

"The first thing-and we could argue, the only thing-that really matters in following Jesus is the process of getting God into men and women. If this doesn't happen, then nothing important happens". Bill Hull

- 2Th 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you,
- 2Th 3:9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.
- Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- 1Co 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- 1Th 1:6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
- 1Th 2:14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea.
- Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
- Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- 3Jn 1:11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.
- Heb 6:11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,
- Heb 6:12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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1Co 4:16 I urge you, then, be imitators of me.¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.



Col 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Col 1:29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.



Gal 4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

Gal 4:20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.



“There will always be better preachers who are more gifted than I am, but there will never be a better gospel. I can always improve my preaching, but I can never improve this gospel.”



Gal 1:13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,



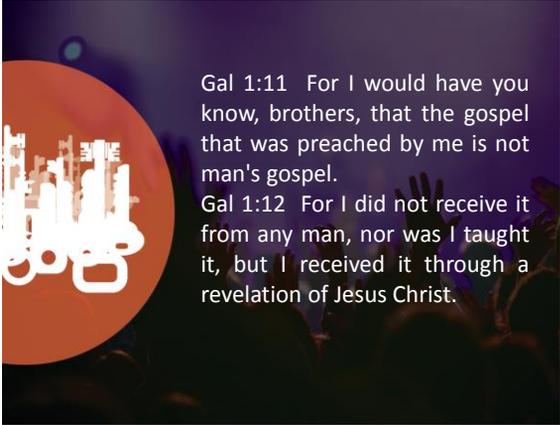
In 1954, A.W. Tozer was asked “What do you think about some of the contemporary trends in the church?”

They asked him what he thought would awaken the church from its complacency.

“In my opinion, the great single need of the moment is that light-hearted superficial religionists be struck down with a vision of God. High and lifted up with his train filling the temple. The holy art of worship seems to have passed away like the shikinah glory from the tabernacle.

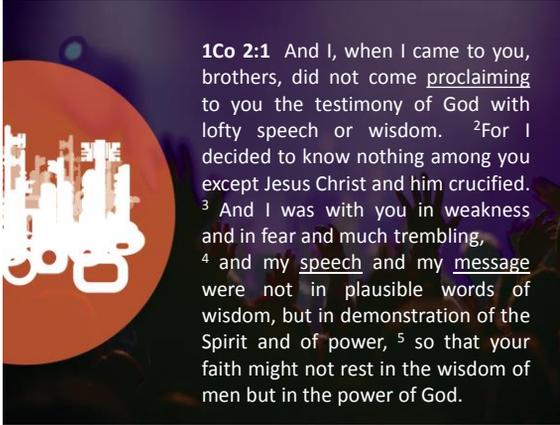


As a result, we are left to our own devices and forced to make up for the lack of spontaneous worship by bringing in countless cheap and tawdry activities to hold the attention of the people in the church.”



Gal 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

Gal 1:12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.



1Co 2:1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Observation # 1.

- He proclaimed the testimony about God.

Observation # 2.

- He did not come with eloquence.

Observation # 3.

- He knew nothing except Christ crucified.

Observation # 4.

- He relied on the power of the Holy Spirit.