QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Q & A: Who Asks? Who Answers?

Q: *Well, who asks the questions?*

A: I do.

Q: *Okay, who answers?*

A: I do.

Q: *You answer your own questions?*

A: Well, yeah.

Q: *Who are you?*

A: I am you?

Q: *You are me?*

A: Yes. We are both Larry Jones.

Q: *Hmmm. Have I ever asked me a question I couldn't answer?*

A: Not yet.

Q: *Think that will ever happen?*

A: Not likely.

Q: *So why the Q & A?*

A: Q & A points christians to Christ.

Q: *Christians to Christ? Is there a need?*

A: I.... uh, we.... are convinced most have been abducted.

Q: *Abducted!? By who?*

A: Not who, but what. By one of many religions.

Q: *Including evangelicalism?*

A: Especially including evangelicalism.

Q & A: "To love God is to love truth." (A.W. Tozer)

Q: *How do we know if we love truth?*

A: We know we love truth if we love God.

Q: *Well, how do we know we love God?*

A: Jesus said, "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me."

Q: *So love is obedience?*

A: If we love God we obey God.

Q: *How do we obey God?*

A: Two answers. First, by obeying the Bible (as we understand it).

Q: *And second?*

A: By being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Obeying the Holy Spirit is obeying our Lord Jesus who sent Him to us.

Q: *Is it really that simple?*

A: It's really that simple.

Q: *Does simple mean easy?*

A: Sorry. Simple, yes. Easy, no.

Q & A: A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Q: *What was Tozer's most popular book?*

A: "The Pursuit of God" was his first and most popular.

Q: *Have you read this book?*

A: About 6-8 times over the years.

Q: *Six to eight times?*

A: It's that good. This book gave him instant notoriety.

Q: *Have you read other books by Tozer?*

A: Several.

Q: *What is your favourite?*

A: "God Tells The Man Who Cares."

Q: *How many times have you read* this *book?*

A: More than any book, the Bible excepted.

Q: *Obviously you recommend Tozer's writings?*

A: His insights will reform, enhance and strengthen your christianity.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q & A: Answered Prayer

Q: *How do I get my prayers answered?*

A: Jesus taught there are two conditions?

Q: *Two? Just two?*

A: Two.

Q: *What's the first?*

A: "If you abide in Me."

Q: *What does that mean?*

A: If you have a rich, meaningful relationship with Christ.

Q: *Are you talking intimacy?*

A: Intimacy. Fellowship. Togetherness. "First love."

Q: *And the second condition?*

A: "And My words abide in you."

Q: *What does* that *mean?*

A: If you hold His words in high esteem.

Q: *High esteem?*

A: His words must be given eminence above all other words.

Q: *You mean above traditional teachings?*

A: Yes. And words of unbelief, fear, discouragement.

Q: *Do you guarantee these two conditions will get my prayers answered?*

A: No. But Jesus does.

Q & A

Subject: Evangelicalism Thrives Because It Robs From the Great Commission

Q: *How can you say that?*

A: Evangelicalism spends money intended for reaching the lost.

Q: *But how?*

A: Salaries, mostly. And buildings.

Q: *But isn't a labourer worthy of support?*

A: Support, yes. Salary, no.

Q: *How does one support the labourer if not by a salary?*

A: Paul was supported by contributions. As was Jesus.

Q: *Were the twelve apostles salaried?*

A: No.

Q: *Was anyone salaried?*

A: No.

Q: *Then how do evangelical pastors justify their salary?*

A: Evangelicalism only makes sense when you realize one thing.

Q: *What's that?*

A: Evangelicalism is not founded on the Bible.

Q: *It's not!?*

A: Never was.

Q & A: James 1:8: "A Double-Minded Man"

Q: *What does it mean to be double-minded?*

A: Sometimes believing, sometimes doubting.

Q: *How do we know when we are being double-minded?*

A: When we are wavering in our faith.

Q: *How do we know if/when we are wavering?*

A: Faith is always accompanied by expectation.

Q: *Expectation?*

A: Expecting God to answer is a sure sign of faith.

Q: *And if we don't expect we don't have faith?*

A: You got it.

Q: *If we don't believe we won't receive?*

A: "Let not that man suppose that he will receive anything."

Q: *How do I switch from double-minded to single-minded?*

A: Repentance. Bowing to the lordship of Christ. Perseverance.

Q: *Will that work? Like really?*

A: Jesus will help you. Like really.

Q & A: Ever Increasing Faith

Q: *Can faith increase?*

A: 2Cor.10:15: "We hope that your faith will grow."

Q: *Does everyone's faith increase?*

A: I wish. For most it is ever DECREASING faith.

Q: *Like really? Most?*

A: Most have greatest faith when first "born of the Spirit".

Q: *Why is that?*

A: 2Cor.11:3: "I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted."

Q: *Most lose their "pure and undivided devotion to Christ"?*

A: Little by little. And little by little faith shrivels.

Q: *And then what?*

A: Soon they are trying to believe in a faraway Jesus.

Q: *A faraway Jesus?*

A: Yes, someone who lives way up there, relationally distant.

Q: *But doesn't He live way up there?*

A: Yes, but He also lives here.

Q: *Here?*

A: Yes, here, where we live. When devotion returns faith returns.

Q: *What should we do?*

A: Repentance is the answer to most problems.

Q & A: Foolish Galatians, Foolish Evangelicals

Q: *Is there a parallel between yesterday's Galatians and today's evangelicals?*

A: Indeed.

Q: *In what way?*

A: Both are foolish.

Q: *But how are they foolish?*

A: Both chose “another gospel”.

Q: *Another gospel?*

A: The Galatians turned from Christ to the Mosaic Law.

Q: *Completely?*

A: Mostly.

Q: *And evangelicals?*

A: Evangelicals turned from Christ to evangelicalism.

Q: *Completely?*

A: Mostly.

Q & A: Is Jesus “First Love”?

Q: *Is Jesus YOUR “first love”?*

A: Yes.

Q: *Was He always?*

A: I don't think so.

Q: *What replaced Him?*

A: In a word, religion.

Q: *Religion?*

A: Most reading these words have put their religion before Jesus.

Q: *How do you know?*

A: Their speech gives them away.

Q: *In what way?*

A: Born-again christians, speak churchianity much more than Jesus.

Q: *Churchianity? What's that?*

A: Matters relevant to one's church.

Q: *What's the significance of speaking church more than Christ?*

A: Jesus taught us that we speak the overflow of our hearts.

Q: *Church in, church out?*

A: Exactly.

Q & A: The Judgement Seat of Christ.

Q: *Who will be there?*

A: "We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ."

Q: *Why?*

A: "To be rewarded for our deeds in the body."

Q: *Should we be nervous?*

A: We should be prepared.

Q: *Will this be a happy occasion or a sad occasion?*

A: Happy for some, sad for others.

Q: *How many will be happy?*

A: The answer is all around us.

Q: *What do you mean?*

A: Sadly, most christians are not living for Jesus.

Q: *Will they be punished?*

A: They will “suffer loss”.

Q: *Suffer loss?*

A: “If any one's work is burned, he will suffer loss.”

Q: *Burned?*

A: “Fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.”

Q: *Any advice?*

A: Repentance is the answer to most problems.

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Q & A: Life In The Spirit

Q: *What does a life in the Spirit look like?*

A: It's living under the management of the Holy Spirit.

Q: *Did Jesus live under the management of the Holy Spirit?*

A: I believe so.

Q: *Why do you think so?*

A: Matthew 12:18: “I will put My Spirit upon Him.”

Q: *And us?*

A: To the degree we are submissive to Jesus, we will place ourselves under the management of the Holy Spirit.

Q: *What would be the result of being managed by the Holy Spirit?*

A: Like Paul, we would finish “the race”.

Q: *The race?*

A: 2Tim.4:7: “I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race.”

Q: *Will many finish the race?*

A: It seems very few are fighting “the good fight”.

Q: *Sad, isn't it?*

A: Very.

Q & A: My Town

Q: *What is your town?*

A: Kelowna, B.C, Canada.

Q: *What's so special about Kelowna?*

A: The lake, the mountains, the climate, the people.

Q: *Lots of churches?*

A: Oh yeah.

Q: *Which one do you attend?*

A: None.

Q: *You don't attend church?*

A: Used to. I think I out-churched everybody.

Q: *Out-churched?*

A: Sometimes on sundays I was in church seven hours.

Q: *Why did you stop attending?*

A: Lost my intimacy with Jesus and I wanted it back.

Q: *You lost your intimacy with Jesus while attending church?*

A: That's more common than most think.

Q: *Did you recover that lost intimacy?*

A: Oh yeah.

Q: *How long did it take?*

A: Two years, give or take.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q & A: People Pleasing

Q: *Is it wrong to please people?*

A: Our decisions should be based on what is pleasing to Jesus.

