

The Hypnotic Effect

For most people, today is just another day to carry out someone else's wishes for their life. We work for others, speak for others, live for others, and dedicate our time for others. More and more, we as a "Christian" nation have adjusted our minds to our habits and in the process learned to excuse way too many things.

Many have learned very well how to use the scriptures to benefit themselves, effectively using the word of God as a force field to deflect all incoming munitions. And even though many have seen through these types of facades; those who perform them, as a whole, still go unchallenged and left unscathed to do whatever pleases their seared conscience.

I've seen so many through the years who have dedicated themselves to their Christian God, but in the end, it's all about them. It's amazing how that God can be so prevalent in one's life when they are young and in need of an immediate life changing scenario (drug addiction, lust, poverty). But once salvation takes place and that scenario plays itself out, it's as if a great regression takes over. By the time 10 years pass, that babe in Christ now feels like an old decrepit has-been Pharisee.

What happened here?!?!? Why are so many giving up on themselves, God and others? Could it be that the "Church" is messing up more than they are helping in certain cases? And how did people get to be so fickle that they don't even know which way is up anymore?

I mean seriously, trying to talk some sense into some of these members that are in these cultish environments is near impossible. Think about it, you weren't even this dependent on your parents when you were at home living with them. So how is it that people can see through others deceptions, but can't get out of the

one that they are in themselves? Stop letting a single person block every path of opportunity in your life. When will people just take out a spiritual sledge hammer and start breaking down all these barricades? They only look as if they are well built but in reality they are fragile.

We have allowed everyone and everything (besides God) to dictate the outcome of our lives. Somewhere, somehow, Gods people stopped being “Gods people.” The church that once feared God is no longer concerned about living and doing right. It really has begun to sicken me and smite my heart when I hear about the wicked things that clergy find themselves partaking of; everything from the greed of filthy lucre to unseemly acts such as Homosexuality and bestiality. But I wonder if they started off that way, or did they learn these things from someone else while being right in the church?

Where did they go?

Those of us who are former members of these types of churches, really thought that we were filling in the gap. For years we went soul winning, filled our note pads with new contacts, and filled our cars with perspective converts. But my question is, where are all the thousands of people we invited to our church? Surely they all didn't get PTSD and forget where the church was located, PCS or go to war. Think about it; how many people have you “Won” to ~~Christ~~ the church. I mean, let's say, after 4 years of serving God, how effect were you really? How effective was your pastor in all of his teaching that was meant to keep you from going astray?

Let's do the math and get a little better idea of what I'm talking about here: Now these are just theoretical numbers, but I'm just going to use myself as an illustration here. During my time at these churches (and it's probably still the same) it was mandatory to go out soul winning (invite someone to church) every single day. After all, we were taught to “Redeem the time” (which in actuality, it turned out to be a waste of your time, while trying to help others ineffectively). I know that for a fact, there was a phase when I would invite at least twenty people

per week to church and really that's not much considering we, once again, did it every day.

If I only invited 3 people a day, by the time Sunday came around, I had 21 under my belt; simple mathematics here. So now let's take the equation a few steps further by figuring out how many people I could have invited per year, by using this formula:

3 people per day x 7 days a week = 21 contacts per week.

21 contact per week x 4 weeks = 84 contacts per month

84 contacts per month x 12 months = 1008 contacts per year

So if just "ONE" person can feasibly invite 1008 people to church PER YEAR, then how many people are invited by perhaps 15 people?

15 Holy Ghost filled soul winning Christians x 1008 contacts per year = 15,120 contacts per year.

Now, some churches actually have that many members attending weekly, but this wasn't so where I attended. There wasn't that many people in the whole organization, much less one church....therefore something doesn't make since here. Albeit not all of these invites would have necessarily attended even one service, but the fact of the matter is, look how many were potentially invited to attend. And I guarantee you that there are more than 15 people going soul winning at least a few times out of the week.

That's a staggering amount of people that we were inviting. But my question is, where are they? Well, now you know the reason for so much soul winning. See, it really doesn't matter to them who stays and who goes, because there's such an influx of people being invited that.....who cares!

