

## **Lecture 18: The Secret of Power & the Enjoyment of the Lord**

**Review and Introduction:** Professor Barrs proceeds from the issue of the Christian and art to the critical two-part article written by Dr. Schaeffer in the July 1 and July 8, 1951 issues of *The Sunday School Times* entitled “The Secret of Power and the Enjoyment of the Lord.” After introducing the background to the article, Professor Barrs reviews the major points Dr. Schaeffer sought to make in this work.

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#### I. Introduction

- A. Lane T. Dennis, *Letters of Francis Schaeffer*, pages 31, 33-43
- B. Concern over the abuse of power in the separated movement
- C. Fundamental problem in the movement and his own life
  - 1. The lack of power
  - 2. The lack of joy in relationship with the Lord

#### II. Purity

- A. Much deeper than outward matters
- B. Deals with the heart (cf. the Tenth Commandment [page 539])
- C. Purity of the church
  - 1. The early church
  - 2. The Nestorian church
  - 3. If we ignore false doctrine and moral disobedience, power is lost
- D. Purity of the visible church is not an end in itself but an expression of obedience
- E. Purity is never only negative (page 540)
- F. Summary: Purity must be based on a deep love for God or our efforts are sin

#### III. Love

- A. Christians must love *all* men
- B. Love will lead to gentleness and tenderness
- C. Love is not a slogan—must be practiced (2 Timothy 3:22-25; Philippians 3:18)
  - 1. Acts of kindness
  - 2. Fair dealing to all
- D. The Lord’s work must be done the Lord’s way
- E. Love involves chastisement
- F. Devotional works should be evident
- G. Love should pervade everything we do (page 555)

#### IV. Conclusions

- A. Pharisaism: The “heresy” of Bible believing Christians
- B. Deals with issues, not personalities