Q: *Was Paul a people pleaser?*

A: Gal.1:10: "If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

Q: *Is the same true for us?*

A: Sure is.

Q: *What is the end result of a people pleaser?*

A: Regret. And lots of it.

Q: *Are evangelicals people pleasers?*

A: If they lived to please Jesus they wouldn't be evangelicals.

Q: *What would they be?*

A: Disciples.

Q & A: Praying In Jesus' Name

Q: *What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name?*

A: Jesus gave us the use of His name.

Q: *Why?*

A: To accomplish His purposes.

Q: *An example?*

A: We are to petition the Father in Jesus' name.

Q: *Another example?*

A: We are to cast out demons in the name of Jesus.

Q: *Demons? Are they still around?*

A: In great numbers.

Q: *One more example?*

A: We are to speak to infirmities in the name of Jesus.

Q: *We can speak to sicknesses just like Jesus did?*

A: We do what Jesus did by using His name.

Q: *That's what He wants us to do?*

A: He wants us to speak His name with authority.

Q: *Authority?*

A: We have authority in Jesus' name.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q & A : The Awful Evangelical Tithe

Q: *How can you say the tithe is awful?*

A: The evangelical tithe is awful.

Q: *What is the evangelical tithe?*

A: It's a tithe invented by evangelicals.

Q: *But didn't they get it from the Bible?*

A: There is no similarity.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q: *How is it different?*

A: In every way.

Q: *An example?*

A: The OT tithe never tithed income?

Q: *Never?*

A: Never.

Q: *Then how did Jesus the carpenter tithe?*

A: He didn't.

Q: *Well, how about Peter the fisherman?*

A: Unh-uh.

Q: *Then why do evangelicals tithe their income?*

A: Good question.

Q & A: Followers of Christ vs Followers of Christians

Q: *Aren't all christians followers of Christ?*

A: Very few christians are followers of Christ.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q: *Then who are christians following?*

A: Christians.

Q: *Christians are following christians?*

A: Christians follow christians who follow christians who...

Q: *And not Jesus?*

A: And not Lord Jesus.

Q: *How do you know?*

A: Followers of Christ obey His word, the Bible..... only.

Q: *And followers of christians?*

A: A mixture of Bible and traditional, man-made rules.

Q: *So what's the answer?*

A: Love christians and follow Christ.

Q: *It's that simple?*

A: It's that simple.

03

Q & A : "Just As I Am"

Q: *Who created that song?*

A: Charlotte Elliott in 1835.

Q: *It's a song for the unsaved, right?*

A: And for the saved.

Q: *In what way?*

A: It's a powerful prayer.

Q: *A prayer?*

A: Hundreds of times I have prayed that song to Jesus.

Q: *Like really?*

A: "Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me. And that Thou bidst me come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Q: *Wait a minute! Haven't you already come to Jesus?*

A: Way back in 1972.

Q: *Then how can you come again?*

A: Because He bids me to come deeper. And deeper.

Q: *Does Jesus bid us all to come deeper?*

A: He is no respecter of persons.

Q: *How did you go deeper?*

A: "Just as I am."

Q & A : My Friend Richard

Q: *How did you meet your friend?*

A: I was a babe in Christ visiting a neighbourhood pentecostal church.

Q: *Richard just introduced himself?*

A: Just said hi. Soon we were talking about the house I was building.

Q: *Are you a carpenter?*

A: No, an electrician.

Q: *Was Richard a carpenter?*

A: Yes. He offered to help pour the concrete for the basement walls.

Q: *Why?*

A: That's Richard. That's true christianity. He really loved Jesus.

Q: *Has it been a good friendship?*

A: He was a true elder, though he never considered himself one. Looking forward to seeing him again.

Q: *Where is he?*

A: In heaven. With Jesus.

Q: *How did he die?*

A: Cancer. I couldn't save him. Felt so useless.

Q: *But you will see him again, amen?*

A: Amen and amen!

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Q & A : Institutionalized Christianity.

Q: *What is institutionalized christianity?*
A: Institutionalized christianity is christianity minus the Holy Spirit.

Q: *Minus the Holy Spirit?*

A: Lord Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to lead us, individually, through our christianity.

Q: *Are most christians Spirit-lead?*

A: I wish. Most have given themselves over to a religion.

Q: *Have such christians been institutionalized?*

A: To varying degrees, yes.

Q: *What about evangelicals?*

A: Evangelicals have given themselves over to evangelicalism just as catholics have given themselves over to catholicism.

Q: *What's the answer?*

A: Repentance is the answer to most problems.

Q: *What does a repentant evangelical look like?*

A: Like an ex-evangelical. Like a follower of Christ.

05

Q & A: Judgement Seat Of Christ, A Celebration?

Q: *Well, will it be a celebration?*

A: For some.

Q: *For some as in most?*

A: I doubt it.

Q: *What percentage will be happy?*

A: The answer is all around us.

Q: *All around us?*

A: A high percentage are less than fervent for Jesus.

Q: *You mean lukewarm?*

A: Lukewarm. Frivolous. Apathetic. Careless.

Q: *What will be their outcome?*

A: 1Cor.3:15: “If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss.”

Q: *Burned?*

A: 1Cor.3:13: “The fire will test each one's work.”

Q: *Suffer loss?*

A: That's eternal loss.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

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Q & A : Tim Tebow, Ambassador Of Christ Jesus.

Q: *So who is Tim Tebow?*

A: A football player renowned for his bold witness for Christ.

Q: *Who did he play for?*

A: Actually, he played for Jesus.

Q: *Okay. Just how did he witness Christ?*

A: In one college championship game he wore John 3:16 on his eye black.

Q: *Eye black?What's that?*

A: Grease applied under the eyes to reduce glare.

Q: *Did anyone notice?*

A: 90,000,000 people googled John 3:16 during the game.

Q: *90,000,000!? Like really?*

A: 3 years later, now in the NFL, the Lord acknowledged Tim's bold witness in a crucial playoff game.

Q: How?

A: Statistics revealed Tebow's total-yards-gained was 316 yards, his average running-yards was 3.16.

Q: *But couldn't that be coincidence?*

A: I'm not finished. His completed-passes average: 31.6 yards. Time-of-possession: 31.6 minutes. TV ratings: 31.6 million.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really. Jesus is awesome!

07

Q & A : Why Do You Call Pastor Whoever "Pastor"?

Q: *Well?*

A: Well what?

Q: *Why do you call Pastor Whoever "Pastor"?*

A: I dunno. I guess because everybody does.

Q: *Do you know what 'pastor' means?*

A: Sure do. 'Pastor' means 'shepherd'.

Q: *Is Pastor Whoever your shepherd?*

A: Well, yes.... I mean, no.... I mean....

Q: *You remember Psalm 23?*

A: Sure do. "The Lord is my Shepherd...."

Q: *Who is your Shepherd?*

A: The Lord is my Shepherd.

Q: *How many shepherds do you have?*

A: One.... the Lord Jesus.

Q: *Tell me again, why do you call Pastor Whoever "Pastor".*

A: I get your point.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Yeah.... I get it.... like really.

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Q &A : Like *REALLY?....* A VideoBook

Q: *What's a VideoBook?*

A: A VideoBook is a book of videos. Instead of reading,

you listen.

Q: *Where do I find this VideoBook?*

A: www.likereally.org

Q: *Does this book have chapters?*

A: About 100 chapters, each a short 10 minute video.

Q: *What is the theme of Like REALLY?*

A: It's about, basically, one's relationship with Jesus.

Q: *Does my relationship with Jesus need improving?*

A: An improved relationship translates into an

improved life.

Q: *What makes this 'book' different?*

A: The book is different because the author is different.

Q: *In what way are you different?*
A: I am not attached to a religious system.
Q: *A religious system?*
A: Evangelical-ism, for example, is a religion, as

are most -isms.

Q: *Well, what* are *you attached to?*

A: Not what, but who.
Q: *Who are you attached to?*

A: I am a branch attached only to “the true vine”.

Q and A: Can We Love Too Much?

Q: *Well, can we love too much?*

A: Yes.

Q: *What is too much?*

A: Loving someone more than Jesus.

Q: *Do many love 'too much'?*

A: Most love someone (or something) more than Jesus.

Q: *But how do you know that?*

A: The Lord gave me eyes to see and ears to hear.

Q: *What do you see? What do you hear?*

A: I see and hear apathy toward Jesus Christ.

Q: *Is that because we love some people or things too much?*

A: Yes.

Q: *But doesn't Jesus command us to love others?*

A: No person is to replace our "first love", the Lord Jesus.

Q: *Does that happen often?*
A: Yes. Spouses, children, friends, etc. These become idols.

Q: *Idols?*
A: An idol is a false god.

Q: *Like the golden calf?*

A: Yes, like the golden calf.
Q: *What is the answer?*

A: Gazing upon Christ.
Q: *Like really? That simple?*

A: Setting a gaze upon our Christ melts our golden calves.

