

The Loss of Conviction Preaching

I am not against the younger generation, but I am against the younger generation's evangelism and success philosophy.

Conviction and conviction preaching has become a lost art.

Now, it's all about high church, positive affirmation, and feel-good sermons that make people happy for the moment, but we know that's not how it works because those ingredients produce no lasting change.

Only deep repentance produces change, and deep repentance will never be present without anointed conviction preaching.

A strong church will only be birthed and sustained through deep repentance. Deep repentance births traits like Loyalty, Forgiveness, Submission, Heartfelt Worship, and Fervent prayers. These ingredients only come from pure hearts that have deeply and totally repented.

A cheap and shallow church only produces momentary conversions and perpetual carnality. That's why there is so much immorality, church hopping, hypocrisy, rebellion, and worldliness.

These shallow-minded people become demon-driven people that always shop for what they think is best for them at the moment. There is no discernment and no lasting conversion. So doctrines and standards are not important to them—only preferences and feeling good about themselves.

We are in the last days!! You will find the ingredients of the last generation in 2 Timothy 3:1-7:

- 1) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**
- 2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**
- 3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,**
- 4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The majority of the younger generation do not miss conviction preaching because *it* has been so long since anyone has preached that way, and it seems so mean-spirited to them. But there are a few older saints that remember the deep surges of the Spirit, the weeping and wailing at the altar. And they remember the miracles happening that are no longer present.

Those who can't tell the difference often wonder why their children have no desire to attend church anymore. It is the third generation who have enough discernment to know that all of the hype is shallow and fake. They aren't buying into it.

Without conviction preaching, there is no true deep repentance. And where there is no deep repentance, there is no lasting change.

It's time for Jesus to come to church and drive out the money changers, kick over the tables, and turn loose the doves. It's time for a real spiritual revolution! The spiritually lame and the emotional cripples are waiting to be healed. It's time for the preacher to proclaim: "My Father's house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!" CONVICTION PREACHING. THEN... Sin was identified and driven away. And the sick were Cured. The cripples were healed.

PREACH WITH CONVICTION!

CLEAN THE HOUSE!

AND GOD WILL MOVE!

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