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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHRISTIAN AND A HIPPIE

There is no reason, advantage, nor any eternal benefit to be gained for a child of God to become a Hippie! Please study the below differences in fear, realizing just what the Hippie philosophy will do to you, the glory of God, and the spreading of His kingdom in this wicked world. Are you strong enough to resist this evil?

1. HAIR: The "male's" hair is long and unkempt. It is styled like a girls with locks covering the ears and sometimes turned up in the back. The length must stand out when compared to others as this is an important sign of the movement which began about 15 years ago.

The male Christian knows that long hair is a shame (I Cor. 11:14) and seeks to exhibit manly traits. Effeminate will not inherit the kingdom of God. (I Cor. 6:9) Wisdom and fear don't call for dabbeling!

2. WOMEN'S HAIR: The hair of a "female" Hippie is worn long in rebellion to women of the older generation who are "clipped".

The hair of a sister in Christ is worn long in obedience to the gospel. (I Cor. 11:15)

3. THE HONOR OF ELDERLY: A favorite game among Hippies is to shout "BOO!" in the face of old ladies when passing on the street. Disrespect to anyone over thirty is emphasized.

Members of the body of Christ know that being disobedient to parents is a trait of the world (Rom. 1:30) and that we are to honor the elderly and "requite" our parents. (Prov. 16:31, I Tim. 5:4)

4. BASIC PHILOSOPHY: The Hippie way of life is based on feeling. Do what you want when you want to do it. It is characterized by a total lack of obedience to anyone or anything except self. Order and goals are lacking.

The Christian's basic philosophy is one of obedience to the Son of God! This overshadows everything in our lives...friends, parents, job, family, time, and our very life mean nothing only that we might serve the Christ. We are His SERVANTS and members of HIS KINGDOM. (Rom. 6:17, Matt. 6:33; 10:36-39)

5. ESCAPE FROM THE WORLD: A Hippie desires to escape from the world. He seeks this in mind bending, brain destroying drugs. It is sad but true that if one is a Hippie for any great length of time it may be impossible for him to obey the gospel.

We Christians also desire to escape from the world but unlike the Hippies we have done so! We have "...escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet 2:20) and not by the use of some drug that destroys our God-given minds!

6. WOMAN'S LIBERATION: Loud, boisterous, "female" Hippies are found roaming the streets, smoking, dressed like a man and acting anything like a lady. The respect and submission to man is as lacking as the feminine skills of sewing and cooking. Trying to find the virtuous traits of Prov. 31:10-31 among them is like trying to find water on the moon!

A sister in Christ remembers the distinction God has placed on the sexes (Matt. 19:4) and will modestly emphasize her femininity thus giving honor to God. She knows just from what "Women's Lib" will free her from.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8:18)

* ORDER OF SERVICES *
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* Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship *
* 7:00 p.m. Worship *
* Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study *

7. WORK: A Hippie disdains honest labor. He must hurry to collect his food stamps that he miss not his appointment with the "boys" tossing saucers in the park.

On the other hand Christians are to be "ready to every good work". (Tit. 3:10) We are given the responsibility for the care of our families and it is our law that if any will not work neither shall he eat. (II Thess. 3:10) We are entrusted with the greatest task ever given to man...that of teaching people to obey the gospel. To do this we are to buy up every opportunity. (Eph. 5:16)

8. MARRIAGE: This institution, ordained by God, is almost unknown among Hippies. Instead, fornication, and "living together" take its place.

A Christian marries another Christian and holds this relationship in honor till death does them part. (Heb. 13:4, Rom. 7:1-3) We understand that the Bible very clearly teaches that fornicators and adulterers will not go to heaven. (Gal. 5:19-22)

9. COMMUNES: Hippies are banding together, thinking more and more in terms of the group rather than taking individual initiative. Possessions are pooled, private ownership is discouraged and individual thinking is quenched.

Christians understand the difference between group and individual action and we seek to promote both. (Acts 5:4, 2:44-21:8)

10. CLOTHES: Outside of long hair, the first thing that comes to mind when one mentions the word "Hippi" is a person dressed in very bizarre clothing. The clothes may be rags or very rich material but in any case the color and material usually clashes and is far from orderly. Many times clothes fail to distinguish the sex.

Christians manifest orderliness and simplicity. We seek to be known by our fruits and inner life not by our clothing. (Matt. 7:15-17) (I Pet. 3:2-5, Col. 2:5) Note the Greek definition for "Modest" as used in I Tim. 2:9, "KOSMIOS--orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest (akin to KOSMOS, in its primary sense as harmonious arrangement, adornment... The well-ordering is not of dress and demeanour only, but of the inner life, uttering indeed and expressing itself in the outward conversation" (Vine. p. 79) We realize that the condemned scribes loved to go about in "long clothing". (Mk. 12:38)

11. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT: The Establishment must fall! This is done by "making light" of everything it does that respect for it might fail. A Hippie is taught to despise government.

Christians realize the wrath of Christ will fall on "...chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous (daring RSV) are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." (II Pet. 2:10) We honor the institution of government for to dishonor it is to receive "damnation". (Rom. 13:1-7) Governments are ordained of God.

12. IDOLATRY: Among the Hippies are found elaborate charms, medallions, and the "peace symbol". These play an important role in the Hippies life.

We Christians flee from all forms of idolatry. (I Cor. 10:14) We understand just how the "peace symbol" began and shun it as a mark of the devil! We have our faith in the Son of God!

In conclusion let me warn the young people who would dabble in the Hippie doctrine:

1. Hippies don't last long in the church. They should be withdrawn from!
2. They are not zealous, not faithful and cannot be depended upon.
3. They do not become elders, preachers or respected members.
4. The deeper they go into the Hippie doctrine the less they respect the wishes of others (I Cor. 8:13)
5. They hurt the reputation of the church in the eyes of the world.
6. Very few, if any, Hippies return to Christ. How many of them have you heard make confession of sin and show fruits of repentance?