

## Desensitized to Sin - concluded

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Over time, we grow accustomed to the evil around us. We 'adjust' and there is no more adverse reaction. We can invite adultery, fornication, nakedness, cursing and blasphemy of God into our homes and are not shocked by it. We call it entertainment. We hear of a public official violating the public trust by overtly sinning and say, "Everybody is doing it." We allow the homosexual lifestyle to go unchallenged and say, "If they want to live that way, it's no skin off my teeth." We have become 'street-wise' and speak of illicit sex, drug abuse and every sort of wickedness with ease. It is evident that Christians have become desensitized to sin.

Children are subjected to sex education at ever-younger ages. The average first grader can tell you more about sex than you ever wanted to know. That is just the Christian's child. The children of worldly parents can tell you things you don't even want to know.

Christians have no choice but to live in this evil world. We do have a choice of whether or not we will let the evil affect us. If we are not vexed in our soul daily by what we observe, then we are doomed! *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect"* (Romans 12:1-2).

## Global Warming

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Before you get so excited or worried that you end up jumping on to the bandwagon that is issuing ominous warnings about imminent and disastrous "global warming," you need to have your memory refreshed.

"In the 1970's Americans were warned that 'Earth may be headed for another ice age' (*The New York Times*) with 'extensive Northern Hemisphere glaciation' and 'a full-blown 10,000-year ice age' (*Science magazine*). 'Brace Yourself for Another Ice Age' (*Science Digest*). There were 'ominous signs' that 'the Earth's climate seems to be cooling down,' and 'meteorologists are almost unanimous' that 'the trend will reduce agricultural productivity' (*Newsweek*). Glaciers had 'begun to advance,' and armadillos were retreating south from Nebraska (*The Christian Science Monitor*)." (From an article by George F. Will)

This is not to say that man cannot pollute and waste and ruin his environment and resources on this earth where God put him (And God commanded him to have dominion over all the animal creatures, at the time of creation, Genesis 1:28, and after the world-wide flood, Genesis 9:2; this required responsible stewardship.). But we need to be careful about jumping to conclusions that are mere theories based upon insufficient evidence. Often man's "wisdom" turns out to be "foolishness" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19) and his knowledge or "science" is falsely so-called (1 Timothy 6:19-20).

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