

An Apostolic Culture

Luke 13:6-9

6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*:

9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

What is Culture?

What do we mean by Culture? Simply put, culture is the way we do things around here, which has been developed and learned over time. Culture determines what is acceptable or unacceptable, important or unimportant, right or wrong, workable or unworkable. It encompasses all learned and shared, explicit or tacit assumptions, beliefs, knowledge, norms, and values, as well as attitudes, behavior, dress, and language. Every group or organization has a culture. Define it, or it will define you!

Culture is like soil; it helps or hinders growth, depending on its quality. An experienced gardener sets the boundary and removes everything harmful to growth. Seeds are then planted and encouraged to grow through watering and feeding, along with removing any weeds that might choke the seedlings as they mature.

It is time to adopt a culture of revival.

For far too long, far too many of us have gotten used to:

Having backslidden children

Having an unworkable marriage

Having a church with no spiritual babies

Having a life with no prayer

Having a life with little or no dedication & consecration

Having too many unanswered prayers

Having broken dreams

Having a broken life

Having those little, annoyingly bad habits

Constantly relying on self over God

Having a skewed view of God and His church

Having little to no relationship with the man of God, He has placed in your life

Well, that's the way it's always been done around here. No, that's the way you have always done it.

Change your culture, change your life. Change your culture, change our church. Change your culture, change your world.

We are living in a day where saints change churches far too often, “Pastor, I think it’s time my family and I move on to a different church. We just like what we hear is going on over there and want to be a part of it.” When you want to ask them, “WHAT HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CONTRIBUTED TO THE KINGDOM!?”

We are living in a day where people are living closer to the church than ever before, yet they have never been farther away and more disconnected from God and His church and His people.

It is time that our culture aligns with God’s culture and the way He does things.

Change the culture, change the direction. Change the culture, change the future. It’s time to create a culture that is going to facilitate a move of God.

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

R.P.S.