

Sunday only christianity

God did not die for us to just occupy a local church and do nothing else. We are directed to minister to the lost in order to save their souls from hell. What frustrated me after receiving initial deliverance was that I realized most modern churches don't speak of let alone acknowledge the five fold ministry, our responsibilities as christians or our authority to heal others and cast out demons. Someone for years may receive sermons about prosperity or being nice to your coworkers, but nothing on taking control of their flesh or repenting for past sin. God has told us in His word what we should be doing as the church and as individuals. That includes letting our faith be shown through how we act on a daily basis.

Luke 11:33 (NIV): "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light."

God does not want us to hide our faith during the week and only acknowledge it on Sundays. We have to remember who we are whenever we run into trials or tribulations during the week because we don't know who is watching us. How we react to something as simple as a coworker saying an obnoxious/perverted comment is an opportunity to show the world our faith. We can't say we're christians on Sunday when we are out either at a bar or doing something illegal during the week.

It would be easy to blame either churches not encouraging their congregations to be bolder in their faith, stricter on sin, or some people's fear of being ostracized at work if they were public, but we have to remember that God did not give us fear.

I'm not saying you have to be out on the corner yelling at cars at the stoplight everyday after work, but we have to get out of the mindset that just because we went to church once or twice during the week, we did what we're supposed to do for God. He tells us to make disciples and proclaim the gospel.

Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

John 20:21: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

This isn't the striving I'm talking about either. Simply having the mindset of being open to opportunities to witness will allow you to start seeing opportunities. The church must change from just wanting full pews, to making sure it's encouraging its congregation to be bold in their faith and use every opportunity possible to tell the Gospel and save souls. Sermons about prosperity and turning a blind eye to sin to accept those of the world won't be enough when Revelation's events start. Let's ask God to work through us when the opportunities to minister arise.