So now here's the twist of fate; and these things which I'm about to share really did and are happening in the church I previously attended. I know this is going to sound crazy what I'm about to share, but hats off to the "Hypnotic effect." I'm telling you, this stuff works and that's why so many pastors have turned heel and went all out into these types of evil works or the flesh.

In pretty much every place that there was one of those churches, it was evident that they had overstayed their welcome. And as a result the people weren't flowing in as much as those pastors would have liked to see. The word was out about "Those church people" and the military and civilians alike took notice. But there was one other person who had taken notice and that was their self-made millionaire/appointed apostle. So him being the man of gosh that he is, decided that it was time to change things up and lock in some income from these dumb, misinformed, trapped sheep.

Now get this, instead of doing what God wanted, he decided to make a "New cart" by telling enlisted brothers and sisters to forfeit their retirement, job and livelihood by filing for disability and to take the money and run. At first, it all sounded great; get out of the military and work full time for the Lord, but you and I both know that wasn't to be so. As time went on, these unsuspecting members began to "Medically retire" from the military one by one, but little did they know what was in store for their future.

Eventually and unfortunately, this gutsy but evil plan captured more than enough disabled vets to sustain their local churches financially (even without the added excessive soul winning). This plan (not of salvation but of deceit) was later incorporated in conjunction with the new use they founded for the "GI Bill." Which when coupled together, brought them a seemingly endless unearned income. They now have enough "Disabled dummies" and "GI Bill brothers" to sustain them without even having to maintain a large volume of "Faithful" members.

This already "Double perks" of a situation now triples when realizing that these same misguided members can also take up the role as pack animals (willing to do anything and travel anywhere) for the church. Not to mention all of the real estate sales and rental properties (Owned by the overseer/apostle) that they are forced to buy and or rent.

Eventually all of the churches will do the same thing if they aren't already. It's not farfetched for me to believe that they will own an apartment complex for every local church in the future; that is unless people stop giving and attending.

We were definitely blindsided by these pastors into believing that things like this were of God and of our best interest.

Those long printed lists of people that we received every week sure made it look like “We are wining,” but the fact of the matter was, we weren’t. Actually someone was, but not any of us peons that were impoverished. Yes there were gobs of people who attended, but not so much that stayed.

I don’t know about you, but it was really frustrating having to scramble week after week when the pastor would chase people off. The contacts would always have questions that we couldn’t and wouldn’t answer (to play it safe). “Why is this service so loud?” “Who lives here?” “Why do you come to my house so much? Of course our reply would be, “Um, uh, well, because we care and Jesus loves you,” so lame! But the truth was, we didn’t know ourselves and even if we did, we were taught not to tell them.

We were taught a lot of unbeneficial things come to think of it. Things that were put into place to protect the church pastor. Not now though, I’ll snitch in a heartbeat; if you come asking me what goes on in there, I will tell you so fast your head will spin. Yes this is what we were a part of, like it or not, that simple fact can’t be changed, but the hypnotic effect that they had over us did.

However, if you are reading this article and you’re still in a church like the one I’m writing about, my question is, “Why?” Will you dare read this and say, “Oh, Rev. Bowers you were the messed up one.” Or will you look at the facts, and stop letting these money hungry pastors sing fictitious lullaby’s that put your mind at a state of submissiveness, all while causing spiritual lethargy? I don’t fault you for being there, but I question your reasoning for staying there.

As we get older and look back at our life, we see things, countless things that we did “Wrong.” Many would say, “If I’d know then, what I know now, I would have done things differently.” So what exactly would you have done differently? Unfortunately some would say, “Go to church!” But you did go, I went and we all toiled together to some degree, but now that part of our life is over. Not the serving “God” part, but the serving “Man” part.

Can't Forget God

For those of you who have left, you can't forget who God is. God can't become "Was" the Lord of your life, He must "Be" the Lord of your life. One of the hardest things (outside of trying to be a real Christian) in one of these churches will be to reacclimate your life. Yes it is going to be difficult, but you can do it (but not without the Lord).

Just because you don't have someone constantly looking over your shoulder and telling you what to do day in and day out, doesn't mean you stop searching for the truth. Over there, the pastor's micromanaged your life, but now it's your turn to manage yourself.

