

MEN NEED GOD TOO!
1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

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Real Men Don't Serve God!

Real Men Aren't Godly!

- ▶ **We struggle with this issue as a nation**
- ▶ **Some men believe they are not proficient enough for service to God**
- ▶ **Other men believe that serving God Is Not *“tough enough”* for them**

THERE IS AN IDEOLOGY THAT IS VERY PROMINENT IN OUR SOCIETY THAT PREVENTS US FROM BEING GODLY:

Where Are We? Are We Too Sick?

- ▶ Go to the Golf Courses
- ▶ Go to some of the car wash places in the city
- ▶ Knock on a man's apartment door this morning
We are still asleep, or getting ready to watch T.V.
- ▶ Young men are finding it harder to go to worship
- ▶ Men that do worship are called "wimps," "sissies," and thought less of with regard to male strength

**MILLIONS OF MEN IN AMERICA ARE
NOT COMMITTED TO GOD!**

**REAL MEN CAN BE
SPIRITUAL AND
INDEED MUST BE!**

MY ISSUE TODAY IS THAT:

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There Is A Posture of Defiance That Exists!

- ▶ When I talk to young men who should be at worship today and Husbands of wives, there is this attitude of “Defiance”

Defying me, the elders, the deacons, leaders’ wives,
or parents

But That Is Not The Real Problem!

**ANOTHER DYNAMIC ALONG THIS
SAME LINE:**

Many men are ashamed of the way they have squandered their own lives and don't feel up to what they should have learned:

- ▶ Young boys, when you refuse to pay attention in class, you are missing what somebody else is learning (sleeping in class)
- ▶ Teachers don't give D's and F's to kids that can't do the work
- ▶ They give D's and F's to kids who think they know enough not to listen
- ▶ If you don't learn how to read, write, and compute in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, when you get to geometry in the 9th.....

THE REAL PROBLEM IS :

- ▶ If you can't write a straight sentence, and you see a girl that's real pretty, and you try to write her a letter expressing your feelings, but you can't spell, or conjugate verbs, you will be embarrassed!

Then you will have to settle for somebody who can't read or write either!

Then, rather than go back and learn where they teach educational growth (like here), you'd rather stay away from where the potential is for you to be all that you can be

LET'S MAKE IT PRACTICAL:

- ▶ So a lot of kids you see hanging out, washing cars and playing hoops (getting buckets) haven't read a real book!
- ▶ And every time you come to church, somebody is putting a book in front of your face
 - ▶ Song Book
 - ▶ A Bible with difficult concepts

Sometimes worship causes your soul to search itself for its own inadequacies, and some guys just don't want to do that!

OBSERVATIONS

*It's Not Good To Marry a Guy Who
Refuses to Search His Own Soul
for Its Own Inadequacies!*

*A Guy Who Refuses To Admit What
YOU Already Know!*

I believe that we are too embarrassed to learn what
we should have learned, so we don't put forth any
effort at all!

GIRLS:

- ▶ When I first came to you, I didn't come with exalted speech
- ▶ I didn't have all my words together (listen guys)
- ▶ I didn't come with a lot of high knowledge
- ▶ Paul was indeed well educated (Philippians 4) and there was a belief that he was “modifying” his expertise to fit the Corinthian church in the letter (as if he were talking down to them)
- ▶ But I believe that he was really saying I didn't have it all together (thee's and thou's, basic educational linguistics)

PAUL SAYS IN 1CORINTHIANS 2

- ▶ Paul says, I didn't come to you with high sounding words
- ▶ The church is going to have to quit clamoring for preachers who sound "ecclesiastical" and memorize iambic pentameters, and "rapping", telling the Gospel story, rather than those who speak to us about what's important to our hearts and souls
- ▶ We owe it to our children to be able to transmit what it means to walk with God, and have God guide us with His Word

OBSERVATIONS

It Tells Us That You Don't Have to Change Your "Vernacular" to Worship God!

- ▶ In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, different nations were gathered in Jerusalem.
- ▶ And when Peter spoke they all heard the message in their own language
- ▶ Verse 7 says *"And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold are not all these which speak Galilaeans....?"*

IF ACTS CHAPTER 2:7-49 TELLS US ANYTHING

If they heard the Apostles speak in their own language, what language do you think THEY spoke the gospel in?

- ▶ If the folks you are around need the Gospel, and they say “ain’t”you say “ain’t!”
- ▶ If they need the Gospel and they say “ain’t a-fixin to,”you say, “you ain’t a-fixin to be saved unless you are baptized to wash away your sins”

HERE’S MY QUESTION:

*All Men Have A Vernacular That Fits The Church
That's Why I Like This Church!*

On the Communion Table

You may have a truck driver in the middle

You may have a pipe company worker on each side

You may have a lawyer or an I.T. operator next in the row

You may have a retired city employee beside them

You may have a college student on each end of the row!

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO SOUND LIKE A SILVER
TONGUED ORATOR OR HARVARD
PROFESSOR TO SERVE GOD!**

***THIS IS WHAT THE
EARLY CHURCH
LOOKED LIKE!***

***IT WAS COMPOSED OF DIFFERENT MEN WITH
DIFFERENT GIFTS WORSHIPPING GOD!***

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Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

