

## RESTORE LOST ART

Wandering through a thrift store you noticed what seemed to be a painting of an old woman. It's dirty and smeared but it might fit in your bathroom. A year later an art critic friend stops by for a day, and suddenly he rushes out of your bathroom, "My dear fellow, I don't know what to say! Do you know what you have in your bathroom? That's one of Rembrandt's paintings of his mother!"

Suddenly this piece of junk you picked up is a priceless work of art. You will gladly spend \$15,000 for experts to restore that painting.

What attitude should we have towards the despicable low-life that we meet or know about? What kind of courtesy should we show? Do they even deserve kindness or courtesy? Or should we just turn our head and go the other way?

God tells us He made man in His own image. That means that somehow man is a picture of God. God also told us that sin has put graffiti all over that picture. Under that graffiti is the likeness of God. God still says that He made man in His image.

You need new eyes to see that God created that bum, that child molester, that sexual pervert in His image, and they desperately need restoration.

For after all, did Christ restore you because you only needed a little dusting off?