

### Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Before I founded Bob Jones University twenty-five years ago, I had had a rather wide experience as an evangelist. In my work, I had met many young people whose fathers and mothers had sent them to colleges or universities which were founded as Christian schools and who had come back home from these schools with their faith shattered and some with their morals wrecked. I had learned that most of the well-known modernistic colleges and universities in America were originally built on a conservative, orthodox Christian foundation and that money had been given to these schools by consecrated Christian people because they were built on such a foundation. I knew that these schools had been wrecked spiritually because the executives and boards of trustees did not have the moral courage to discharge modernistic teachers who worshipped at the altar of a false god that they were pleased to call "academic freedom."

I had observed that these "academic freedom" professors had laughed the "old-time religion" out of the academic halls and had succeeded in making the impression on the minds of the masses of young people that a person who believed in the "old-time religion" had to have a greasy nose, dirty fingernails, baggy pants, and never would shine his shoes. So I made up my mind to build a school that would stand without apology for the "old-time religion" and the absolute authority of the Bible and at the same time maintain high academic standards and put great emphasis on culture.

I knew very little about "standardized education." I did know, however, that there is no difference between the foundation of an individual Christian life, the foundation of a Christian home, the foundation of a Christian college, and the foundation of a Christian church. I, of course, knew that the superstructure is different; but the foundation, if it is Christian, is the same. I, therefore, made up my mind that the foundation of Bob Jones University should be an orthodox, conservative Christian foundation. So in the charter we incorporated the Bob Jones University creed and wrote in the charter that this creed could never be changed. The creed does not include all that the founder of Bob Jones University believes, but it does include all the fundamental essentials of the Christian faith which are accepted by all evangelical Christians regardless of their denominational affiliation. I had learned in my evangelistic work that it is not compromising to take a man as far as you can on the right road but that it is compromising to take a man any distance on the wrong road. Every teacher who teaches in Bob

Jones University is required to sign every year the orthodox Christian creed upon which the school was founded.

Even the first year of the school, I learned that certain by-laws and regulations under which teachers and staff members are employed are essential to keeping an institution Christian, even though the institution does have a good orthodox foundation.

Some great American said, "The American people spend a good deal of time trying to find a method that will succeed; and after finding the method and succeeding, they then throw away the method that gave them success."

My son Bob, the president, and I, knowing how the school has grown under the present administrative policies and being convinced that these policies are essential to the future prosperity and spiritual growth of the institution, decided to ask the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Bob Jones University charter be revised and that the administrative policies be written into the by-laws of the revised charter.

The Executive Committee unanimously agreed with our position; and at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 27, by unanimous vote it was decided to revise the charter so that not only the school can be kept orthodox as far as its doctrinal position is concerned, but that the by-laws that have made the school aggressively evangelistic and spiritual will also be part of the charter of the school.

We are in this folder releasing for the first time in printed form a copy of the revised charter of Bob Jones University. You will note that all employees of the University are automatically discharged if at any time they do not wholeheartedly accept the creed and live up to the by-laws of the charter.

For twenty-five years Bob Jones University has prospered as no other Christian school in the history of America has ever prospered in so short a time. Step by step the Lord has led us. When we started this school, *we believed* we were right. After twenty-five years' experience, *we know* we were right. We are asking Christian people everywhere to pray that Bob Jones University may be faithful to the trust committed to it until the Lord Jesus Christ comes.