- No more of that always having to be somewhere everyday junk.
- No more going to conference on credit.
- No more not knowing how to love your husband, wife and children.
- No more living under a false pretense.

God is real; He is more real than anything you could ever imagine. And even though they did everything possibly known to man to take that reality away from you, it's still yours to have, hold and cherish.

They say that "Some of the best things in life are free," I've got news for you, salvation isn't one of them. It will cost you a downright dedication if you want to make it through till the end. We can't waiver from the fact that initially, that's why we signed up for Christianity. We believed that serving God could and would change us.

The parameters for being a Christian are still the same as they were when we first got delivered from sin; confess your sins and He is faithful and just to forgive us. So many have strayed from the basic truths of that statement, but nonetheless, it hasn't changed.

(I'm feeling poetic) God said he didn't change and that he's still the same, but what a shame that we still feel so lame. Yes, you can say "We played the game," But in the end, "We have no one else to blame." In other words, God still has

something to give us, even though we were hurt by a “Church” we will have our day of reconciliation.

But the key to receiving what he has, is realizing that we played our part (and God took notice). But in the end if we don’t keep our stride, it will be our own fault. Though this website puts a whole heap of exposure on “*Heathengelical*” ~~ministries~~ miseries, you as an ex-member must allow God to continually help you. That means if there were sins that you held onto as a result of a previous church, then you have to get rid of them.

Some of these things take time, but as my wife shared with me the other day, “We must die Daily.” Believe it or not, this is a voluntary suggestion meant to help us keep ourselves from sin. Even though we were made to believe we had constantly sinned through pride, lust, lack of surrender and so on, now we must learn to “Die daily” to ourselves so that we can better prevent an onset of infectious sins in our members.

Don’t give up on them

I was sharing with my wife some time ago on how that it takes hours, sometimes days just to complete one article, and yet 5-10 minutes tops to read the whole thing. Honestly, I almost decided to not even write anything else. I was already going through my share of “Church regrets” at the time and it seemed as though I should be doing something else with my time/life. Even though I had dozens of unfinished articles, I didn’t even feel like completing them anymore.

In reality, I knew that there was already enough material on my site to sway anyone’s vote towards leaving, rather than staying at their makeshift church. My wife says that we have surely done our part in all of this, and believes that God will honor what we have done thus far. I feel as though so much more can be done, and that so many more can still be liberated. What do you think about all that?

I really do wonder sometimes, “Is this really worth my time?” I mean, are people really getting what I’m saying, or has this just become a place where, as one brother puts it, “Time to grab the popcorn.” And brother don’t feel bad when you read this part, I know the context in which you say this, it’s not the same, but I just thought it was fitting here.

Do you, as my audience, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, really, truly understand what’s going on here? Are you sure? I’m not asking you to sign up for anything and become a member, attend meetings, and call me to “Check in” every day. You can read what you want and discard the rest. You can share what you want with others or forget you ever came to this site to begin with. All of these things are up to you as an individual. No guns to the head or swords to the throat, you have to decide what it is that you want to do.

If you want to help someone from one of these messed up churches, then it’s up to you. If they call you out the blue, it’s up to you to speak with them or just hit ignore on your phone. Either way, you don’t need my permission to do so, but just think about what you’re doing before you do it.

But, the simple fact that you are still reading this lets me know you still have some sort of interest in what’s going on here. I must say though, it is sad to have to tell someone to “Leave” the church that they have been going to for some years, but I’ll do it. For the simple fact that I believe they can do much better, and eventually God can bless them much more. With that said, I don’t want anyone to feel as though they got “Dragged” into this web site thing. So once you read all of this stuff, you might be a little more obligated to do something about what you’ve learned; Just a little.

As I said before, I’m not going to beg you or anyone to support what I’m doing, but I will put out what I believe in, and I believe in this; that a lot of these pastors need to be removed from their pedestals or the church just needs to be shut down completely. I believe that we as Christians need to stop being cowards and stand up for what is right.

Stand your ground

Mostly, people who come on this site are affiliated with one of these crazy churches in some way or another, but what about those who aren't? That's the crowd I want to teach, reach and make aware so they don't make the same mistakes. It is my desire that people are aware of what's going on in these places, so if they should stumble upon anything remotely close, they have a heads up of what's going on. If you find that too extreme for your taste, then I think you need to be reminded what you lost and what others are still losing. I know for sure they got more than one over on me.