Q & A : You Are Ordained To Preach

Q: *Who, me?*

A: Yes, you.

Q: *Who commissioned me?*

A: Lord Jesus.

Q: *When?*

A: A lo-o-o-ong time ago.

Q: *What should I preach about?*

A: "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Q: *But I'm not licensed. How can I preach?*

A: Neither am I. Just talk about Jesus Christ.

Q: *To who?*

A: To whoever the Holy Spirit leads.

Q: *How about Facebook?*

A: A great start. And the Lord will open other doors.

Q: *But am I ready to preach Jesus?*

A: Get ready.

Q: *How?*

A: Pursue Jesus fervently.

Q: *That's it?*

A: Love Jesus fervently and you will speak Jesus fervently.

Q: *And if I don't love Jesus fervently?*

A: If you don't you won't.

Q: *Is that why most christians don't?*

A: Yes, lack of fervency.

Q: *That simple?*

A: That simple.

Q & A : A Religious/Spiritual Tour Of Kelowna

Q: *I never heard of a tour like that. What's it about?*

A: It's a tour of churches in Kelowna, emphasizing evangelical churches.

Q: *Why emphasize evangelical churches?*

A: Most born-again christians are evangelicals.

Q: *Where do I find this religious/spiritual tour?*

A: www.likereally.org ..... youtube..... facebook.

Q: *You critique evangelical churches?*

A: I feature Kelowna's five largest.

Q: *What is the purpose of this tour?*

A: To turn wayward hearts back to Lord Jesus.

Q: *Is that necessary?*

A: Churches have stolen the loyalty and affection of many of Christ's people.

Q: *How did you evaluate these five churches?*

A: By counting the number of times they spoke Christ.

Q: *You counted!?*

A: I counted.

Q: *How ofttен did these five churches speak Christ?*

A: They spoke Christ less than they spoke 'church'.

Q: *Like really? How does this compare to the NT?*

A: The NT speaks Christ much more often than church.

Q: *And your conclusion?*

A: Evangelicalism contrasts both the Bible and Jesus.

Q & A: Religions Within A Religion

Q: *Religions within what religion?*

A: Religions within evangelicalism.

Q: *Is evangelicalism a religion?*

A: Certainly.

Q: *Are Baptist churches one of the religions within evangelicalism?*

A: Yes. And the Baptist religion is itself divided into several sects.

Q: *You mean there are religions within religions within a religion?*

A: Pentecostalism is likewise divided into several sects.

Q: *How many?*

A: Over 500 worldwide.

Q: *500? Like really?*

A: So I have read.

Q: *How does one determine which religions are true?*

A: No religion is true.

Q: *None?*

A: Jesus never initiated a religion.

Q: *Then who started all these religions?*

A: Good question.

Q & A: A Vision of the Judgement Seat of Christ

Q: *This was your vision?*

A: I don't have visions.

Q: *Well, whose vision was it?*

A: My friend Richard.

Q: *What did he see?*

A: Multitudes of saints, all in white, prostrate before Jesus.

Q: *Were they happy?*

A: Very un-happy.

Q: *Un-happy?*

A: They were too ashamed to look at Jesus.

Q: *Why?*

A: Jesus was saying over and over, "I told you not to. I told you not to. I told you not to."

Q: *"I told you not to" WHAT?*

A: "I told you not to lay up treasures on earth."

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Q & A: The Awful Evangelical Tithe (Part 2)

Q: *How awful is awful?*

A: It's arguably the most appalling evangelical tradition.

Q: *Why is the evangelical tithe so awful?*

A: Jesus: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Q: *And?*

A: Collecting tithes is collecting little pieces of your heart.

Q: *Is that how they capture our affection?*

A: And loyalty. And obedience.

Q: *Obedience?*

A: Instead of obeying Christ's commission to reach the world's unsaved, evangelicals obey the decrees of evangelicalism.

Q: *Such as?*

A: Subsidizing building and the pastor's salary. Etcetera.

Q: *Etcetera?*

A: The secretary and janitor. Re-pave the parking lot. Air conditioning. An on and on.

Q: *Are you saying evangelicalism is a poor investment?*

A: Evangelicalism costs more than money, much more.

Q: *What do you mean?*

A: Evangelicalism costs souls.

Q: *Souls? Like really? How can that be?*

A: Expenses are paid by money plundered from the Great Commission.

Q & A: Holy Spirit vs The Program

Q: *Doesn't a service require a program to follow?*

A: Yes, if the people don't choose to be lead by the Holy Spirit?

Q: *But don't pastors ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the program?*

A: No.

Q: *How do you know?*

A: If they did every service would be unique, not cookie-cutter.

Q: *Cookie-cutter?*

A: Yeah, you know, same guy preaching, same routine, same schedule, same.... everything.

Q: *Have you ever been to a Spirit-lead service?*

A: No.

Q: *Not once?*

A: Not once.

Q: *Like really? Not once in 45 years?*

A: Not once in 45 years.

Q & A: "Though None Go With Me"

Q: *Those are words from a song, aren't they?*

A: Yes, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

Q: *When did you first hear this song?*

A: 1972.... at a catholic charismatic prayer meeting.

Q: *And you all sang,"Though none go with me still I will follow"?*

A: Yes. That's when the Holy Spirit dropped a word into me.

Q: *What was the word?*

A: There would be a day I would have opportunity to prove the words I was singing.

Q: *You mean there would be a time everyone would stop following Jesus!?*

A: Yes, everyone I was acquainted with.

Q: *What effect did it have?*

A: It scared me.

Q: *Why?*

A: I thought everyone who stopped following Jesus must be going to hell.

Q: *What do you think now?*

A: Most christians believe in Jesus, but very few actually follow Him.

Q: *Who are christians following?*

A: Christians..... who follow christians.... who follow christians.

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Q & A: We Are Branches

Q: *Who is 'we'?*

A: 'We' is you and 'we' is me and 'we' is every christian.

Q: *Why do you call us branches?*

A: Jesus calls us branches: “I am the vine,

you are the branches."

Q: *Was Jesus speaking metaphorically?*

A: Jesus was talking relationship.

Q: *Relationship?*

A: After redemption, Jesus invites us into ongoing abiding relationship.

Q: *Ongoing? Like continuous? Forever?*

A: Not only continuous but deeper.

Q: *The very Son of God invites me into deeper relationship?*

A: He does.

Q: *He loves me that much?*

A: He wants you more than you want Him.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Like really.

Q: *Like really, really, really?*

A: Like really, really, really.

Q & A: What Is An Evangelical?

Q: *Well, what* is *an evangelical?*

A: One who has given himself over to evangelicalism.

Q: *What do you mean?*

A: As the catholic has given himself over to catholicism, the evangelical has given himself over to evangelicalism.

Q: *Is that bad?*

A: Extremely.

Q: *Why?*

A: Evangelicalism competes with Jesus for the hearts of christians.

Q: *How do you know?*

A: Followers of Christ obey the Bible. Evangelicals obey evangelical traditions.

Q: *But don't evangelicals bear good fruit?*

A: Yes.... not because of evangelicalism, but in spite of it.

Q: *So what's the answer?*

A: Simple.... stop being an evangelical.

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Q & A: Who Is Your Covering?

Q: *What does that question mean?*

A: It means, "Who is your protection?"

Q: *Protection from what?*

A: Deception. Errant doctrines. Disrepute.

Q: *Does the question suggest human protection?*

A: It suggests being accountable to a pastor, or church or denomination.

Q: *Shouldn't every evangelical have a covering?*

A: Every christian was born (re-born, born again) with a covering.

Q: *And what or who is that covering?*

A: Jesus.... the “head of the church”, our Shepherd and High Priest and Lord and King.

Q: *But don't we need each other?*

A: We need to preach Christ, our only true and capable Protector, to each other.

Q: *What about all those who consider their pastor to be their covering?*

A: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man.”

Q: *Like really?*

A: I didn't say it; God said it.

Q & A: You May Not Be At Your Lowest

Q: *Isn't life getting better for us christians?*

A: Not all. Not most.

Q: *Why not?*

A: Most have idols.

Q: *What is an idol?*

A: An idol is someone or something that comes before Lord Jesus.

Q: *Are you certain christians with idols are heading down?*

A: Idols take you down, never up.

Q: *And after idols take you down?*

A: They take you lower still.

Q: *Always?*

A: Always.

Q: *A non-stop decline?*

A: Like really.

Q: *How does a christian get an idol?*

A: By deposing Jesus from the throne of one's life.

Q: *How does a christian get rid of idols?*

A: By reseating Jesus on the throne of one's life.

Q: *And the decline will stop?*

A: Immediately. Now it's up, up, up.

Q & A : Your Bible-Believing Church Isn't

Q: *My Bible-believing church isn't what!?*

A: Bible-believing.

