

duties unless they are coddled by the "pastor," have neither faith nor piety, and their pretended worship is but a hollow mockery which will militate against the piety of any church and prove a stench in the nostrils of God.

Are we letting our churches be filled with such Christians as this denominational "pastor" is describing? Based on a careful examination of the word of God, we have and support the truth and yet we treat it as something common!

Every Christian understands the urgency of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:11: "*Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ...*" Although we try as hard as we can, the Lord said that only a few would enter the kingdom (Matthew 7:13-14). Moreover, those who enter the kingdom will encounter trouble (Acts 14:22). Paul's urgency should not be translated into a desire to build up numbers without the difficult task of preaching on sacrifice, devotion, and commitment. We need to all pray that we have the zeal and determination to act as we should toward the Lord and those who are lost.

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