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SPURGEON'S SMOKE!

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**TEXT: Song of Solomon 2:15** Take us the foxes, **the little foxes, that spoil the vines:** for our vines have tender grapes.

**Galatians 5:21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, **and such like...**

**Ephesians 5:18** And be not **drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

**Lamentations 3:15**...he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

**1 Corinthians 6:12** All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but **I will not be brought under the power of any.**

**Proverbs 23:31** **Look not** thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: **when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.**

**Psalms 49:6** They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;  
7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

**Proverbs 5:22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

- Ty Cobb (born in 1886) was considered one of the best American baseball players. In his later years, he drank alcohol, and smoked heavily. By 1959, he was diagnosed with **Bright's disease** (degenerative kidney disorder), and cancer. He died a few years later. He had been featured on baseball cards produced by the American Tobacco Company.
- George Harrison, blasphemous guitarist for *The Beatles* died of Lung cancer at the age of 58.
- Patrick Swayze, a heavy smoker for much of his life, starred in sleazy, and blasphemous movies, such as *Ghost*. In 2009, he acknowledged in an interview with Barbara Walters, that excessive drinking and smoking likely played a part in his illnesses. He died a few months later, at age 57.
- Actor Desi Arnaz died of lung cancer on Dec. 2, 1986 at age 69. He was a star of the *I Love Lucy* TV series with wife Lucille Ball - both were smokers. *I Love Lucy* was sponsored by Philip Morris, with their cigarette products appearing both in the show and in commercials during the show's time slot.

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- Charles H. Spurgeon: Popular, influential Baptist preacher in England.

Justin Dewey Fulton, *Charles H. Spurgeon, Our Ally* (1892):

"It is known that General Grant lost his life because of his devotion to the 'weed' (tobacco)...By a strange providence I was permitted to see [Spurgeon] in 1868, for the first time. He was then thirty-four years of age. He had previously taken the pledge, but when I saw him he had gone back to his wine and beer, and smoked to an alarming extent. Shall it be told how men wept over it, and pleaded with him, for the sake of perishing millions, to become an abstainer? The battle was fought and the victory was won; and Spurgeon became a total abstinence champion, not because of the gout [as drunkards tried to claim], but because he loved Christ and souls better than he loved strong drink...quick to discern the trend of events, it is not strange that he came to see the path of duty, and walked it resolutely to the end. When his life-work began, drinking was the rule. A deacon at Waterbeach boasted that he taught him to smoke...At associations and ministerial conferences liquors were provided...The influence of Mr. Spurgeon in favor of temperance was wonderful. Can one realize what it would have been had he been overcome by the drink habit?...We were two days together, and visited Rochester and Canterbury. Then we talked freely about the habit of smoking and drinking, and I gave him my experience, which I have good reason to believe touched his heart. I told him that up to 1862 I used tobacco and beer to a greater or lesser extent. That I found the inordinate use of tobacco made beer a necessity. The indulgence injured my health...This did not cause me to give up the use of tobacco and beer, nor will it cause you to do so. 'What made you give them up,' asked Mr. Spurgeon? This! One day, walking down town I passed a young lad smoking. A companion said to him as I was passing: - 'You ought not to use tobacco.' Looking at me, he said in justification, 'He smokes.' The arrow went home. I had been a long while under conviction. That ended it. I resolved that I would not be quoted as on the side of an evil example. That day I stopped. 'How did you get on?' That week I tore up twenty-five sheets of paper to start a sermon. On Sabbath morning I was so beclouded, and my tongue was so thick that the congregation noticed it. Then I said in prayer, Lord, I have in my vest-pocket a little bit of tobacco which I can put on the tip of my tongue, and be all right in a minute. If you want me to stop the use of this narcotic, that holds me as in a vice, you must give me help. Then I closed my eyes, and passed out of darkness into light, and I have never been in the shadow since... I often dream I have gone back to the use of tobacco, and wake up grieving over my fall, only to rejoice that it was only a dream...After a moment's reflection **he said he believed he was weakened by both beer and tobacco**, but as tobacco soothed him, **he thought he had better cling to that**...I said I thought the tobacco more injurious and a more filthy habit than even beer-drinking. It poisons the blood, destroys the coating of the stomach, injures the digestion, and makes it almost impossible to retain food. It brings on an unnatural flesh, that loads down the frame, and makes the guest a nuisance at home, in the study or the parlor, and an undesirable visitor, especially in any home where tobacco is disliked. Much more was said..."

