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Asleep at the Switch

Dear Pastor,

In 19th century railroad operations, a trainman was responsible for manually throwing a switch that would direct railroad cars from one track to another. If he was inattentive, a collision could occur resulting in loss of property and life. Nothing good could come from being “asleep at the switch.”

The spiritual lesson for us is to be alert to what is happening around us and not be taken in by the wiles of the devil. We need to be awake to righteousness (I Cor. 15:34), and we need to be like the men of Issachar, who had “understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do” (I Chron. 12:32). When it comes to the spiritual battles of the day, we need to be sure we are not “asleep at the switch.”



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We encourage you to read [this brief article](#) by Kevin DeYoung. He reminds us that the world incessantly pushes a godless agenda. He reminds us of David Wells’ observation that “worldliness is whatever makes righteousness look strange and sin look normal.” The takeaway is that as parents, grandparents, pastors and ministries we must be evermore intentional in our discipleship and vigilant about guarding our hearts.

In the current cultural moment, one of the goals of LGBTQ+ activism is to make transgenderism appear normal. It is not. We recently heard a good message on this topic that was “full of grace and truth.” We think it is a good example of how a difficult topic like this can be addressed from the pulpit, so we commend it to you. The message was by Pastor David Marriott of Lakewood Baptist Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, on Sunday, August 22. You can listen to the message [here](#).

May the Lord grant you wisdom, grace and daily power to minister the truth of His Word effectively.

Please pray this week for:

Representative Deb Andraca (Whitefish Bay)

Representative Shae Sortwell (Two Rivers)

Senator Janis Ringhand (Evansville)

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PS: On **Tuesday, September 14**, we will be hosting a "Lunch With a Purpose" webinar from **noon to 1 p.m.**, with guest presenter **Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis**. For details and to register, visit our website [here](#).

We are also excited to announce that Wisconsin Family Council has worked with Dr. Del Tackett of "The Truth Project" and Calvary Bible Church in Neenah to host a training session for Dr. Tackett's new "The Engagement Project," which is a follow up to "The Truth Project" Dr. Tackett produced 15 years ago. The training session will be **Saturday, October 16 at Calvary Bible in Neenah**. The focus of "The Engagement Project" is to mobilize every believer to engage the world around them in the primary manner Jesus has instructed us. For further details and to register for this outstanding event, visit DelTackett.com. This event is for pastors, ministry leaders and church members who want to impact their community with the Gospel. Please feel free to promote it to your church family.