

BUILDING BRIDGES

THE UNDERTAKER OF AMERICA



"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:28

The eye is the window to the soul.
 If there are no filters on our eyes, the soul will rot to death and the undertaker will take us out spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically, and financially.

The very first posted sign in the lobby of the Gwinnett Co. Detention Center is the **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY OFFICE**. That is a huge red flag bigger than our nation is willing to admit. In Georgia, there are 20,000 sex offenders (with 244 violent sexual predators required to wear a monitor for life,) GBI statistics show.

The rest of the offenders are considered a low or moderate risk or have never been assessed and assigned a risk level, officials say.

But after counseling thousands of inmates and families in the court halls, it can be traced back to the **real undertaker** that started with that "**FIRST LOOK**". The 20,000 sex offender list has failed to trace what Jesus radically declared in His Sermon on the Mount. That *first look*, when not brought under arrest, has brought more men to a fatal destruction than we could humanly record.

1. Internet Pornography
2. Suggestive advertisements
3. Inappropriate clothing worn
4. No "hands off" morals
5. Fornication justified before marriage
6. Music and movie industry
7. What "feels good" for you

The Old and New Testament specifically list sexual sins that are called despicable acts of impurity, orgies, adultery, and homosexuality as being sexually immoral. **Then the church at large succumbs to a silent role, failing to rebuke such sins.**

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Covenant Love VS Convenient Love

How can you take a stand against such an avalanche of sexual corruption across America?

Sexual sins have become so blatant it is accepted as normal. It must be identified as the "undertaker" of our society from Washington Capitol to every home.

PLEASE USE! Enclosed

is a flyer that can be used in a class discussion, one on one encounters, etc. It is used in the Detention Center and court halls constantly.



DETENTION CENTER INROADS TO SEXUAL PURITY

First time visits as a chaplain at the Detention Center come in total surprise with "Who me? Why?" After briefing my purpose to bless them, discussion starters are dealt with, "**How in the world did you get in HERE?**" Many topics deal with inappropriate relationships that caused conflicts with the police being called to intervene. Then someone goes to jail! My diagnostic assumption next is, "You weren't living together, right?"

For which their response is "**YES**". The police charges don't usually record fornication, but my response then is, "God had to separate them for sexually illegal relationships". At that very moment, I get a 100% agreement! When I ask them to read out loud the flyer **Covenant Love VS Convenient Love** the point is well taken. **Then I lead them in prayer asking for God's forgiveness of their iniquity of lust that led to commit adultery.**

TESTIMONIES after just one week of surrendering to sexual purity!

Everything is going to be alright because I have been having a lot of dreams (sexual purity) and my love one has been having the same dreams as well that I will be released and reunited with my family and loved ones.

I feel at peace within myself and peace of mind that my wife is also changing her ways. She is going to school and working. Also reading the Bible and praying wanting God in her life!

God has convicted me from my past. It was like He was speaking directly to me during the last sermon. I really try hard not to look or lust over any girls. I have noticed that Satan attacks me sometimes in my dreams. But when I wake up if I remember any dreams, I pray for forgiveness and for it not to happen again. Praying that Satan will stay out of my heart and mind.

God said give it all to me, trust and have faith, forgive yourself and move on with God. I think the more I am working harder on myself to do the will of God and not being of this world but God will help me conquer over lust.

Hell is never full. So the eyes are never satisfied. I take notice of my iniquities and tell myself that thinking about doing something is just as bad as doing it. I try to clear my mind whether it be sexual or violent because of the place I am in.

God told me that it is **WRONG** to lust! I became sexually immoral. I am not tempted to lust nor disrespect women in any visual sexual way. I admire their beauty only.

I understood that my desires (lust) is taking me to the grave and I didn't know about it. God has made me see things differently. Now I'm trying to become a better person.

God said it is time as your last opportunity to make your choice. Instead of thinking the negative outcome of my situation, maybe to think about how I can apply and make some positive changes.

I find myself resisting lustful thoughts and I have been removing myself from lustful conversations. I also have made a decision to abstain from sex before marriage.

MENTORING MEN IN THE FAITH

Our only secure attack again this every increasing sexual driven generation

Being involved in a mentor program isn't just a good idea, it is a biblical idea. Throughout the scriptures we can see mentor programs taking place. In Exodus 18:13 we see Moses going about his duties as a judge. Moses makes the comment to his father-in-law that they are coming to him for nearly every reason. If Moses had continued in this way he soon would have gotten burned out and not been the effective leader that God called him to be. In Exodus 18:17 Moses father-in-law steps in and gives him very needed mentoring. He gives Moses the very sound advice that doing this alone will quickly wear him out and make him ineffective. Another good example of biblical mentoring can be found in 2 Timothy 1:2, in the father/son relationship of Paul and Timothy. You can see the love and devotion that Paul has for Timothy when he says, "To Timothy, My beloved child." So from this we can ascertain that in a mentor relationship there needs to be a great and Godly love between the mentor and mentored. I believe this love can best be defined

as the love that Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. There is one other aspect of the mentor program that can be seen in first and second Timothy. The mentor, in this case Paul, was instructing his young son in the ministry in the ways to be effective for carrying out the gospel of Jesus Christ. One last thought on mentoring from first and second Timothy is the responsibility of the person being mentored. In 2 Timothy 2 Paul says these words, "***My child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Jesus Christ, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses in trust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***" This has been done for me. David Burgher, president of Bridge the Gap Ministries, has known me nearly all of my life. He has been a father figure to me as much as Paul was to Timothy. At the time ten years ago when I received my calling into the ministry from our Lord, David was the first one to approach me and ask me to pray very diligently, to seek God in the matter about entering into a mentor relationship with him.



Derek Sargent
Ordained August 21, 2016

Throughout time and distance David has never abandoned post as the mentor that God has called him to be. It is important to understand what this dedication and devotion means for the life and the ministry of the mentored. I have stayed with my calling. I have graduated from Seminary, have recently been ordained and now am fulfilling my calling of reaching the lost through Jesus Christ. I am being used by Him in the roll of interim Pastor at a local Baptist Church. I just don't know if any of this would have been possible if God had not been working through the ministry and mentoring program that I have been blessed with through the years with David Burgher. David thank you for your love and dedication to me and to the other you have mentored throughout the years. You have no idea what you have meant to me and what you have done for me and the calling that God has on my life. I love you and God Bless you. **Derek Sargent**

God's Amazing Redemptive Grace in August

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate." Luke 15:24

Celebrate with us all those who prayed for forgiveness and salvation. Please pray for each name as they face the opposition because of their new faith in Christ alone. Pray they not lose heart in spiritual warfare.

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