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*The Daily Telegraph*, (September 23, 1874):

"Last Sunday evening, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, the deservedly popular, unquestionably benevolent, and eminently shrewd Mr. Spurgeon was preaching a sermon on the **sinfulness of little sins** - a somewhat favourite topic among Nonconformist clergymen, and on which, under the title of '**The Little Foxes**,' some curious lay-sermons have been written by Mrs. Harriet Beecher-Stowe. The gist of Mr. Spurgeon's discourse was that habitual indulgence in little sins leads to the commission of great ones...At the close of his useful sermon the minister introduced an American clergyman who, he said, was anxious to address a few words to the congregation. This reverend gentleman '**improved the opportunity**' by **inveighing fiercely against the sin of smoking tobacco, especially in the form of cigars**, and told his hearers how he had struggled and fought against the pernicious habit, and how at last, by the blessing and with the assistance of Providence, he had conquered his addiction to the weed. Then uprose Mr. Spurgeon and, with quiet humour, remarked that he would not allow the congregation to separate without telling them that he did not consider smoking to be a sin, and that, by the grace of God, he hoped to enjoy a good cigar before going to bed that night..."

*Christian World* (September 25, 1874):

"Last Sunday evening, Mr. Spurgeon, before beginning his sermon, announced that he should not preach long that night, because he wished his friend Mr. Pentecost, who was on the platform, to say a few words to the congregation. Mr. Spurgeon then gave a very earnest address on the words, 'I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord; I will keep Thy statutes. I cried unto Thee; save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.' (Ps. cxix. 145-6.). He spoke strongly and plainly upon the necessity of giving up sin, in order to success in prayer...Mr. Spurgeon, in concluding his discourse, said, 'Now then, perhaps Brother Pentecost will give you the application of that sermon'...Brother Pentecost, Baptist minister, of the American city of Boston...responded at once to Mr. Spurgeon's call, and, stepping to the front of the platform, gave some excellent remarks on the latter portion of the text, with much simplicity and force of manner. Referring to one part of Mr. Spurgeon's sermon, he gave us an interesting bit of personal experience. He said that some years ago, he had had the cry awakened in his heart, 'Quicken Thou me.' He desired to be more completely delivered from sin, and he prayed that God would show him anything which prevented his more complete devotion to Him. He was willing, he thought, to give up anything or everything if only he might realise the desire of his heart. 'Well,' said he, amidst the profound silence and attention of the immense congregation, 'what do you think it was that the Lord required of me? He did not touch me in my church, my family, my property, or my passions. But one thing I liked exceedingly - the best cigar which could be bought'...He tried to dismiss the idea as a mere fancy or scruple, but it came again and again to him, and he was satisfied that it was the still small voice which was speaking...so unequal did he feel to the self-denial, that he 'took his cigar-box before the Lord,' and cried to Him for help. This help he intimated had been

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given, and the habit renounced. Mr. Spurgeon, whose smoking propensities are pretty well known, instantly rose at the conclusion of Mr. Pentecost's address, and, with a somewhat playful smile, said, 'Well, dear friends, you know that some men can do to the glory of God what to other men would be sin. And notwithstanding what brother Pentecost has said, I intend to smoke a good cigar to the glory of God before I go to bed to-night. If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not smoke,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet...Why, a man may think it a sin to have his boots blacked. Well, then, let him give it up, and have them whitewashed. I wish to say that I'm not ashamed of anything whatever that I do, and I don't feel that smoking makes me ashamed, and therefore I mean to smoke to the glory of God.'"

