"He that is <u>not with me</u> is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30 KJV

You cannot travel east and west simultaneously. There is no "middle of the road" with God. God is righteous in the extreme and will not tolerate one iota of evil. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, 'Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are



ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." If you are not actively working with God, you are against Him. Many Christians think that they can live comfortably within the world's evil system and serve God by using ungodly tools to spread the Gospel of Peace. That's like trying to farm with rifles and tanks. Using Rock and Roll music with spiritual lyrics is the same ludicrous effort! The music has a message all its own apart from any words that may be superimposed upon it. The same applies to "life-style" evangelism. Preaching is vocal. "God hath chosen the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." You can't "hear" a life-style. God has designed a perfect plan of evangelization and attempting to do it any other way only serves to dilute and weaken its impact. You can't use evil tools to do righteous work. Many defend what they do by saying that it "appeals" to more folks. The Gospel is unappealing to sinners, but they that "hear and do" shall inherit eternal life. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. My sheep hear my voice. Hereby we do KNOW that we know Him if we keep His commandments." The Gospel is unnatural. It is supernatural. "The natural man receiveth NOT the things of the Spirit." If the world likes what you're doing, it's ungodly! God's Word can only be spiritually discerned. It is the "foolishness of preaching" that God has ordained as the medium of salvation. It is not music concerts or entertainment that is His chosen method. The "modern" church has abandoned the ordained prescription of preaching and prayer, and substituted the medium of music and entertainment in the collective worship of God. Sure it brings crowds and appeals to more folks, but the question is; if it isn't God's prescribed method, what good is it? What spiritual impact is going to be made on the eternal souls of men if we don't use God's method? The answer is; none at all. Multitudes will fall into the pit "feeling" good about their religion. Faith has nothing at all to do with how I feel, but what I do. Faith will produce emotion, but emotion will never produce faith. I can't "feel" a nail into a board. I have to pick up a hammer and drive it in. I have to "do" something, not "feel" something. Faith is essentially obeying the Word of God. The faithful are the obedient. It is not natural to obey. It is supernatural. Without faith, I cannot please God, no matter how good I feel.

> The whitened field needs gathered in, The sons of men are still in sin, If we work not within the field, Our best accord will nothing yield. ~CGP

God doesn't want spectators or managers. He wants participants.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:35-36 KJV