

# Spiritually Insignificant?

As I was reading a book the other day I came across a phrase, which unfortunately describes some churches. The phrase was “Spiritually insignificant” and it really hit home with me.

Jesus spent a lot of time teaching on a simple idea that seems to have eluded many of us. He wanted His followers to grasp the significance of the Kingdom that we chose to occupy. Everything is light and darkness. Just because I am a believer in Christ does not mean that I am moving the Kingdom of God forward. My church teaches that we must be a community of Christ, however that does not mean that it is advancing the cause of Christ. The Kingdom of God advances through disciples whose faith and life represent the kingdom that they occupy. The powers to whom we serve clearly indicate the Kingdom we advance. There is a battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world, with no demilitarized zone. We are for Him or we are against Him. We are never undecided.

In order to be spiritually significant we must have a love for all people. In 2 Timothy 3:1-4 Paul describes a group who only love themselves, who live where the dominion of darkness intersects with the secular. It is a place where people are narcissistic and self-absorbed. This segment of any society, unconsciously considers loving themselves as the greatest good.

We also must love the truth! This love for truth can only be satisfied by a growing relationship with Christ. Through growth we develop a life that demonstrates more substance than form and displays God’s power (2 Timothy 3:5). This growth through a discipleship process does not insulate us from the expectations of the Kingdom of God, but rather makes us keenly aware of our personal accountability to the King.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 speaks of recognizing things of eternal (spiritual) significance. Real disciples believe that people are of paramount importance and will personally sacrifice for the needs that they discover. These disciples are a tremendous asset for the church that is advancing the Kingdom.

The Kingdom-expanding disciple lives life with the unshakable conviction that the ways of God are the only paths to accomplish the eternal purposes of God. It is the Christian living out the intention and expression of both Ephesians 2:8-10 (salvation the gift of God) and James 2:14-19. (faith without works). It is Christ living His life out through a submissive and obedient community of faith, that love Him. This is what makes us significant!

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