W. M. Hutchings, *A Letter to the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon In Reply to His Apology For Smoking*, (1874):

"SIR, THE LORD has greatly honoured you, and wonderfully blessed your labours as a Christian minister. The churches of Christ of all denominations have rejoiced in your success, and blessed God for all that He has accomplished through your instrumentality...Men hang upon your lips...and multitudes are moulding their lives according to the truth you have preached to them...These are no words of flattery; they simply express evident truth - apparent to all - universally admitted...But suppose, in your teachings of doctrine or duty, you yourself should be misled into error upon any point - however trivial it may seem - what a misleading that would be! What a following you would have in the wrong path! What mischief - irreparable in time or eternity - might be wrought! Why, sir, angels might weep...Many hearts have been deeply grieved by your apology for smoking - made in God's House, and forming part of the Sabbath Worship therein. We feel that a great calamity has overtaken us. We stagger under the blow of a giant. We shudder when we think of the consequences. The greatest power for evil upon earth is the false teaching of a good and great man. The greater and the better the man, the more terrible the evil influence. Sir, have YOU contemplated the results of your defence of smoking? Have you thought of the result upon the young men who light their cigars, on Sunday evening, within the precincts of the Metropolitan Tabernacle...Is it well that these young men should be confirmed in their self-indulgence (disgustingly offensive to hundreds of their fellow-worshippers) by your powerful voice?...Some of them do waste many hours in smoking...now, in answer to the [reproofs] of their friends, they will be ready to say, 'SPURGEON PREACHES IN FAVOR OF SMOKING; let's have 'a good cigar to the glory of God.' Have you thought of men of riper years - poor men - who cannot buy tobacco except by depriving their wives and children of the food, or clothing, or education they ought to have?...Sir, it is no figure of speech - it is no rant of a fanatic - it is sober, solemn, awful truth, that pious mothers are shedding bitter tears when they contemplate the influence of your words upon their sons, just acquiring the filthy habit; wives are weeping over the encouragement you have given to their husbands to continue an expense they cannot afford; and children will be deprived of home comforts by those who will plead your example and advice for their unmanly conduct. Sir, I fear your words have given a

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powerful push downwards to multitudes who are already in the road which leads to temporal and eternal ruin. I observe, with some satisfaction, that the tone of your letter to the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* is very different from the tone of your Tabernacle address. The earlier utterance was that of defiant championship - the later, and more deliberate one, is softened down to an apology and an excuse...If you had told your people that you only smoked because thereby intense pain was relieved...we should have held our peace. True, we might have thought of one...Sufferer, who, in more intense pain, and greater mental weariness, refused and put away from Him the offered opiate by which relief could have been obtained [Matt. 27:34]; but we should have been silent...But your Tabernacle utterance was defiant. Its teaching was: Smoking is right and proper for all men; and those who say otherwise are adding to God's commandments. And, in your letter to the Editor of the *Telegraph*, though your tone is subdued, and your language that of apology, you are still intolerant and unjust...We say, Smoking is a dirty habit - bad habit -injurious to the body and the mind - leading to other worse and more ruinous habits...We declare war to the knife against tobacco, and the drinking customs which go hand in hand with tobacco...You are less charitable in your treatment of us. You call us Pharisees - you insinuate that we are self-righteous - you charge us with adding to the commandments of God the precepts of men - and you intimate that we desire to invade your liberty. Do you really believe all this?...**The crusade against tobacco is conducted on precisely the same principles as the crusade against strong drink; and the arguments by which we advocate the one are almost identical with those by which we advocate the other.** 'Pharisees,' are we? Well, we are in good company. We follow that arch-Pharisee who said, 'If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth [I Cor. 8:13]'...We know tobacco is a stumbling-block, and an offence, and a cause of weakness to multitudes of our brethren...Clearly, the rule of life you laid down in your defence of smoking is this:—That a Christian man is at liberty to exercise self-indulgence in all matters against which there is no direct and express command in Scripture. I have not so learned Christ...C. H. SPURGEON says...'If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not smoke,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet...' ECHO No. 1.- 'If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not frequent the play-house,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet'...ECHO No. 2.- 'If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not frequent the race-course, and share in the betting,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet'...ECHO No. 3.- 'If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not gamble with cards or dice,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet'...ECHO No. 4 (once very popular in the Southern States of America).- 'If anybody can show me in the Bible the command, 'Thou shalt not hold slaves,' I am ready to keep it; but I haven't found it yet'...Illustrations might be multiplied, but these may suffice. Yet one word. Can any Christian picture to himself the Blessed Master with 'a good cigar in His mouth?' Should we not be shocked to see such a representation...? I think so. Practical Christianity consists in a constant endeavor to to be in all things like Christ. I am, Sir, Yours faithfully, W. M. HUTCHINGS. 97, Camberwell Road, October, 1874."

