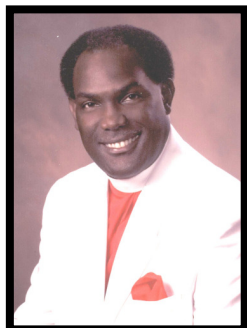


## The Prom



*During a recent breakfast with the Compassionate Outreach Ministries youth, I had the opportunity to provide answers to their questions about Christian living. One of the most popular questions presented by the youth concerned the high school prom. Even though we have addressed the prom on several occasions, it is fitting to revisit the issue here.*

*The true story is told of a Christian girl who was very active in the local church. The girl chose to go to the high school prom. She was dancing like the rest of the kids when she decided to witness to the young man that she was dancing with. She asked him if he was a Christian, if he was saved, if he was born again and if he had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. The young man replied, "Of course not. If I was a Christian I wouldn't be here, would I?" He then asked her, "Would you be here if you were a Christian?" She replied, "I am a Christian." He immediately stopped dancing with her. The young man looked at the young lady straight in her eyes and said, "No you're not. You are a hypocrite, and I don't dance with hypocrites."*

*Isn't that amazing? The young man had enough sense and conviction to separate himself from and refuse to dance with those who are hypocrites. Yet, many Christians like the young girl in this story have no problems dancing with the world. If we fail to separate ourselves from the world, our testimony will be destroyed. If Christians are going to hang out with the*

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*lost world, we are going to lose our credibility of a godly  
example.*

*Show me a teen that will not let this world turn them around  
and I will show you a teen that will turn this world around.*

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