How far will I go? How far did they go in ruining your life? In saying that, I'm not stupid, I know my boundaries and limitation (and pictures, pamphlets, and car magnets that say DENYING THE POWER.ORG) aren't any of them. <smile> Anyway, since you didn't expect to be reading all of this, I will now return you to our regularly scheduled article.....

He's still a liar

People wake up one morning after God deals with them and they see Satan lying there. They say "yikes! You scared me, what are you doing here?" Satan replies, "I've always been there, you just never noticed" (Oh Okay). "Now just roll over and go back to sleep, this is all just a dream, and when you wake up, it will be the same thing tomorrow." Welcome to the life of a cult functioning member....exciting isn't it?

The Devil has you mesmerized into thinking that this is what Christianity is. And for some, when they leave the church, they equate Christianity to something "Negative and misrepresented." But this is because that's all they knew since a young adult; and now come to find out, it was for the most part "Wrong!" And because so many never find the truth and (this is important) satisfaction within their religion due to their overly complicated, mixed up environment....they belly up.

In their mind, serving God was the nearest thing to impossible that they've ever embarked upon and rightly so if you base that assumption off of what the so called pastors were saying and teaching. Had you listened to them long enough, you would have eventually believed that you were completely ignorant of the voice of God, salvation, and any understanding past a "Will work for food" mentality. It's time to renew your mind!

Yes ~~Pastor~~ Master

Some places are just plain hopeless if you are a member and that's not saying being a worker/associate to the pastor was much different. Always getting corrected, told what to do cause (according to them) you were obviously too stupid to think for yourself). Therefore, you constantly needed someone to tell you what to do with your finances, time, family, sex life and so on.

I mean advice is one thing, but dictatorship is another. Pointing someone in the right direction when they become confused is one thing but putting every single church member in a mindless marching formation is another. When everyone is doing the exact same thing, day in and day out at the command of self-appointed apostles, not only does it become drab and repetitious, but it's just down right sickening to watch. However, when you leave from bondage, that's when God always blesses, that fact is all through the bible. The whole experience is like drinking spoiled/sour milk with your cereal, the cereal is sweet but the spoiled milk will have you sick for days.

New Christians never see what's going on until it's too late or they have enough sense to question what they hear and see. Some are fortunate enough to have a sibling, friend or mother to step in and say, "Hey, leave them alone or I'll get involved." Ever wonder why the first thing these pastors do is perform separation? This is why; once the unsuspecting member gets conned into believe his biological family ruined him or her and did an injustice by not showing them Christ, he/she detaches themselves and calls the church, "Their new family." Welcome to the community, now get a shovel, pickaxe, and get to work. "Don't I

at least get gloves?” “What brother, this is the work of the Lord, do you think they had gloves when they were rebuilding Jericho?”

Many pastors insist that the members redeem the time, for the days...but that's just it, you're still not redeeming the time. If you're doing everything wrong, because you've been taught wrong, cause you believe wrong, then how are you redeeming the time? The only one who gets anything from that scripture (made into some sort of philosophical saying), is the pastor, because he has your time in his hand.

Door Mat

It seems like many Christians have a particular past time event and that is to let people walk all over them. Don't get it twisted; we are the ones who should be walking all over the devil. Since when was it protocol for a Christian to have an enemy step on their neck and conquer them? Many leave places just like the ones I'm talking about all the time, but remain weak in their mind, allowing others to tread all over them; ask me how I know. I literally had to break off many of my relations (and that includes even some who call themselves Christians) because they had that “Use and abuse,” mind set.

I will not let this happen again to my family. It's taken me some getting use too; the whole putting my foot thing down thing, but I'm glad to have incorporated it into my very own personal life. There's helping someone, then there's letting them take advantage of you, and it behooves you to know the difference.

For those who leave churches which made a lasting catastrophic impression in their lives, getting back to normal doesn't “Normally” happen right away. In fact, what we were doing wasn't normal (at all) for biblical Christians. We didn't know it then, but we sure do now.

Who Cares?