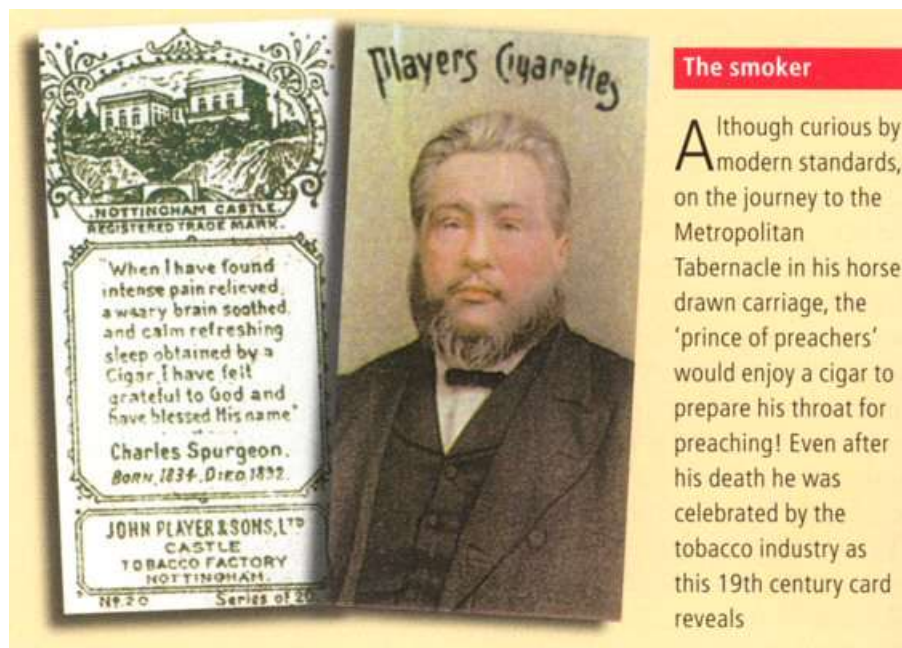
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"Mr. Spurgeon has just made his name, if not the song of the drunkard, yet of the next akin."  
(*The Boston Watchman and Reflector*)

"It is to be regretted that he did not see his way, to giving up his cigar, as he gave up all [other] intoxicants."

(Fulton)

- Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892): He died at age 58.



**Matthew 18:6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

- Spurgeon died at age 58, afflicted by a combination of rheumatism, gout and Bright's disease (chronic inflammation of the kidneys):

"...tobacco is a foreign agent, an article whose presence is not requisite to the welfare of a single organ or part of the body, and whose use will prove injurious to the system at large, and **particularly to the kidney...nicotine is removed from the body through the agency of the kidneys.** Remember what I have said about the necessity of giving rest to the diseased kidneys, and then think that by taking nicotine into your body you are forcing the kidneys to do extra work in removing it."

(Joseph F. Edwards, *How a Person Threatened or Afflicted with Bright's Disease Ought to Live*, 1881)

"Of the poisons destroyed by the liver, some are carried off by the bile, and others are eliminated by the kidneys...The smoking of a single cigar or cigarette would be sufficient to kill a man if it were not for the fact that the liver protects him...The liver is a filter, and nicotine is a highly poisonous kind of filth...These poisons, then, when the liver gets worn out, pass on and must be dealt with by the thyroid gland. The thyroid gland is a poison-destroying gland, but its capacity is limited. When this gland becomes degenerated, the body loses the power to deal with the poisons; then the kidney which filters the poisons out has to deal with a much larger amount of poisons than it ought to have to deal with...The kidneys undertake to eliminate them, and are overtaxed in the process. As a result we have **Bright's disease...the big white kidney that results from the chronic poisoning of tobacco...there is no poison more active, more insidious and certain in its effects in producing Bright's disease than nicotine.**"

(Battle Creek Sanitarium, 1910)