

IN TOUCH

THE COST OF COMPROMISE

Dear Friend:

All “normal” people like to be liked by someone. I know, I know, you say I don’t care what other people think – “I don’t need people’s approval.” I believe 99% of us at sometime have wanted to be liked by a grandparent, parents, sibling, aunt/uncle, teacher or friend.

In the past 25 years the Christian church has fallen hard for the need to be liked by the world. A world that values narcissism (it’s all about me) egotism

(aren’t I important), hedonism (my pleasure is supreme) and materialism (I can never have enough). Preach or teach about God and Christianity that provides you with all or some of these and people will flock to be a part of your flock. A good book title for that type of Christianity would be called: “Your Best Life Now.”

The sad thing is the church works incredibly hard to appear as much like the world as possible. Why? To attract the “sinners” and grow the church. In the process compromise becomes king. This type of modes operandi is called pragmatism. Pragmatism is the practice of doing whatever it takes to make something work. Pragmatism in the church easily leads compromise of the Bible and holy living by his people. I know I need reminded and maybe you do to: “friendship with the world is hospitality (hatred) toward God. Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (James 4:4). We are never told to love the world and its’ values!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Stan Eller and several sick family members, COVID-19 vaccine production, Scott Ward (cancer), Unity in America, Our music director need