Q: *Are you saying my church doesn't teach Bible truths!?*

A: Catholicism teaches Bible truths but it, too, isn't.

Q: *Isn't what!?*

A: Isn't Bible-believing.

Q: *But what do you mean!?*

A: The Bible is not final authority.

Q: *Are you comparing evangelicalism with catholicism!!?*

A: Yes.

Q: *Like Really!!?*

A: Like really.

Q: *In what way!!?*

A: Both place their traditions above the Bible.

Q: *Which proves!!?*

A: Which proves your Bible-believing church isn't.

Q: *Isn't what!!!?*

A: Isn't Bible-believing.

Q & A: Evangelicals Fear Evangelicals

Q: *How do evangelicals fear evangelicals?*

A: In the same way catholics fear catholics and mormons fear mormons, etc.

Q: *Do evangelicals fear those of other religions?*

A: No. Religionists only fear those in their own crowd.

Q: *What are religionists afraid of?*

A: Disfavour. Exclusion. Rejection.

Q: *So they are cautious to stay in harmony with their people?*

A: Very. This caution pressures evangelicals to conform.

Q: *Conform to what?*

A: Conform to evangelicalism.

Q: *Is peer pressure within evangelicalism light, moderate or heavy?*

A: Heavy. The human need for acceptance is huge.

Q: *So what's wrong with acceptance and approval?*

A: The need to be accepted and approved is dangerous.

Q: *How so?*

A: That need leads to compromise.

Q: *How so?*

A: It pressures one to follow evangelicals instead of Christ.

Q & A: Evangelicals Are Afraid To Preach

Q: *Afraid to preach? Afraid of whom?*

A: Their christian community. The pastor. Each other.

Q: *How do you know that?*

A: Simply because evangelicals, generally speaking, don't preach. Not even to each other.

Q: *Are you saying there are guidelines?*

A: Unwritten guidelines.

Q: *Unwritten?*

A: Much of what we are taught is non-verbal.

Q: *An example?*

A: No one taught evangelicals to call the man "Pastor", but they do.

Q: *They follow the example of others?*

A: New arrivals soon learn what is and isn't expected of them. They find their 'place'.

Q: *And they learn by example to not preach?*

A: By example. By inference. Pulpit-people understate Scripture's clear mandate to preach.

Q: *And that's why evangelicals don't preach?*

A: They can "share" a testimony. Even go on 'missionary trips'. But preaching "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" upsets protocol.

Q: *And the consequences?*

A: Immeasurable.

Q & A: Evangelicals Fear Pastor Whoever

Q: *Why do evangelicals fear their pastor?*

A: Pastor Whoever is NOT their pastor! Jesus is their pastor!

Q: *Sorreee. Then why do they call 'the man' "Pastor"?*

A: Because Pastor Whoever (and fellow pew-people) taught them to.

Q: *Why don't they simply refuse to call him "Pastor"?*

A: Fear.

Q: *Fear?*

A: You just don't want to irritate the pastor.

Q: *Why not?*

A: He can make life miserable.

Q: *How?*

A: Success in the local church is impossible without his endorsement.

Q: *Is this why evangelicals fear the pastor?*

A: The pastor has leverage, spiritual leverage, over pew-people.

Q: *Just like the priest has leverage over catholics?*

A: Amen and amen!

Q and A: Pastors Are Territorial

Q: *Territorial?*
A: Territorial.
Q: *Like really?*
A: Like really.

Q: *Why do you say pastors are territorial?*
A: It was the pastor who decided who preached last sunday.
Q: *And?*
A: And he chose himself.

Q: *And?*

A: He decided himself all the previous sundays.

Q: *That makes him territorial?*

A: Continually occupying (not sharing) the pulpit is being territorial.

Q: *Why doesn't he share the pulpit?*

A: His lords would frown upon that.

Q: *His lords?*

A: The denominational officers who placed him.

Q: *Are there other reasons?*

A: Sharing the pulpit would be sharing the prestige, the honour, the glory, the attention.

Q: *Does the pulpit cause elitism?*

A: An un-shared pulpit causes elitism.

Q: *Always?*

A: Always.

Q and A: Evangelicals Afraid Of The Holy Spirit

Q: *How do you know that?*

A: The constant repetition.

Q: *Like?*

A: Same church. Same service. Same schedule. Same songs. Same speaker.

Q: *Which means?*

A: Evangelicals are guided by someone/something other than the Holy Spirit.

Q: *Like who/what?*

A: The pastor. Group influence. Tradition. Habit.

Q: *Have they been institutionalized?*

A: An evangelical is an institutionalized christian.

Q: *How do you define an institutionalized christian?*

A: One in unison with their institutional church.

Q: *Is that so bad?*

A: Unison with an institutional church is disunity with the Holy Spirit.

Q: *Like really? And therefore out of step with Jesus?*

A: Most certainly.

Q: *And therefore the Father?*

A: Most certainly.

Q: *And the Bible?*

A: Most certainly.

Q: *Is there a remedy?*

A: Repentance is the answer to most problems.

Q and A: Knowing vs Realizing

Q: *There's a difference?*
A: Big difference.
Q: *What's the diff?*
A: Knowing is a head thing.
Q: *And realizing?*
A: Realizing is when it sinks into your heart.
Q: *Hmmm. An example?*
A: The judgement seat of Christ.
Q: *Don't most christians know of the judgement seat of Christ?*
A: Yes, but few realize it. It has never sunk down in their hearts.
Q: *How can you tell?*

A: I'm not deaf and blind.

Q: *Christians aren't living as though they must give an account to Jesus?*

A: The judgement seat of Christ isn't even in their conversations.

Q: *When is the last time you heard someone speak of the judgement seat?*

A: I can't recall.

Q: *Like really? It's that rare?*

A: Christians know it's coming, but don't realize it.

Q: *And if they did?*

A: They would abide more fervently in “the true vine”?

Q: *The true vine?*

A: Jesus said, “I am the true vine”.

Q: *The “true vine” will soon be our judge?*

A: Amen and amen.

Q & A: Only Those Who Get It Will Get it

Q: *Get what?*
A: A better life.
Q: *Better than what?*
A: Better than the life you are now living.

Q: *Who are those “who get it”?*

A: Those who fully realize (absorb) this truth.

Q: *What truth?*

A: There's a better life available for everyone.
Q: *But suppose life isn't so harsh?*
A: Jesus wants to enrich your life, be it inferior or exceptional.
Q: *How can Jesus enrich my life?*
A: Through relationship.
Q: *Doesn't every christian have a relationship with*

Jesus?
A: Certainly. And improving that relationship will

improve life.
Q: *Considerably?*
A: To the degree the relationship is improved.
Q: *How do I improve my relationship with Jesus?*

A: Worship. Obedience. Gratitude. Idols must go.

Q: *What will a better life look like?*
A: More love and peace and joy.... more of every good thing.

Q: *So a better life is available to everyone?*

A: Only those who get it will get it.

Q & A : God's Sabbath, Saturday or Sunday?

Q: *God's sabbath is saturday, right?*
A: No.
Q: *Didn't it used to be?*

A: Yes.
Q: *When did it change?*
A: Calvary changed everything. Like.... everything!
Q: *Is that when sunday became the sabbath?*

A: Sundays were never the sabbath.
Q: *What day is the sabbath?*
A: None. We are not obliged to make any day special.
Q: *Oh?*
A: Rm.14:5: "Some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable."
Q: *Doesn't sound like Paul promoted a sabbath, does it?*
A: Paul scolded the Galatians: "You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you."

Q: *Will there be a saturday/sunday sabbath in heaven?*

A: There won't be a saturday or a sunday.

Q & A: I Have Never Tithed

Q: *Never?*
A: Never.
Q: *How long have you been a christian?*
A: 46 years.
Q: *And all those years you have never tithed?*
A: Never.
Q: *Were you sleeping when the man preached tithing?*
A: Mostly, tithing isn't preached; it's assumed.
Q: *What do you mean?*
A: It's like everybody assumes Jesus wants us to tithe.
Q: *Doesn't He?*

A: Jesus hates the evangelical tithe.

Q: *Evangelical tithe? What's that?*

A: The tithe invented by evangelicals to finance evangelicalism.

Q: *Did you ever feel you were "cursed with a curse"?*
A: Never.

Q: *Did you feed something to the collection plate?*

A: More than I care to admit.

Q: *What advice do you have for tithers?*

A: Stop the insanity!

Q & A: My Pride Destroys Many

Q: *Your pride destroys many people?*

A: Because of my pride many will be eternally lost.
Q: *How do you figure?*
A: James 4:6: "God resists the proud."
Q: *And?*
A: My pride stifles the Holy Spirit, The Great

Evangelist.
Q: *And?*
A: He cannot evangelize through me, not fully.
Q: *Are you an evangelist?*
A: No. But He evangelizes through whoever

He can.
Q: *So your pride stifles the Holy Spirit and therefore*

stifles evangelism?
A: That's why, because of my pride, many will be

eternally lost.
Q: *How does that make you feel?*
A: Let's not go there.

