament in Hebrew and Greek, and the New Testament books were written in Greek after the death of Christ and during the lives of the apostles. The English language, of course, did not come into existence until hundreds of years later.

The original King James Version was published more than 1500 years after the death of the last apostle. (3) The notion that you are using the 1611 edition or version, for you are not (you can purchase a reprint of that version).

Personally, I believe that the King James Version, as translations go, is a very good translation, but I do not believe that it is the most accurate English translation ever made.

### Quite an Impressive Sight!

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by Titus Edwards

As I walked down the hall, I noticed a door over which hung a sign saying, "Activity Room." My curiosity aroused, I opened the door and peered in. Inside was a large room with ping pong tables and other table games, with a coke machine in the corner. As I proceeded further down the hallway, I came to a door which had above it, "Exercise Room." Inside was a weight room, replete with a universal gym. As I walked on, I came to the end of the hallway. There was a set of double doors there. I opened one and went inside. I had just stepped inside a full-sized gymnasium. There was a middle-aged man shooting some basketball with another fellow upstairs jogging around the jogging track up above the gymnasium.

I definitely had been quite impressed. But as I left the building, I shook my head. Though quite impressive, it was also saddening. For you see, what may have sounded like a high school or civic center that I had just visited was in reality the Madison Church of Christ's building in Madison, Tennessee.

It was impressive, when you realize that the Lord's money had been used to provide these facilities. It was impressive, when you realize that the leaders of that church must believe that these facilities are in some way connected to the church's work or worship. It is also impressive, when you realize that the leaders of that church also provide supervision of such activities, as well as the promotion of them.

If you are wondering why all of these things impressed me so, it is because of what I read in the Scriptures, such as Romans 14:17, Ephesians 5:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 2 John 9, 1 Corinthians 11:17ff and Matthew 7:21-23.

To boil it all down, God is teaching us that all we do in religion is what Christ has authorized us to do in the New Testament. The work of the church is **spiritual**, *involving the saving of souls* — not social activities, such as providing recreation and entertainment. To add unto the Word is to disobey God.

I am not opposed to such activities per say. I am opposed to the church doing these things that are not authorized. **Where is Bible authority?** Let's be content to let the church just be the church, not a civic center!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article was written in 1981. Since then the Madison Church of Christ has gone even farther away from the New Testament teaching. Checking their web site, **I could not tell for sure if they still believe in baptism for the remission of sins! How sad!**

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