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“ATTITUDE UNACCEPTABLE”

I will give you a disclaimer right off. I am not a Tiger Woods fan. If I had been before, I would not be one now. I have never been that into golf though I did play years ago pretty regularly for a while.

Mr. Woods called a news conference last week, in the face of a whole bunch of people being pretty disgusted with his recent actions, especially sponsors that had helped make him a billionaire. He selected the people from the media that was to be there and did not take any questions. I thought a “conference” was where both sides did some talking.

Anyway!

What Woods said was, in the light of something like a dozen extra-marital trysts over the past few years, that his “attitude was unacceptable.” At no time in the session did he ever admit to doing wrong or committing sin. Now before you jump all over me, he did use the word “wrong” but not that he had done wrong, his “attitude was wrong.” There is a difference.

These political and “special people” so news conferences kill me. You can tell from the get-go what that what they are saying is not really an apology or admission of wrongdoing. They are told by their “handlers” (and all these guys seem to have them) that if they do not “do something” they are going to lose face or lose money or whatever. So, they just say what they think they have to say to “smooth things over.” My Bible says that adultery is a sin. I suppose Mr. Woods doesn’t think much of the Bible since he talked more about “disappointing” his wife and others. You think!!!

It is the same way with some Christians. They do things that are not right. In other words, they commit sin, but they are very careful not to call it that

and we let them get away with it. What they do is say they “made a mistake,” “used faulty judgment,” or made some “wrong decisions.” How many times have you seen members of the church “come forward,” supposedly to “confess” some sin? What they do is “get close” and everyone says, “oh they meant well” and let it go at that.

“...sin is the transgression of the law,” according to 1 John 3:4. Unrepented sin will cause a person to lose his soul. Even in this world sin will cause a great deal of loss. But Paul said, “...the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

What is really boils down to is that it does not matter how much people try to cover up and disguise and make lame excuses. In the judgment God will bring “**every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.**” (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

You may be able to hide it from men, but never from God.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Amthor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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