Q & A: <u>A Shameful Story</u>

Q: *Where/when did you hear this story?*
A: A book I read several years ago.
Q: *The title of the book?*
A: "The Subtle Power Of Spiritual Abuse" by Johnson and VanVonderen.
Q: *A shameful story?*
A: A church staff member sexually abused a

13-year old girl.
Q: *Horrible! How did church leadership respond?*
A: They fired him.... secretly.
Q: *Why secretly?*
A: Secrecy is the m.o. of most churches.

Transparency can be embarrassing.

Q: *Did their silence work?*

A: He struck again, another teen at another church.

Q: *Is this kind of abuse within evangelicalism rare?*

A: Probably. But spiritual abuse is quite common.

Q: *How common?*

A: I don't know, but most pulpit-people do.

Q: *And they aren't telling?*

A: Again, secrecy is the m.o. of most churches.

Q: *Is silence sometimes necessary?*

A: Silence protects controllers and status quo.

Q: *What happened to the young lady?*

A: Ostracized. Blamed. Childhood destroyed.

Q: *Do you recommend this book?*

A: Fully.

Q & A: How Much Do Pastors Make?

Q: *Well?*
A: Well what?
Q: *How much do the pastors at your church make?*
A: I dunno.
Q: *Why don't you know?*
A: I dunno why I dunno.
Q: *Shouldn't you know?*
A: The pastors never told me I should know.
Q: *Do you think their salary should be a secret?*
A: Well, no.... that doesn't sound right.

Q: *Don't you believe in transparency?*

A: I suppose so.

Q: *Do the pastors believe in transparency?*
A: They claim to.

Q: *Does Lord Jesus believe in transparency?*

A: He certainly does.
Q: *So I ask again.... shouldn't you know their salary?*
A: I guess so. I do help pay it.
Q: *So again.... why don't you know?*
A: Because they never told me.
Q: *Why haven't they told the congregation?*
A: I guess they don't want us to know.

Q: *Why wouldn't they want the people to know?*

A: Perhaps they make more than expected.
Q: *Why don't you ask them how much they make?*
A: No, no, no! No way! Ain't going there!
Q: *Scared to?*
A: Well yeah.

Q & A: Those Glorious 22 Minutes

Q: *22 minutes of what?*
A: 22 minutes of praise and worship at the beginning

of each service.
Q: *Exactly 22 minutes?*
A: Well.... not exactly. :) :)
Q: *You're being somewhat cynical?*
A: Somewhat. Services are so structured/mechanical.
Q: *What makes the 22 minutes 'glorious'?*
A: Jesus is highly exalted. There is quality preaching

in most songs.
Q: *How does that compare with the rest of the service?*
A: Lord Jesus is not highly exalted.

Q: *Why is that?*
A: Ask the controllers.
Q: *Controllers?*
A: Those who set the agenda for the service.
Q: *Do the controllers preach Christ?*
A: Yes.... sparingly.
Q: *Why sparingly?*
A: We all speak the overflow of our hearts.
Q: *So.... what is in their hearts?*
A: A little of Christ and lots of religion.

Q: *What would the service be like without those 22 minutes?*
A: Half the people wouldn't show up.
Q: *Like really?*
A: I really think so.

Q & A: I Know The Answer To your Problems

Q: *How do you know what my problem is?*

A: I don't.
Q: *Then how do you know the answer?*
A: Problems vary, but the answer is the same.
Q: *I got it.... Jesus is the answer, right?*
A: Wrong.
Q: *Jesus is not the answer to my problem!?*
A: No.
Q: *You're kidding, right?*
A: Ain't kidding.
Q: *But how could that be?*
A: If Jesus was the answer to your problem you wouldn't have a problem.
Q: *How do you figure?*
A: Jesus was always with you.

Q: *And?*
A: And you still got into the problem.

Q: *So?*
A: So Jesus can't be the way out of your problem.
Q: *Well, what is the answer to my problem?*
A: Faith in Jesus is the answer to your problem.

Q: *Oh. And faith in Jesus is the answer to every problem?*
A: Like really.

Q & A: I Believe In Healing Miracles

Q: *Had you experienced a healing miracle?*
A: Yes, a healing of my tailbone.
Q: *How did you injure your tailbone?*
A: While climbing into an attic access opening.
Q: *Was the injury painful?*

A: Somewhat, especially after rising from a chair.
Q: *Where did you receive your healing?*
A: While attending a conference in Abbotsford, B.C.
Q: *Did they pray for you?*
A: The preacher had a word of knowledge, asking those with a tailbone injury to stand.
Q: *And you stood up?*
A: No hesitation whatsoever. I received about 80% healing then and there.

Q: *And the other 20%?*
A: Within a few days.
Q: *Who was the preacher?*
A: Bill Johnson from Bethel Church, Redding, Ca.
Q: *How many years ago?*
A: I dunno. Maybe 10.

Q: *And you're still healed?*
A: Still healed.

Q: *What do you say to those who teach Jesus no longer heals?*

A: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Q & A: <u>True Leaders</u>

Q: *What makes a leader a true leader?*
A: A true leader speaks relevant spiritual truths.
Q: *And if a leader does not speak truth?*
A: He is nonetheless a leader, but a false one.
Q: *How can we know?*

A: A true leader draws people closer to Christ?

Q: *Were the apostles true leaders?*
A: Mostly.
Q: *Mostly?*
A: Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan!"
Q: *But wasn't that before Calvary and Pentecost?*
A: Paul "had to oppose" Peter for serious wrongdoing.
Q: *So a christian can be both a true and a false leader?*
A: Speaking relevant truth is being a true leader.

Q: *Then we can all be leaders?*

A: We <u>are</u> all leaders, good or bad.
Q: *What about all the church leaders?*
A: When speaking truth they are being true leaders.
Q: *And when they're not?*
A: They are leading others away from Christ.
Q: *Don't their credentials make them true leaders?*
A: No, no more than a badge makes a child a sheriff.
Q: *But most are true leaders, right?*

A: Most are both, just like Peter.

Q: *Is there anyone I can trust!?*

A: *In all my years I have only known one.*

Q: *Please tell me, who is it!?*

A: Lord Jesus.

Q & A: One Little Word Changes Everything

Q: *One little word?*
A: One little word.
Q: *What is it?*
A: About.
Q: *About?*
A: John 17:3: "This is eternal life, that they may know

You.... and Jesus Christ whom You have

sent."
Q: *Powerful! Did you read that somewhere?*
A: "The Divine Conquest", A.W. Tozer,
Q: *Do religionists strive to know Christ or know about*

Christ?
A: Religionists are content to know about Christ.
Q: *Don't born-agains already know Christ?*
A: Paul knew Christ and yet his burden was "that I might

know Him".
Q: *Why did Paul want to know the One he already knew?*
A: Amplified: "That I may know Him ."

Q: *But shouldn't we also know about Christ?*
A: Knowing about Christ should make us hungry to become

"more thoroughly acquainted with Him".
Q: *Should Paul's passion to "know Him" be our passion?*
A: Christianity should be a passionate pursuit of Jesus Christ.

Q & A: Two Wings Of A Bird

Q: *Why are birds so skilful?*

A: Because they are well-balanced.

Q: *What makes them well-balanced?*
A: Because their wings are equal in size.
Q: *Are christians well-balanced?*
A: A rare few.
Q: *Why rare?*
A: Most have 'wings' disproportionate to

each other.
Q: *Christians have wings?*
A: One wing is the Word.
Q: *And the other?*
A: The second wing is the Spirit.
Q: *What gives a christian balance?*
A: When the Word and the Spirit are equal.
Q: *Suppose they're not equal?*
A: They are like a bird with one big and one

small wing.
Q: *Won't that cause them to fly in circles?*
A: Exactly. Fly lots but get nowhere.

Q: *Are many North American christians like that?*
A: Not many, but most.
Q: *Just a small quantity of fruit?*
A: Sigh.

Q & A: A Memory Jogged

Q: *What was the memory?*

A: Pictures in a magazine.
Q: *Pictures of.... ?*
A: Arab teens riding in a big convertible.
Q: *Who were the teens?*
A: Kids of wealthy oil people.

Q: *How were they dressed?*
A: Expensive. Fashionable.
Q: *Where were they driving?*
A: Through a squalid district.
Q: *Were the kids having fun?*
A: Gleeful. Oblivious to the impoverished.

Q: *Was the photographer highlighting the*

glaring injustice?

A: Seemingly.
Q: *What jogged your memory?*
A: A YouTube performance in a lavish church.

Q: *How were the people dressed?*

A: Expensive. Fashionable.

