

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- August 21, 2014

"Saints in Circulation"

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the British government began to run low on silver for making coins. Lord Cromwell sent his men on an investigation of the local cathedral to see if they could find any precious metal. After investigation, they reported: "The only silver we can find is in the statues of the saints." To which Cromwell replied: "Good! We'll melt down the saints and put them in circulation."

In a few words, that direct order states the essence...the practical goal of authentic Christianity. Not rows of silver saints, highly polished and stiff. Not plaster-people covered in thin layers of untarnished self-righteous "silver" displayed under self-erected "halos."

God's people should be REAL PEOPLE. People who approach God with a reverential fear, humility and contrition. The Bible says that Christians who suffer from meltdowns (for whatever reason) that God looks upon them with great compassion especially those with "a broken heart and a contrite spirit."

It's so easy to kid ourselves. We have to constantly guard ourselves against self-deception. Coming to church once a week for an hour or so and reading our daily devotional – though it is necessary, still it is not enough. What about Monday through Saturday?

"Sunday Religion" may seem sufficient, but it isn't. That's like being Silver Saints but out of circulation. It is imperative, therefore, to be in circulation every day of the week. At work. At home. On vacation. Don't opt for an easier path. The easy path may cause you to come out smelling like a rose. But God needs saints (His people) in circulation through their lives and lifestyles.

It is true that we can be silver saints. Icily regular in church, cool and casual, consistently persistent...and safely out of circulation...until the Lord calls for an investigation of our "personal cathedrals." But it is never too late to have "a meltdown of our hearts" before our Heavenly Father, who loves us with an everlasting love. Ask God to rekindle the flame and love for Him within your heart and get ready...get ready...to be His Saint in circulation.

This Sunday is the Church's Picnic! It will be after the 10:00 a.m. service.
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