

Anemic Christianity

Are you an anemic Christian? Maybe I should ask, are you a spiritually anemic person who calls himself/herself a Christian. Are you doing your own thing, making your own daily decisions and thinking little of Jesus, or, are you really living daily for Christ? Do you ignore the claims of Christ on your life and go about your normal business? Few seem to have a passion for Christ that is characterized by New Testament pictures of a follower of Christ. I wonder how many of us are anemic?

If you were really convinced that God was waiting on you (yes, I am talking just to you) to partner with Him to reach people for Christ, would you live and act differently? Would you aggressively seek out the Lord and get your specific marching orders from Him? I believe that is what He has called us to do. We are to serve in His army and to fight with Him in His battles. Following Jesus is very costly. If you are going to be a faithful follower of Christ, it will cost you your own aspirations of life. Read Luke 9:23.

I am afraid that American churches are filled with spiritually anemic people who have deceived themselves by thinking that going to church on Sunday morning is the same as living for Jesus. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who say they are following Jesus but refuse to live out that commitment in changed behavior are deceiving themselves if they call themselves Christians.

The Lord is waiting on us to partner with Him in reaching people for Christ. He has planned it that way, but, it seems that few are following Him. It is apparent why our denomination is in decline.

It is time for repentance. It is time to get off of our own personal agendas and get onto God's agenda. It is time for us to return to Christ in full surrender to join Him in all of His work. I am thinking of a 2 Chronicles 7:14 kind of return to Christ. Are there any who understand the predicament we are in? I believe that we are participating in a sin cycle in our North American church experience—similar to the kind of sin cycle that the nation of Israel experienced in the Old Testament. Nothing but repentance and a recommitment to Christ will get us out of it. Repentance would bring about a freshness and vitality that we have long forgotten. It would bring a renewal of God's anointing on our lives. We would see things occur in our lives and in our churches that could only be explained by the Lord's presence.

There is a fact of human nature that I have never seen fail: Our behavior indicates who we are following. Who, in fact, are you following?