

“Watch Out, I Am Infected with Contagious Faith”

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John 1:6-9(NKJV)

Church attendance is decreasing nationwide and once loyal church members are now finding other interest to occupy their time, instead of faithfully attending worship services weekly.

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Surveys are revealing that spiritual interest is at a high level in our culture-but also the bewilderment about what to believe and whom to trust.

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Although there is a growing suspicion of organized religion-many people are still willing to turn to an ordinary church in hopes of finding answers.

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One of the highest values of most protestant churches is Evangelism- the personal sharing of the gospel message.

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Matt. 28:19-20(NLT)

“Great Commission.”

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Studies are showing that most Christians don’t have very many, if any, friendships with non-Christians. We have become secluded within our own gang.

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John 3:16(NKJV)

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*A recent pastoral survey revealed that only 14% of Pastors claim their church is heavily involved in evangelism. Only one out of three churches have classes on how to witness or share the gospel.*

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- *Do we really care about lost people?*
  - *Do we sincerely believe that knowing Christ is the best way to live and the only way to die?*

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- *Are we convinced that everyone we know, without exception, needs to find forgiveness, friendship and life that Jesus offers?*
  - *Do we truly believe in hell, and that our family and friends will end up there if they don't trust in Christ before they die?*

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Jesus has commissioned us to become persuasive communicators of His love and truth. Jesus is calling us to have a contagious faith!

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**2 Cor. 5:20(NIV)**

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John 1:6-9(NKJV)

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*People come to Christ one life at a time- and usually through the influence of one or two authentic Christians who have built genuine relationships with them.*

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Luke 19:10(NIV)

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John 20:21 (NIV)

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- *Contagious Faith is the Result of having Christ Like Values*

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A value is something we consider of great worth. A value in our life is worthy of our loyalty, energy, time and resources.

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*A life value is a guide and boundary that directs and gives definition to our lives. Values which we embrace become part of the fabric of our lives.*

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1). People Matter to God:

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*The China Inland Mission became the largest protestant Missions agency in the world. His influence and ministry changed the lives of:*

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Amy Carmichael- who founded a great orphanage in India and ministered there for 55 years.

Eric Liddell-famous runner of the 1924 Paris Olympic Games- later a missionary in China and Japan.

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**John 3:16(NKJV)**

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When we embrace Christ's Value that People Matter-self-centeredness takes a back seat.

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*People Matter to God and God's method of reaching them has always been- sending someone into their life to share with them the good news of Jesus!*

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- 1). *People Matter to God:*
  - 2). *People Are Spiritually Lost*

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Rom. 3:23(NKJV)

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**Rom. 6:23(NKJV)**

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- 1). *People Matter to God*
  - 2). *People Are Spiritually Lost*
  - 3). *People Need Christ*
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Acts 2:21(NKJV)

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- Everybody has their own views and their own way to God
 - It doesn't matter what you believe, if you are sincere
 - We should never impose our personal beliefs on anyone
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John 14:6(NKJV)

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Acts 4:12(NKJV)

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1 Peter 3:18(NKJV)

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- 1). *People Matter to God*
  - 2). *People Are Spiritually Lost*
  - 3). *People Need Christ*
  - 4). *People Need Answers*
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*Today people require more than simply having the gospel declared to them. They also need it defined and defended. They don't merely need to decide whether to follow Christ-they need to know who Christ is and what it means to follow him.*