

30 signs of a “Holiness” “HoliLESS” movement

I wanted to write some telltale signs that you may be in the wrong church; well at least I knew I was when I began seeing these things come to pass. Even though you may not see all of them at once, let me assure you, there on the way. I’m not saying that you’ll see all of these things if your church has become corrupted and gone by the wayside, but these are the things I saw, which were a final result from a gradual disintegration of righteousness.

Remember, I’m not trying to take you away from a place of spiritual determination, but a place of spiritual destitution. You as an individual must determine if and when it’s time for you to move on. But a word to the wise, if most of these things are going on, you should really pray to God for further direction. I believe that several times God was trying to show me things that I just wouldn’t or couldn’t receive at the time. He would use individuals to say certain things and even though it made a lot of sense it wasn’t settled in my heart to leave. When it’s time to go, it’s time to go and lingering will only make things worse; just look at what happened to Lot’s wife.

If you feel as though you can stay and help others; I tried that, it didn’t work (either time). Don’t be a fool to yourself, recognize what you are or aren’t involved in and make a decision to either stay or leave, but don’t be double minded about it. I declare that if you stay unresolved in situations like this, your life will become twice as miserable and ineffective.

Should you stay, should you go? To that Question I really don’t know. Should you stay, should you go? I really do have something to say about it though. Should you go, should you stay? No one really listens anyway. Should you go, should you stay? I wonder if today could be the day. You can stay and be gray or you can go and grow, but most of you will never ever no. Now onto those signs!

1. When your character is constantly defamed and you have no power to change what's being said about you. You just deal with it and live with it.
2. When your goals cease to matter.
3. The pastor demands unconditional obedience to himself.
4. A severe lack of love and joy.
5. "Cover Up" and I'm not talking about clothing. When truth and lie come so close together like bone and marrow; trying to distinguish the two is nearly impossible.
6. You fear the pastor and what he'll do to you more than anything else.
7. You always feel as though something is just not quite right about the pastor, members and worship.
8. You can't accept any words from anyone else but the pastor.
9. Commanded to do "Everything" verses asked to do "Something."
10. You're on this site: Something inside of you is probably screaming out right now saying, "Leave!"
11. The pastor tells you where to live. People, that just aint normal.
12. The pastor constantly gives you poor advice that you have no choice but to follow.
13. If/when you do something wrong, it's as if you offended the pastor more than God.
14. When no one in the church listens to sound advice anymore.
15. You're told that you're blessed to be a part of the only church going to heaven.
16. "Prearranged marriages:" I think that this one speaks for itself. If you're told to marry someone even though you have zero attraction towards them....Well then.
17. You give all of your money to the church and stay broke yourself all the time.
18. Going to a college (other than what the church prescribes) to get a degree is not permitted. Unless of course they want you to teach at their school.
19. Not permitted to talk to family members.
20. Not permitted to have any hobbies; only do things that can benefit the church such as singing, and playing an instrument.

21. Your pastor tells you to get a vasectomy, or not to have any children.
22. The pastor never admits to being wrong about anything, and in the one instance that he does, it's because he got caught doing something evil (to someone) and needs to cover it up.
23. The pastor says that God told him to do something..... but it was contrary to the word of God.
24. Prophecies that never come to pass.
25. That pastor has such close ties to you that he knows where you are at every second of every day. Can you say "Control freak?"
26. You've got to get permission from your pastor to either miss a service (which is highly unlikely), take your wife out to dinner, take your kids to the park to play.
27. You get rebuked for being too inquisitive. It's not being a busy body when you're trying to find the truth in something that concerns you. And mind you, if a brother or sister just up and leaves the church for seemingly no reason, you as a member have a right to know why. That's your family; well supposed to be anyway. Not being inquisitive or suspicious of things that seem out of place (especially in a church) is how these wicked pastors capture minds. If you feel as though God is leading you to find answers, then you'd better get in pursuit of finding them.
28. Last but not least, the pastor wants to know every little detail about your life; your bank account information, how much sex you have, how much you make on the job, the hours you work, where you live, your car payment amount, likes and dislikes and so forth.
29. Ok, one more! I've just got to add this one: When the divorce rate for Christians in the church is higher than that of sinners outside of the church, there's something wrong. And to make matters worse on this one, especially when they remarry someone else "In the church" two months later. Someone please tell me how that's of God?
30. I suppose I need one more to make #30. Why don't you just add your own here?