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Show That Christians Are Moral People?

- 1. Can you show that there is a God?**
- 2. Can you show that the Bible is the word of God?**
- 3. Can you show that Jesus rose from the dead?**
- 4. Can you show what the Bible says?**
- 5. Can you show that the Bible can be read and understood?**
- 6. Can you show how we are saved?**
- 7. Can you show what worship is?**
- 8. Can you show what the church does?**
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Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birmingham City Jail
April 16, 1963

Bishop C.C. J. Carpenter
Bishop Joseph A. Durick
Rabbi Milton L. Grafman
Bishop Paul Hardin
Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
The Rev. George M. Murray
The Rev. Edward V. Ramage
The Rev. Earl Stallings

My dear Fellow Clergymen,

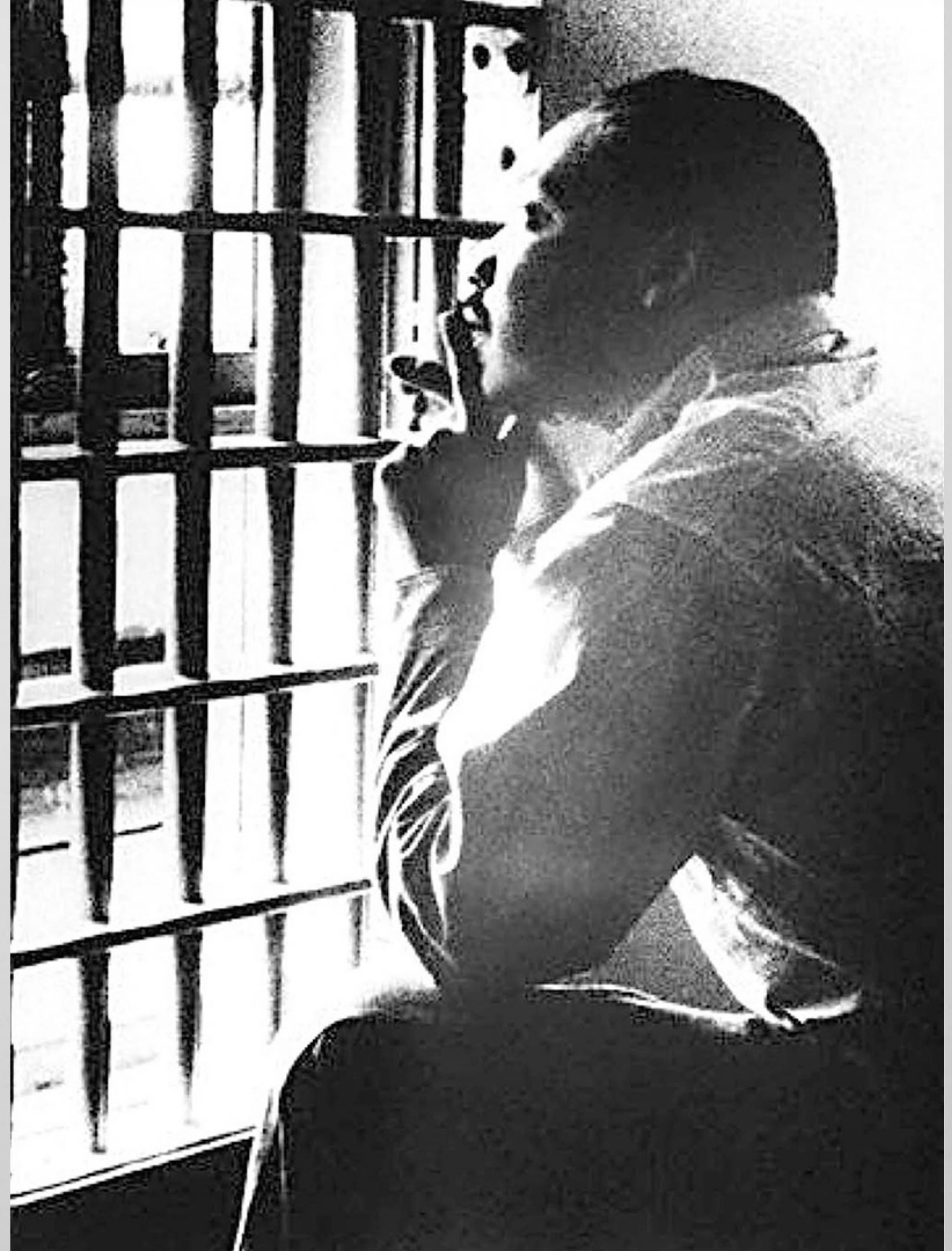
While confined here in the Birmingham City Jail, I came across your recent statement calling our present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom, if ever, do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas. If I sought to answer all of the criticisms that cross my desk, my secretaries would be engaged in little else in the course of the day, and I would have no time for constructive work. But since I feel that you are men of genuine goodwill and your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I would like to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms.

I think I should give the reason for my being in Birmingham, since I have been influenced by the argument of "outsiders coming in." I have the honor of serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization operating in every Southern state with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. We have some eighty-five affiliate organizations all across the South - one being the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. Whenever necessary and possible we share staff, educational and financial resources with our affiliates. Several months ago our local affiliate here in Birmingham invited us to be on call to engage in a non-violent direct action program if such were deemed necessary. We readily consented and when the hour came we lived up to our promises. So I am here, along with several members of my staff, because we were invited here. I am here because I have basic organizational ties here.

Beyond this, I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the eighth century prophets left their little villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns; and just as the Apostle Paul left his little village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to practically every hamlet and city of the Greco-Roman world, I too am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my particular home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid.

Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country.

You deplore the demonstrations that are presently taking place in Birmingham. But I am sorry that your statement did not express a similar concern for the conditions that brought the demonstrations into being. I am sure that each of you would want to go beyond the superficial social analyst who looks merely at effects, and does not grapple with underlying causes. I would not hesitate to



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Matthew 15:19

Romans 1:29-31

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

Galatians 5:19-21

Ephesians 5:3-5

Colossians 3:5

1 Timothy 1:8-10

Revelation 9:21

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- 2. Outbursts of wrath**
- 3. Dissensions**
- 4. Factions**

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SINS OF THE HEART

- 1. Covetousness**
- 2. Laziness**
- 3. Pride**
- 4. Anger**
- 5. Hatred**
- 6. Selfish ambition**
- 7. Envy**
- 8. Jealousy**

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SINS OF THE FLESH

- 1. Abortion**
- 2. Drunkenness/social drinking**
- 3. Dancing**
- 4. Gambling**
- 5. Homosexuality**
- 6. Immodest dress**
- 7. Pornography**
- 8. Sexual immortality**
- 9. Tobacco/substance abuse**

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SINS OF THE TONGUE

- 1. Profanity**
- 2. Crude speech**
- 3. Euphemisms**
- 4. Gossip**
- 5. Whispering**
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This doesn't mean a saint will never sin (1 John 1:8-10)

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