So the question is, “Who can you trust after such an ordeal?” And why not just go out and live in sin, because after all, “Who cares,” if the church doesn’t? Let me assure you though, don’t use this site and what I am saying as a scape goat to live your life of sin; it doesn’t work like that. God doesn’t deliver just so you can go from worse to unspeakable sins. No! A million times no. We still have an obligation to both God and to ourselves. Just because the church turned tides doesn’t mean that we should hold grudges against God; the one who made a way of escape by empowering and encouraging you.

Now the realization is there are some, perhaps many things you will eventually change as far as your Christian beliefs go, but don’t succumb to flat out sin. If one should leave the church and turn their back on Christ, then you’ve endangered you own soul. This is not something anyone but you as an individual can regulate, because each person still has to come to God freely. This of course is difficult for many to adhere to because of all the years of garbage that they had already been forced to put up with. But nonetheless, let God be true and everyone else a liar.

Many lost their entire youth but unfortunately you can’t get those years back. That’s the down side, but you can still be an inspiration to others if you so choose. Taking back your life is the single most important thing you will ever do and you can’t dwell on what was lost, so much as what you have gained by leaving. The good thing is now you can draw off of those years of past experiences to help others. Helping people is what Christians are “Supposed” to be doing anyway, even though you probably learned more of what “Not” to do, than what “To” do.

Set Apart

No matter how you slice this pie, there’s still a distinction and separation that must be kept if we are Christians. People still watch and take note of what we do, and how we socialize, interact with society. Some will find fault with you even more now that you’ve “Given up on God” (from their perspective). But who gave up on God? I know for sure I haven’t. I highly recommend that unless you have

your own heaven and eternal life, that you follow suit. The world we live in is actually backwards on most everything and its standards are mostly irrelevant when compared to the word and things of God. Therefore, we can't forget what the Lord took us out of.

There must be a vast difference in the way a Christian carries his or her self, versus the way a sinner presents themselves. Now we've been taught that to be a sinner is an undesirable thing, and it is if you believe the way Christians do. That is; one can't get to heaven without being saved. But another thing that we've been taught about a sinner is that they are always wrong, and this is wrong.

Think about it for just a second, how many people do you know that are "Sinners," but yet successful in this life (in terms of business and finances)? Why we were busy calling them "Out there" and blasting them for their shorts, TV, and video games, they were still nonetheless supporting their families. Meanwhile, we (as Christians) were wasting tons of cash on conference expenses (car/hotel rentals, food, plane tickets...) and to top it off we left unfulfilled. Now if that's not "Out there," then I don't know what is. We sought to make an occasion against others just to make ourselves appear at peace and or fulfilled.

Fellowrip Meeting

I remember when the people got so excited that we were to start having fellowship meetings in other states; it was like a sigh of relief. The pastors did their job to hype it all up into something that it wasn't, come to think of it, they did that with everything. I believe, if memory serves me correctly, California was the first place. What a disaster that was, except for those who found a potential mate....Yeah, disaster!

The pastors made the hotel reservations for everyone, and demanded of the hotel manager that everything be included, but at a fraction of the cost. The ~~apostle~~ apostate had us preacher's fellowshiping there at the so called resorts restaurant. He said that it was better than going out to a buffet somewhere and

blah blah blah. But if it was so great, then why didn't he and his wife stay there? Needless to say, everything was so overpriced it was ridiculous.

This place was designed for people who Visited for vacation purposes and it was evident we weren't there on "Vacation." All the members were told that they were not to see the sites of the city, because we came here for the meetings (you know, spiritual stuff), and not the malls, piers, zoo, or fishing.

There was a particular couple that I wanted to take to one of the local piers at night, they were so excited...then the judgment. Their local pastor called and barfed all over them, leaving them speechless and downcast. Needless to say, we didn't get to go to the pier. Hypocrites!

Note: This is the same pastor who disappeared with others to Florida on multiple occasions. It was a well-kept secret, but after getting some tips and doing some digging on my own, I found out where they were hightailing it to. No and behold, it was a high priced unit that they purchased secretly, and this spot clearly WAS for "Vacation" purposes. This was only one of their many tight lipped secrets, privy to only an elite few.

