

Lord, Give Us More...

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It is often the case that when God's people stand in opposition to cultural trends which violate the will of God, our society will attempt to discredit our opposition by "name-calling" and "false-labeling." However, such tactics should not dissuade one who is standing in the right. God's people have been called troublemakers (1 Kings 18:17), feeble (Nehemiah 4:2), law-breakers (Acts 16:21), and even Jesus was thought by his own family to be insane (Mark 3:21).

Since the disciple is not above his master (Matthew 10:24), it should come as no surprise that we will sometimes have to endure slander, misrepresentation, and ugly names. However...

- If opposing homosexual marriage is being homophobic, Lord, give us more homophobes!
- If demanding obedience to the Bible is legalism, Lord, give us more legalists!
- If opposing divorce, except for the cause of fornication, is idealistic, Lord, give us more idealists!
- If opposing women leadership in the church is chauvinism, Lord, give us more chauvinists!
- If dressing modestly is prudish, Lord, give us more prudes!
- If opposing abortion is right wing, Lord, give us more right-wingers!
- If believing in the inerrancy of Scripture is fundamentalism, Lord, give us more fundamentalists!
- If total commitment is fanaticism, Lord, give us more fanatics!
- If believing one should be a virgin when one marries is Puritanism, Lord, give us more puritans!
- If believing in creation is foolish and unenlightened, Lord, give us more fools!

Just remember this truth: It doesn't matter what names the world may call us so long as the Lord calls us "right!"