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Free Presbyterian Church condemns line dancing as sinful



The General Presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster issued a statement through its Moderator, Dr. Ian R K Paisley, condemning the latest manifestation of worldliness amongst professing Christians — line dancing. The statement was ordered to be read in all Free Presbyterian Churches on Lord's Day 29th April.

The statement reads as follows:

To be read in the Churches, by order of the General Presbytery of the Church.

The basis of Christian behaviour is Christian belief. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. As a man believes so he behaves. His ethics are based on his theology. The Bible emphasises the unbreakable link between Doctrine and Discipline.

The Christian is called to holy living because of holy believing. God is his Lord, and the doing of the Lord's will is his delight. God is holy, and demands holiness from His people. Holiness is not conformity to the traditions of men, but to the tests of God. His revealed commandments are the standard to which we must bow, and the rule by which we must walk. Psalm 1. The true Christian must shun anything which works against God's holy standards. He puts off the works of the flesh. Galatians 5: 19-21.

Those that do so bear the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22. The true Christian crucifies the flesh. Galatians 5:23. The dancing of the world, hugging the other sex, set to music, is sensual and clearly caters to the lust of the flesh. At ordination, all the ministers of the Free Presbyterian Church vow to denounce dancing, drinking, gambling, and the crazes of the present evil world.

Line dancing and other worldly practices are now freely indulged in by professing Christians at wedding receptions and other social occasions.

Line dancing is as sinful as any other type of dancing, with its sexual gestures and touchings. It is sensual, and not a crucifying of lust but an excitement to lust.

No Christian who is indwelt by the Holy Spirit should engage in it. It aids and abets fleshly lusts which war against the soul. The Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and those who defile it God will destroy.

As a Presbytery, we warn our members of the sinfulness of such dancing performances and exhort them not to participate in such practices.

As the God Who has called us is holy, so let us all be holy, obeying His call to separation from this present evil world. We should not touch the unclean things of a corrupted world, but we should make a clear distinction between the clean and the unclean.