You know, I have to say something else here because these people were flat out evil in what they did. Word to the wise; if your pastor is evasive when it comes to him leaving town for a week or more, he's probably hiding something. There were certain times of the year when local pastors would have some so called weeklong meeting that required them to fly to home base and meet with the apostle. Don't believe it! These guys were all taking an all-expense paid vacation trip that had absolutely nothing to do with the church, except for the fact that we financed it. There's nothing wrong with a vacation, even though they rarely allowed others to even think about taking one. But why would you have to keep it such a secret? Foul play, all day.

It was the same thing at a Texas fellowship meeting....the pastor demanded so much from that poor hotel manager; it's no wonder people can't stand when religious folk get together at their establishments. He was going over there daily,

harassing her about menial things and all because his pastor wanted it perfect and without the same issues they faces preciously.

What an unscrupulous vagabond, just showing up out of nowhere, and taking control of everything. I know we are just “Sojourners” in this world, a people just passing through, but whoever you are and whatever you do, don’t relocate with any of the churches I was affiliated with. You won’t be controlling me anymore, that’s for sure.

Contention at the convention

It was a sure case of church contention the way I saw the local pastor (who was heading the fellowship) get chewed out. The apostle was on him about everything, and rightly so when you hear why. Here’s one thing in particular that stands out: The apostle wanted to have a stupid prayer meeting in the afternoon, but the problem was that the conference hall wasn’t reserved that day as part of his contract with the hotel. But since we just had to have prayer meeting right then and there (because after all we couldn’t call ourselves a praying church without three of them per hour, per day), the pastor made reservations.

This man had no sense at all when it came to money, and his next move proved it. So the pastor decided he’d go ahead and book the room....for several hundred dollars that is. So needless to say it was a waste. I’d have to say that this was one of those few rare occasions when the apostle had the right to a 15 minute rebuke on that pastor. I surely hope he got something out of it, cause that dude looked like he got ran over by a diesel semi-truck afterwards.

Instead of just saying it wasn’t possible to get the room for free at this time, the big dummy chose to please his god (the apostle). People get on the government for wasting tax dollars, but these guys waste tithe dollars by the tens of thousands. Needless to say, that meeting proved to be fruitless and expensive. But oh well, there’s always more money to waste where that came from.

We were super-spiritual

The way that we “Used to” carry ourselves was one of a dignified, spotless, personal assistant to Christ himself. I mean we acted as if we knew everything about everybody who came to church. We made it like we had all the answers for everyone else...(but ourselves). Yes, I know this is real, but it is what we unknowingly, shamefully became.

Know this; our foolish pastors made us this way, not God, so please draw the distinction between the two. Are all pastors that way, I seriously doubt it, but I’ve never met every pastor on the planet. But I do know that God was/is not pleased with all those “Christians” running around aimlessly. Brothers and sisters we can’t forget that our Christianity must still be the first thing that we look to. I don’t ever want to get to the place when a new convert invites me to their church and I say something like, “I remember when I was just like you!”

I guarantee you that people (family, friends, coworkers) are lined up waiting to hear all the details about your past experiences in that crazy, “I tried to tell you but you wouldn’t listen” church. But they are also waiting to sock you in the gut by way of fault finding. I’ve personally experienced many who already lack a faith in God/church/pastors who are quick to place their unwanted comments about your perils and “Why they don’t do this or that.”

Let me tell you first hand, “Holiness is still Right!” Even after you’ve left your perspective church, it doesn’t change the fact that living “Right” is “Right.” Now I’m not saying that you go back to being super-spiritual and ultra-religious, cause that’s just plain annoying, but you can’t just give up all together.

Sole Proprietorship salvation

Did Christianity start with....(your church HERE)? Does Christianity end with....(your church HERE)? The answer to both of the questions is No! It’s too easy people; salvation came into being once Christ died on the cross for our sins. After living under the law for Centuries, a new dispensation was issued in. This

might be a shocker to you, but your church wasn't the first, second or even the third (dis)organization to come about as a result of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In fact, many churches have roots that stem from a tree which ceased to bear fruit, and when given the opportunity to build on a solid foundation, they failed miserably. So how is it they still maintain sole proprietorship of salvation and the Holy Ghost? These fake pastors run God right out the church, while their busy trying to make a business out of salvation. Sickening!

