

Keep it Real

Many years ago, I was working with an older man that I had just met. I asked him if he attended Church; I wanted to invite him to our Church. He seemed a little angry at my question and answered, "Young man, respectfully I do not want to talk about Church or religion. If you want to talk about work, fishing, or politics, that would be fine, but I don't want to talk about Church. So, I did not push the subject but decided to wait for God's timing.

Another man that we worked with, did not know about the previous exchange, and he wanted to invite the older man to his Church. He lived near the man, so he asked if he could stop by his home for a visit. The man agreed. They drank some coffee together and talked about work. Then the man was invited to Church. My friend received the same comments that I had received. Then the older man asked him to leave as it was getting late.

Several weeks went by and the older man asked to speak with me. He told me about our friend who came by and what happened. He told me that after he asked the man to leave, he turned off the lights in his home as if he were going to bed. But he told me he quietly looked out of his window to see if the other man had left yet. The man was still in his car praying. Praying where he thought no one could see him. The older man said he was praying for me. He is the real thing, a true man who serves God. The older man told me that his experience with Christians had not gone well. He told me the Christians that he had known talked about Jesus but they did not live differently than non-Christians. The man told me that the hypocrisy was what had made him hostile to Christianity.

I am glad to know that the older man accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

I am told that studies show that what young people seek is honesty. They are drawn to people who are, who they say they are. Whose actions match their words. Isn't that really what we all seek and respect? Fellow Christians, let's live as if someone might be watching us. Let's live in a manner that is consistent with our faith.

1 Peter 1:15

".....but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior."

God Bless You,

Scott Kinnick

Weekly Prayer Points

Pray for all CBC congregations and members as we celebrate the greatest miracle in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Pray for resurrection power to fill each member and congregation and that we might share this Good News of Jesus with everyone.

Pray also for God to provide for Christian Radio stations and that the seeds they plant will yield much good fruit for God's Kingdom.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Bonde La Baraka Congregation in Tanzania and Pastor Haruni Malogo
- Boones Creek Congregation in Johnson City, TN and Pastor Scott Kinnick

CBC Prayer Committee