

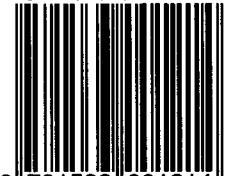
In a day, when our culture is being drawn back into the dark ages of moral anarchy recorded in Judges 17, where "every man did what was right in his own eyes," the church desperately needs to proclaim and to demonstrate a life style of moral and ethical integrity. H. Ray Dunning presents here the account of how the Church of the Nazarene has struggled over the years since its founding to agree upon and articulate such a message, which would be faithful to the principles of Wesleyan holiness. Exhaustively researched, this is the narrative of the sometimes halting, but steady, development of a standard of social conscience and ethical behavior for the people who embrace the Biblical demands of holy living. Every Nazarene who is trying to live a life pleasing to God and attractive to the world, should read this book. It would enhance our appreciation for this little studied facet of our history.

--Dr. John Chilton, Professor Emeritus of History, Trevecca Nazarene University

In the scholarly style and thorough detail we have come to expect, Dr. H. Ray Dunning has once again served his Church and the Wesleyan tradition with this valuable book on the search for an ethical foundation among the people called "Nazarenes." This book will inform its readers about the strong personalities along with the social and cultural trends that helped shape a people seeking to live out a life formed by Christ's sanctifying presence. For those of us who have lived through many of these struggles, it is informative and insightful to review the ethical debates that occurred during our first century. This book belongs on the reading list of everyone who would understand the present ethical shape of the Church of the Nazarene.

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