Surely we've all heard it many times before: "This is the only church going to heaven." "God sent you here and to leave would be consider a sin by virtue of disobedience."

But Rev. Bowers, does not the bible say to "Obey those who have rule over you?" Yes it does, but that's not as a dictator, but the same Love that Paul, Timothy, Peter and the like had for the church. Oh, and the other part of the scripture is as follows; "Knowing that they care for your soul." That's actually the most important part of this particular scripture. Because as Christians, we need to know that our pastor really is and does what he says. This is the man whom we have been led to believe talks with God, and does those things which please the Father, such as: Pray for the people, Love the people as Christ loved the church, lead the flock in deeds and not just words.

See, many pastors are taught to flood you with scriptures to keep you in check mate. Though most Christians realize the importance of applying scriptures when it pertains to someone else's life (sinner, or anyone other than a member of your church), they most certainly fail at being able to properly ascertain them in their own personal life.

I saw it all the time over there (and oh yes, I was very guilty of it). We were always right, and...well...everyone else was wrong. The whole world was lying in wickedness, but we were so sweet in our ~~seu~~ sour that it would be blasphemy to include ourselves as a potential reprobate damned to believe a lie.

What am I saying here? In a nut shell, we were hypocritical Pharisees acting as though we'd never sinned since after we got saved. Uh hello, does "I die daily" ring a bell? The fact of the matter is, there's nothing desirable about this flesh. I mean really, it constantly fights against the spirit, and naturally gravitates towards sinful things. Now that doesn't mean that we can't overcome sins, but it does mean that we always run the risk of returning back to our vomit. Obviously for this reason, we must keep ourselves through bible reading, praying and the like.

How about this; always telling people how wonderful God is and how Jesus can change your life, letting them know all about the day when you first got saved. We really were persistent and convincing with our reasoning as to why a particular person should come to church....too bad we really didn't believe it half the time ourselves. If we'd be honest with ourselves, many times we used trickery to get people to church after the pushiness failed to achieve desired results. This has to stop! Please keep in mind that I'm referring to my personal experiences.

Keep the truth close

Due to the rapid dilapidation of many churches abroad, a sinner would find themselves hard pressed to just too even find a "Holiness" church that actually teaches/preaches and lives up to that standard of Christianity. My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, please find yourself to be counted among the righteous upon your exit from your perspective church. Though many of us have experienced the standard routine queue of lies, which are directed towards those who have been liberated from such disgraceful bondage, we must know in ourselves that we have maintained our spiritual integrity.

To allow one to make false accusations can be painful at times, but as you stand for God, these lies too shall give way to the truth. Please understand that this has unfortunately been going on for decades, but don't think for a second that God doesn't see it all, and don't think for a second that these churches are Americas last hope, cause they aren't.

I assure you that at this time there isn't the slightest indication that the church I attended is anything remotely close to a body of revived individuals. When God leaves a church, "He takes EVERYTHING with him." The gifts, healing, prophecy....it's all gone. You don't have to take my word for it, if you're involved in a corrupt church, you should already know this by now. Mark my words, when these gifts stop becoming a frequent sight in your church, be sure God is not happy with something or usually, someone. Please understand that God will still do standard things like save souls (because a building is not required to get saved), but beyond that.....

Ghost aren't real

This is why most people are confused when it comes to the Holy Ghost and praying in tongues. If and only if someone totally surrenders to God and receives the Holy Ghost; just give it a few months and they will be just like the others walking around, looking stupid, making a bunch of weird noises. Say it aint so! The proof that it's not the Holy Ghost is; (as I said before) there is no edification. And that was a FREE! Tidbit of information.

If you feel grieved when you're standing next to someone who is "Praying in the Holy Ghost," then what does that tell you? We got so hypnotized into this tongue talking ritual that it meant nothing. Ever wonder how your pastor could pray in tongues for hours in an all-night prayer meeting, and yet continue making stupid decisions the very next day? Go figure!

Conclusion

In conclusion to this article (turned book), there are some thing you need to do. Stay saved, move forward as best you can, stay sweet in your soul, love others, tell others about Jesus, stay clean and stay in touch. God bless you all children of God.