

# Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

## Danger Signs of Apostasy

We are all familiar with the expression "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Many diseases are easier to prevent than they are to treat. The same is true of unfaithfulness. It is often easier to prevent a person from apostasy than it is to restore him to faithfulness. Early detection of spiritual problems can lead to early treatment and prevention of apostasy. with this principle in mind, consider these danger signals of apostasy:

🙄 Loss of appetite for the Word of God. When a Christian quits hungering and thirsting for the Word of God, serious spiritual malnutrition can and will result. **God wants to talk to you!** Are you showing gratitude in bible study?

🙄 Neglecting to engage in prayer. Prayer, like physical exercise, requires a daily regimen marked by discipline and determination. Are you showing your gratitude to God in prayer?

🙄 Absenteeism from worship assemblies. Worship assemblies create sense of brotherhood and encourage good works. Are you showing gratitude in worship?

🙄 Noninvolvement with the local church program. There is often a direct relationship between a person's involvement in the local program of work and his continued faithfulness as a Christian. Are you showing gratitude in service by being a servant to your brothers and sisters in Christ?

🙄 A critical spirit. A critical, judgmental spirit is damaging to both the individual Christian and the church of which he is a part.

🙄 Lack of respect for the truth. A person who is liberal in matters of faith or dogmatically conservative in matters of opinion fails to have a healthy respect for the truth.

🙄 Absence of concern for others. One who is cold, insensitive and is lacking in genuine love for others ought to be concerned that apostasy is not far away.

🙄 If any of these problems persist in you life, seek the Great Physician and get back on the road to spiritual wholeness.

Note: Wednesday's Wisdom was a New Year's resolution to write a weekly e-mail article on a spiritual theme. (Yes, I wrote today's) Most of the articles I have shared with you have been authored by writers far more skilled than myself. Presently, it is being sent out coast to coast thanks to the Internet to over 103, family, and friends and neighbours, from all walks of my life. No one so far has opted out, so I appreciate those of you that actually read it, and I know some even forward to others. For those in the Orlando area, you are invited to a special series of Lessons, 3 on Sunday and each evening on Sept 13, 14, & 15th at our building 3940 South Bumby Ave. Check with me on times and lesson titles.

***The Heart Of The Matter***

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."  
*-Psalm 51:10*

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