Q: *Were they having fun?*

A: Gleeful. Oblivious to the spiritually impoverished.
Q: *Where is this church located?*
A: All churches are in spiritually squalid districts.
Q: *Another glaring injustice?*
A: Seemingly.

Q & A: Detach and Recommit

Q: *Detach myself from what?*
A: Religion.
Q: *You think I'm attached to a religion?*
A: Most are.
Q: *How do you define 'religion'?*
A: Religion: a spiritual governing body.

Q: *Are there many religions?*
A: In my city of Kelowna there are at least 50.
Q: *What do they have in common?*
A: They each insist on loyalty to their brand of religion.
Q: *To their set of rules?*
A: Rules additional to, or contrary to, the Bible.
Q: *All 50?*
A: Not one exception.
Q: *After detaching myself from religion, what then?*
A: After you detach, you recommit.
Q: *Recommit myself to Jesus Christ?*
A: Religion has weakened your attachment to Christ.

Q: *What changes will follow my recommitment?*
A: A better life. A better eternity.

Q & A: Free Ain't Cheap!

Q: *Why is free considered cheap?*
A: If it's free it must be of little value.
Q: *But that's not true, is it?*
A: Not at all.
Q: *Do you charge for your material?*
A: Never have. Never will.
Q: *Why not?*
A: Lord Jesus forbids it.
Q: *Jesus forbids charging for christian service?*
A: "Freely you have received, freely give." (NKJV)
Q: *Hmmm.... what does the Amp say?*
A: "Freely (without pay) you have received, freely

(without charge) give."
Q: *And all the other translations?*
A: Same thing.
Q: *Did the apostles charge for their services?*
A: Not a chance.
Q: *How about Jesus?*

A: You gotta be kidding.

Q: *Is it okay to charge for cd's and books?*
A: "Freely you have received, freely give."
Q: *How about christian concerts and conferences?*
A: What part of "freely give" don't you understand?

Q & A: General William Booth's Vision

Q: *Who is William Booth?*
A: Founder of the Salvation Army.
Q: *He had a vision?*
A: Millions drowning in "a dark any stormy ocean".
Q: *The unsaved?*
A: Eternally lost unless they were rescued.
Q: *Were christians in his vision?*
A: Yes, safe on an island jutting out of the ocean.
Q: *Recently rescued from the same stormy ocean?*
A: Yes, including you and I.
Q: *They were frantically rescuing the lost?*
A: Most had "astonishing unconcern".

Q: *Like really? Couldn't they hear them? See them?*
A: Most christians were (are) distracted.
Q: *What were they doing?*
A: Look around.
Q: *What do you mean?*
A: They were doing what we are doing.
Q: *What's that?*
A: Having fun. Playing church. Building buildings.

Making money. Singing and praising Jesus.

Q: *Will there be a day of regret?*

A: 2Cor.5:10: "We must all appear before the

judgment seat of Christ."

Q: *Where can I read Booth's vision?*

A: Google: William Booth – A Vision of the Lost.

Q & A: Fishers of Men

Q: *Fishers of men? What's that?*
A: Jesus said to two fishermen, "Follow Me, and I

will make you fishers of men."
Q: *Instead of catching fish they would catch people?*
A: They would lead many to Christ.
Q: *Can we all become "fishers of men"?*
A: Certainly.
Q: *Well, how do I become one?*
A: Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you

fishers of men."
Q: *So if I follow Christ I will have a big 'catch'?*
A: A deep devotion to Christ will ensure a sizable catch.
Q: *But why do so few christians beget christians?*
A: Because so few are following Christ.
Q: *Like really? Who are christians following?*
A: Most christians are following christians.
Q: *And not Christ?*
A: Believers following Christ produce converts.

Q: *Lots of converts?*

A: Dozens. Perhaps hundreds. Perhaps thousands.
Q: *But suppose I don't have the calling of evangelist?*
A: We are all called to evangelize.
Q: *Like really?*
A: Like really.

Q: *Like really, really, really?*
A: Like really, really, really.

Q & A: Pastor-Fixated Evangelicals

Q: *Mornin'. Enjoy yesterday's service?*
A: Sure did. Pastor Pete outdid himself.
Q: *Yeah, but don't you miss Pastor Percy?*
A: I must say I liked Pastor Percy more than Pastor Pete.
Q: *Who has been your favourite over the years?*
A: Neither Pastor Pete nor Pastor Percy were a match

for Pastor Pierce.
Q: *But don't you think Pastor Perry has them all beat?*
A: I don't think Pastor Perry outshone Pastor Pierce.
Q: *How do you figure?*
A: Pastor Pierce is well-grounded in the Word.
Q: *Is that because Pastor Pierce once sat under the*

ministry of Pastor Peyton?
A: Could be. Pastor Peyton is long gone.
Q: *Where did he go?*
A: Pastor Peyton left town to replace Pastor Paxton.
Q: *Really. Where did Pastor Paxton go?*
A: To heaven.
Q: *Oh. When did Pastor Paxton pass?*
A: A few weeks ago. Pastor Patrick did his funeral.
Q: *Lots of pastors turned out?*
A: I'll say. Pastor Pete, Pastor Percy, Pastor Pierce,

Pastor Perry, Pastor Peyton.

Q: *I assume Pastor Patrick gave an uplifting word?*

A: Pastor Patrick sure bragged on Pastor Paxton.

Q: *Great. Well, gotta go.... see you on sunday?*

A: Certainly. Pastor Pete will be expecting us.

Q & A: Go To A Movie Lately?

Q: *Well, did you go to a movie lately?*
A: Matter of fact, yes.... "I Can Only Imagine".

Q: *Nice building?*

A: Very.
Q: *Comfortable seat?*
A: Not too shabby.

Q: *Air conditioned?*

A: Of course.
Q: *How much did the production cost?*
A: I dunno.... maybe 5-10 million.
Q: *What was the cost of admission?*
A: About $12.

Q: *Go to church lately?*
A: Well, yeah.

Q: *Nice building?*

A: Very.
Q: *Comfortable seat?*
A: Not too shabby.
Q: *Air Conditioned?*
A: Of course.

Q: *What was the production cost?*

A: Zero.

Q: *How much did you donate?*

A: Zero. Instead I donated into Christ's

Great Commission. :) :)

Q & A: The Feasts: Authentic vs Hybrid

Q: *Hybrid?*

A: Hybrid, simply said, is a mixture.

Q: *Like a hybrid car, fuelled by two systems?*

A: Hybrid feasts are a mixture of God's way and man's alternatives.

Q: *Okay. But what do you mean by authentic feasts?*
A: Authentic feasts are celebrated God's way.
Q: *Has God's instructions been recorded?*
A: Leviticus, chapter 23.
Q: *How do the authentic and the hybrid differ?*
A: The authentic had many animal sacrifices.
Q: *Anything else?*
A: The feasts were to be celebrated in Jerusalem.
Q: *Anything else?*

A: Feasts were specifically for "the children of Israel".
Q: *Does God still want the Israelites to keep the (authentic) feasts?*

A: Not since Christ established the new covenant.

Q: *Do you think God frowns upon hybrid feasts?*
A: Sufficient to say Jesus never authorized changes.
Q: *Did the apostles authorize changes?*
A: There are no changes recorded in Scripture.
Q: *How can so many presume to alter God's instructions?*
A: The keeping of hybrid feasts is a religion, and religionists feel no compulsion to obey Scripture.

Q & A: The One True Religion

Q: *How do you define religion?*
A: A bunch of do's and don't's.
Q: *What is the one true religion?*
A: Not is but was.

Q: *Okay, what was the one true religion?*
A: The religion established by God through Moses.
Q: *Lots of do's and don't's?*
A: Hundreds.
Q: *When did that religion come to an end?*
A: At Calvary.
Q: *Is that when God established other religions?*
A: God never established a second religion.
Q: *Who created all the religions of today?*
A: They evolved from man's itch to build things.
Q: *Man built all these religions?*
A: With help from you-know-who.
Q: *What's wrong with man's religions?*
A: Everything.
Q: *Can you be specific?*
A: Religion and Jesus duel for the hearts of people.
Q: *Who wins most often?*

A: Not Jesus.

Q & A: I Have A Sick Soul

Q: *You have a what!?*
A: I have a sick soul.
Q: *Could you repeat that!?*
A: I.... have.... a.... sick.... soul.
Q: *You, Larry Jones, have a sick soul?*
A: I, Larry Jones, have a sick soul.
Q: *You poor guy! When did it happen?*
A: Soon after the age of reason.

Q: *Age of reason?*

A: When a child becomes accountable.
Q: *What happened?*
A: I introduced myself to sin.

Q: *And.... ?*
A: Sin darkened my soul.
Q: *Thus you have a sick soul?*
A: The more I sinned the more infected I became.
Q: *Did it distress you when you found out?*
A: Not at all.
Q: *But why?*
A: Now I understand why I am the way I am.
Q: *Hmmm. And just how are you?*
A: Unfinished. Blemished. Lotsa defects.
Q: *Do you feel inferior to other christians?*
A: Not really.
Q: *And why not?*
A: We all have sick souls.

