

My Answer

By Billy Graham

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: My problem is that I cannot seem to stop eating. Particularly whem I get a bit depressed or something I will stop eating. Should I be worried about this? — Mrs. S.J.

allow God to help you.

had a quicj and painless answer to this pro- problems by taking a very definite step life.

DEAR MRS. S.J.: Yes, you should be But the other aspect of this problem is concerned about this because overeating more crucial. You eat because of other can be very harmful to your health. God problems, such as boredom or depression. has given you your body, and the Bible You need to find ways of combatting these tells us to "honor God with your body" (1 things in your life before you will really be Corinthians 6:20). In addition, your letter successful in combatting your problem of suggests that you are not really coming to overeatting. And the important thing. And grips with some of the problems you may the important thing for you to see is that be having, and you need to face them and God does not want you to be bored or depressed all the time.

It is difficult for me to give you too There are really two aspects or levels to detailed an answer to your problems your problems — although they are because I do not know exactly what they related. First is the problem of overeating, are or why they plague you. But my prayer or (as the Bible terms it) gluttony. I wish I is that you would begin dealing with these blem, but there are no real shortcuts to a step of commitment to Jesus Christ. He personal discipline. You have probably is able to help you have purpose and meanfound, however, that you do not have the ing in life, and he can fill your life with joy strength to deal with this problem. But and love and service for others if you will God can help you, if you will turn to him turn your life over to him. Then get involvand confess your need of him — not just for ed in a church where Christ is preached this problem, but for every detail of your and seek the help of other Christians who can encourage you.

Denominations Split Over Morals

When the opinions and behavior of persons attending what the Gallup Poll denotes as "mainline" churches Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal — are compared with those of persons in evangelical churches — — ther sharp differences:

Persons in evangelical and mainline churches share similar views on certain issues; both, for examE.R.A., and to be against view of this organization. the hiring of homosexuals as teachers in public

National Baptist Conven- evangelical group of chur- churches are more likely to tion of America, National ches are more likely to say they 'seek Baptist Convention U.S.A. place high importance on forgiveness' in their one's following a strict prayers. moral code than are persons who affliate with mainline churches.

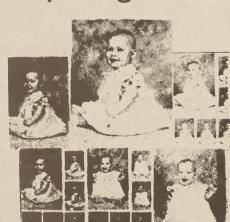
Persons in evanglical ple, want tougher laws on churches are twice as likepornography. But those in ly as persons in mainline those in the mainline churevangelical churches are churches to say they would far more likely than their be interested in joining the the divinity of Jesus Christ counterparts to favor a ban Moral Majority. However,

on abortion, to want to see like their counterparts, the prayer in the public evangelical churchgoers schools, to oppose the lean toward an unfavorable

Both groups pray with about equal frequency, but persons who affliate with Persons in the the evangelical group of

> Those within the evangelical sphere of churches are far more inclined, according to the poll, than ches to say they believe in - 78 percent to 65 percent.

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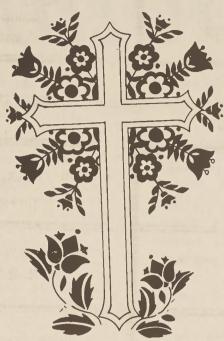




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