

IF EVERYONE WAS LIKE ME...

INTRODUCTION

- A. Nearly all children want to be like someone A few years ago kids wanted to "be like Mike" (Michael Jordan) now, I don't know, I suppose whoever is popular
- B. Scriptures teach us to follow good examples 1Cor 11:1; Heb 13:7; 1Cor 4:15-16
- C. We're also taught to be a good example Matt 5:13-16
- D. (Title) What if everybody was like me???

DISCUSSION

I. WOULD THE BIBLE CONTINUE TO BE A BEST SELLER?

- A. Would Bibles ever become worn and possibly need replaced because of use? Psa 1:1-2
- B. Would Bibles ever be given as gifts (perhaps surpassing a Sport's Illustrated gift subscription)?
- C. Would TV's popularity diminish because of Bible study?
- D. Would Bible-oriented material (dictionaries, commentaries, periodicals, church bulletins etc.) become obsolete?
- E. What is our attitude toward God's word? Psa 119:11, 18, 97, 104-105

II. WOULD LOCAL CHURCHES EXIST?

- A. Would they just be needed once/twice a year (Easter, Christmas)? Heb 10:25; Acts 20:7
- B. Would there be such a thing as "evening" or "mid-week" services? Acts 2:42, 46
- C. Would there be Bible classes for adults & their children? Titus 2:1-10 (different people need different instructions)
- D. Would the local church be able to maintain their work both by member's participation and financial support? 1Cor 11:23-30; 1Cor 16:1-2

III. WOULD OTHERS EVER HEAR/SEE THE GOSPEL?

- A. Would families be grounded in the knowledge of God's word? 2Tim 1:5; 1Tim 4:16; 2Pet 3:18
- B. Would friends, neighbors, co-workers ever learn the truth? Phil 1:27; 2:15-16
 - 1. Would they know you're a Christian by your behavior, speech, dress, recreation?
 - 2. Would they ever be invited to a Bible study, receive a religious tract, church bulletin, Bible study by mail, etc.? 1Cor 15:58 (abound in Lord's work)
 - 3. Would our speech reflect interest in God's word, or would we just talk about the weather, sports, jobs, politics, etc. 1Pet 3:15
- C. Would erring Christians ever be restored? Gal 6:1-2

IV. WOULD WORSHIP SERVICE/ BIBLE CLASSES BE CANCELED BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH WORLDLY ACTIVITIES?

- A. Would the local church have to close its doors during ball games, family gatherings, golf, fishing, the rodeo, etc. because no one showed up? Matt 6:33
- B. Would children's Bible classes be canceled because parents allowed them to attend a school function, spend night with friends, do homework, ball practice? Lk 8:14
- C. Would worship services be canceled because everyone made the deliberate choice to go to work? Lk 12:15; 2Cor 6:14 - 7:1; Rom 12:1-2; Jas 4:4

V. WOULD ANYONE BE READY AT JUDGMENT?

- A. By using opportunities for good - Matt 25:34-38; Gal 6:10; Jhn 9:4
- B. By obedience to God's word - Matt 7:21-23
- C. By having a prepared heart - Prov 4:23; Rom 6:17

CONCLUSION:

- A. If everyone was like me/you just how long would this congregation continue to exist.
- B. Yes, I realize that no two people are ever alike in every way, but we must be of the same mind and same judgment in spiritual matters 1Cor 1:10; Phil 3:16
- C. We must all work toward being like Christ 2Cor 10:12

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