Q: *Are you saying I have a sick soul!?*

A: No comment.

Q & A: Does Jesus Want Us To Keep The Feasts?

Q: *Feasts? Like christmas and easter?*
A: No, no, no! The feasts of Leviticus, chapter 23.
Q: *Oh. Like the Passover and Feast of Tabernacles?*
A: There are seven feasts the Israelites kept.
Q: *Did Jesus keep them?*
A: Undoubtedly.
Q: *Then He must want us to keep them, right?*
A: Wrong. Everything changed at Calvary.
Q: *In what way?*
A: Lord Jesus provided a new and better covenant.
Q: *So the feasts do not apply to our new covenant?*
A: Most feasts pointed to the coming Messiah.
Q: *So the arrival of Jesus makes the feasts irrelevant?*
A: His life and death fulfilled most prophetic feasts.
Q: *Why do some christians still keep the feasts?*

A: They (supposedly) keep the feasts differently.
Q: *How so?*
A: One example of several: no animal sacrifices.

Q: *Because Christ was the final sacrifice?*

A: Amen and amen! Praise be to Jesus!

Q: *Is it possible to keep the feasts "differently"?*
A: Changing God's feasts is not keeping God's feasts.

Q: *Nonetheless, some obviously believe Jesus wants*

us to keep the feasts.... differently?

A: God never authorized changes to His feasts.

Q: *Never? No hint of changes in Scripture?*

A: Never. No hint of changes in Scripture.

Q & A: Obnoxious Church Obscurity

Q: *An example of church obscurity?*
A: Pew-people are not told the pastor's salary.
Q: *Why do pastors keep their salary veiled?*
A: Perhaps to foster their image of humble servant.

Q: *Would pew-people be surprised if they knew?*

A: Surprised, disillusioned, perhaps embittered.
Q: *Why don't the people demand to be informed?*

A: Pew-people are afraid to offend pulpit-people.

Q: *Afraid? Why afraid?*

A: Crossing Pastor Whoever could be self-inflicting.

Q: *What other 'obnoxious' obscurities?*
A: Leadership refuses to speak percentages.
Q: *Why?*
A: Percentages would weaken the glow of their

reports of outreach (i.e., Christ's Great Commission).
Q: *What should reports look like?*
A: Example: Expenditures of Previous Month:

Salaries (pastoral, secretarial, maintenance): 55%.

Buildings (mortgage, maintenance, grounds): 35%

Outreach (evangelism, missions, etc): 5%
Q: *Hmmm. When should these reports be given?*

A: Prior to sunday's collection.

Q: *But wouldn't that result in smaller collections?*
A: Much smaller. Thus the need for obscurity.

Q & A: Fishers of Men

Q: *Fishers of men? What's that?*
A: Mat.4:19: said to them, "Follow Me, and

I will make you fishers of men."
Q: *Who was Jesus talking to?*
A: Two brothers, Peter and Andrew, both fishermen.
Q: *Will Lord Jesus make me a 'fisher of men'?*
A: Certainly. But there is a requisite.
Q: *A requisite?*
A: Yes, a precondition.

Q: *Do I have to be an apostle? An evangelist?*

A: No and no.
Q: *What then is that precondition?*
A: Jesus said to the brothers, "Follow Me".

Q: *That's Christ's requirement.... to follow Him?*

A: Christ makes "fishers of men" all who follow Him.
Q: *But I already follow Him.... don't I?*
A: Followers of Christ have a distinct trait.

Q: *Tell me, what is it?*

A: Followers of Christ are sensitive to the Spirit.
Q: *You mean obedient to the Holy Spirit?*

A: We obey Christ by obeying the One He sent.

Q: *That's how we become fishers of men?*
A: Followers of Christ are fishers of men. And...

Q: *And?*

A: And fishers of men are followers of Christ.

Q & A: The Evangelical Tithe: What Thinketh Thou?

Q: *Well, what do you think?*
A: I thinketh it stinketh.
Q: *The Mosaic tithe?*
A: No! The Mosaic tithe was holy. Everything God initiated was holy, perfect.
Q: *Who initiated the evangelical tithe?*
A: The awful evangelical tithe!
Q: *Okay! Who initiated the awful evangelical tithe?*

A: It sure wasn't our precious Lord Jesus.

Q: *Obviously. But who?*
A: It evolved over the decades.
Q: *Why was the the evangelical tithe started?*

A: The awful evangelical tithe!
Q: *Okay! Why did evangelicals initiate the awful evangelical tithe?*
A: Greed. Bigger, better buildings. Larger salaries.
Q: *How do you define the evangeli.... oops!... the awful evangelical tithe?*
A: Ugly, appalling, fraudulent, deplorable, devious.

Q: *Anything else?*
A: Criminal, sinful, repulsive.

Q: *Finished?*

A: Finished.

Q: *Feel better?*

A: Much better.

Q & A: Beware The 'R' Word

Q: *What's the 'R' word?*
A: R-e-b-e-l-l-i-o-u-s.
Q: *Rebellious against God?*

A: Not against God; against church leadership.

Q: *So what should we 'beware'?*
A: A consistent misuse of that 'R' word?

Q: *Does the 'R' word signal illicit spiritual control?*
A: It signals a lack of respect for the management

of the Holy Spirit.
Q: *And replaces it with their own?*

A: Exactly. Evangelicalism is much like catholicism.

Q: *Both want to control one's christianity?*
A: Yes. Both religions contest Jesus for lordship.

Q: *How should we react?*
A: Confront or flee.
Q: *Are all 'christian' religions the same?*
A: All christian religions are the Bible plus.
Q: *Plus?*
A: The Bible plus their distinct observances.
Q: Is that *real rebellion?*
A: Rebellion is adding to (or subtracting from) the Bible.
Q: *Does that mean what I think it means?*

A: Afraid so. It means all religions are rebellious.
Q: *What should I do?*
A: Renounce all religion; guard against religionists.
Q: *And?*
A: Repent of idolatry and again "put on Christ".

Q&A: Evangelicals: 30% Christ, 70% Religion

Q: *Evangelicals are 30% and 70% of what?*
A: 30% and 70% of their spirituality (spiritual life).
Q: *A mere 30% is Lord Jesus!?*

A: Seemingly.

Q: *And a whopping 70% is religion!?*
A: Seemingly.
Q: *Seemingly? So you're only estimating?*
A: More like guess-timating.
Q: *What qualifies you to 'guess-timate'?*
A: I've been around a long time.
Q: *How long?*
A: Long as in l-o-o-o-n-n-g.
Q: *Did evangelicals start off 30%, 70%?*
A: Evangelicals did not start off evangelicals.
Q: *They became evangelicals?*
A: An evangelical is something one becomes.
Q: *Well what were they like when first converted?*
A: Fervent.... possibly 70% Christ, 30% religion.
Q: *And after attending church?*
A: 70% Christ dropped to 60%, 50%, 40%....
Q: *And religion?*
A: Religion climbed from 30 to 40 to 50.....
Q: *Is leadership also 30% Christ, 70% religion?*
A: Seemingly. Pew-people are 30% and 70%

because pulpit-people are 30% and 70%.

Q: *As in Hosea 4:9: "Like people,like priest"?*

A: Seemingly.

Q & A: A Significant, Revealing Quotation

Q: *How significant? How revealing?*
A: Very and very.
Q: *Where is the quotation from?*
A: "The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse" by Johnson and VanVonderen.
Q: Y*ou obviously recommend it?*
A: Please hear me: I strongly recommend "The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse".
Q: *Got it. What's the quote?*
A: Page 81: "Spiritual abuse is a problem we believe to be widespread and also deeply ingrained in our contemporary Christian culture.... it presents a wrong message about the life of grace and faith – one that ultimately leads to no life at all."
Q: *Wow! Just how "widespread" is spiritual abuse?*
A: In Kelowna I have witnessed much spiritual abuse over the years. Kelowna is probably average.
Q: *What does abusive leadership hope to accomplish?*
A: To manipulate the congregation into furthering its religious agendas. Lord Jesus is not pleased.
Q: *So why the quote?*
A: I really (really, really) want you to read this book.
Q: *Why?*
A: It will open your eyes as to the reality of spiritual abuse within many (perhaps most?) congregations.
Q: *Again... what's the title?*
A: "The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse."

Q & A: Does It Cost To Give?

Q: *Of course it costs to give.... doesn't it?*
A: No. God's economy is different than man's.
Q: *Different?*
A: Generosity actually enriches the giver.
Q: *Hey!.... are you 'Word-Faith'!?*
A: I loathe the (supposed) Word-of-Faith

movement. But I do believe the Bible.

Q: *Does Word-Faith teach some truth?*

A: All religions have a degree of truth.
Q: *Do you believe in prosperity?*
A: I believe in generosity.
Q: *You believe in giving to get?*
A: I believe in getting to give. Jesus wants us

to receive so we can bless.

Q: *And keep some for ourselves?*
A: Jesus: "Do not lay up.... treasures on earth."
Q: *Why doesn't Word-Faith quote this verse?*
A: It opposes their prosperity/greed narrative.
Q: *Where do they go wrong?*
A: Like most evangelicals, they accumulate.
Q: *You mean "treasures on earth"?*
A: "Treasures on earth" cost "treasures in heaven."
Q: *So tell me, why doesn't it cost to give?*
A: Give little and God reimburses your little.

Give lots and God reimburses your lots.

Q & A: Tell Me, Should I Speak Truth?

Q: *Well, should I?*
A: All should speak truth.... as the Spirit directs.
Q: *Would the Holy Spirit ever constrain me?*
A: Certainly.
Q: *But isn't He the "Spirit of truth"?*
A: The "Spirit of truth" is also the Lord of truth.
Q: *What do you mean?*
A: He dispenses truth at His discretion.
Q: *You mean He chooses the time?*
A: Words must not only be truthful but helpful.
Q: *Helpful?*
A: Helpful.... corrective.... and timely.
Q: *How do I know when the time is right?*
A: You don't. But the Holy Spirit does.

Q: *Should we be prepared to speak truth?*
A: Always.... to speak truth and write truth.
Q: *Will speaking/writing truth get me in trouble?*
A: Jesus was murdered because He spoke truth.
Q: *Will speaking truth always bring strife?*
A: Consider John the baptist, Paul, Peter,

Stephen and many etceteras.

Q: *That was back then.... what about today?*
A: Same truths brings same reactions.

Q: *From?*
A: From those who disdain truth.

Q & A: Fiercely Defend Christ's Lordship

Q: *Defend the lordship of Christ from who?*
A: Many would plunder it from you.
Q: *Those of the secular world?*
A: The secular world and the religious.
Q: *My obedience to Christ irritates them?*

A: Severely.

Q: *Who are they?*

A: Controllers.... builders.... religionists.
Q: *They are irked by my devotion to Christ?*
A: Simply because you can't be controlled.

Q: *Why do people want to control me?*

A: It's a sickness rampant throughout humanity.
Q: *Are controllers the builders and religionists?*

A: Usually.

Q: *They try to usurp the lordship of Christ?*
A: Let's say they unwittingly compete with Christ.

Q: *For what purpose?*

A: So they can use you.

Q: *To further their religious ambitions?*
A: Exactly.

Q: *Do many forfeit the lordship of Christ?*

A: Not many, but most.... to varying degrees.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Almost every christian is tethered to a religion.
Q: *How can they follow Christ and their religion?*
A: They can't.

Q & A: Beware! Religion Is Contagious

Q: *Contagious? Like the flu?*
A: Like the flu.
Q: *How do you know religion is contagious?*
A: Same way we know the flu is contagious.
Q: *And that is...?*
A: Everybody's sneezing, coughing, feverish.

Q: *We know religion is contagious because...?*
A: Because almost everybody's got it.
Q: *Does that make most christians religionists?*
A: A religionist is one infected by religion.

Q: *Someone who practices religion?*

A: Which includes almost every christian.
Q: *Who infects congregations?*
A: Pastors.
Q: *Like really?*
A: "Like people, like priest."
Q: *People catch the bug from pastors?*
A: There is no other possibility.
Q: *Ouch! Pastors are religion's carriers?*
A: Carriers.... ambassadors.... hirelings.

Q & A: Big Pastor, Little Jesus

Q: *You really think pastors are bigger than Jesus!?*
A: No, all are miniature compared to our Lord.
Q: *Then why "Big Pastor, Little Jesus"?*
A: Pastor Whoever is more relevant than Jesus.

Q: *Pastors are regarded more than Lord Jesus?*

A: Regarded.... considered.... acknowledged.

Q: *By who?*

A: By the congregation.
Q: *They speak Pastor Whoever more than Jesus?*
A: Much more.
Q: *Is that so bad?..... like really?*
A: It's worse than bad.... it's idolatry.
Q: *Why is the pastor more relevant than Jesus?*
A: Blame the *#!*#!*#!*#! pulpit.
Q: *Why blame the pulpit?*
A: The pulpit makes the pastor bigger than he is.

Q: *Bigger than Jesus?*
A: More relevant than Jesus.
Q: *What's the solution?*
A: A shared (open) pulpit.
Q: *An open pulpit is not a *#!*#!*#!*#! pulpit?*
A: Open pulpit.... good; restricted pulpit.... bad.
Q: *Should I suggest that to Pastor Whoever?*
A: I'm sure he would be ecstatic.

Q & A: Why Paul Suffered

Q: *Why did the Judaizers attempt to kill Paul?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why did they deliver Paul to the Romans?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why was Paul whipped "five times"?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why was Paul "frequently" imprisoned?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why was Paul "stoned"?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why was Paul "beaten with rods"?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why did Paul experience "hunger and thirst"?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Why did Paul suffer "cold and nakedness"?*
A: Because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *All this suffering because he loved Christ?*
A: No.
Q: *No?*
A: He suffered because he loved Christ supremely.
Q: *Will we suffer if we love Christ supremely?*
A: 2Tim.3:12: "all who desire to live godly in

Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

Q: *Why is there so little persecution today?*

A: No comment.

Q & A: Sunday's Collection Plate.... *YUCK!!*

Q: *Why "yuck"?*
A: Several reasons.
Q: *How about.... umm.... just three?*
A: #1. It's said they're collecting 'donations'.
Q: *Aren't they?*
A: They collect payment for services rendered.
Q: *Like salaries? Like paying for janitorial services?*
A: And the mortgage, and electricity, and etceteras.

Q: *So people are merely giving to themselves?*

A: Mostly.
Q: *And # 2?*
A: They don't know how their money is spent.
Q: *Don't people realize pastors are salaried?*
A: They don't know the scope of those salaries.
Q: *Or the cost of the mortgage, etcetera?*
A: Pew-people trust leadership.
Q: *Is trusting leadership so foolish?*
A: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man."

Q: *Including pastors?*

A: Well yeah.
Q: *And #3?*
A: People are never admonished to seek the Holy

Spirit to direct their giving.
Q: *Why is that?*
A: The Holy Spirit doesn't finance salaries.

Q & A : Truth: How much Do You Want?

Q: *Hey! Just how much truth do you want?*

A: Silly question! I want it all!
Q: *Then why don't you have more truth?*
A: Well.... I dunno.

Q: *Don't you think Jesus wants to give more?*

A: I suppose.

Q: *You suppose?*

A: Okay... I'm sure He wants me to have more.
Q: *When is the last time you prayed for truth?*
A: Can't remember.

Q: *Can't remember?*

A: Can't remember ever praying for truth.
Q: *But didn't you say you want more truth?*
A: I did and I do.
Q: *Why haven't you asked Jesus for more truth?*
A: I simply don't know.
Q: *Could it be you don't want more truth than what you have?*

A: That's a bitter pill to swallow.
Q: *Remember Jesus saying, "The truth shall make you free"?*
A: I remember.
Q: *Are you willing to pay the price for freedom?*
A: I want freedom big time.
Q: *Do you realize the changes truth will bring?*
A: "Lord Jesus, more truth! Whatever the cost!"

Q & A: How I found Jesus

Q: *Who lead you to Jesus?*
A: The Holy Spirit?
Q: *You were a catholic, right?*

A: I was.
Q: *Just how did a catholic find Jesus?*
A: I asked God for truth.
Q: *You simply asked God for truth?*
A: Truth, reality.
Q: *And God lead you to Jesus?*
A: Jesus is the truth I hungered for.
Q: *Did others in your church find Jesus?*
A: Don't think so.
Q: *Why you and not others.*
A: I prayed for truth and God gave me truth.
Q: *Didn't the others pray for truth?*

A: Perhaps they thought they already had it.
Q: *What would truth (Christ) cost them?*
A: Catholicism... c/w friendships and acceptance.

Q: *What does your experience tell you?*
A: Anyone asking God for truth will get truth.
Q: *Including evangelicals who have found Christ?*
A: Certainly.
Q: *Why don't evangelicals pray for truth?*
A: Perhaps they think they already have it.

Q: *What will truth cost them?*

A: Evangelicalism... c/w friendships and acceptance.

Q & A: Watch Where You Deposit Yourself

Q: *I should choose my church carefully?*
A: No church should be “my church”.
Q: *And why not?*
A: Paul: “Each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I

am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas.'“ Just

considering a church 'mine' is divisive.

Q: *But shouldn't we all have a 'home church'?*
A: Nobody should have a home church.
Q: *Nobody?*
A: The Bible doesn't speak of 'home' churches.
Q: *I shouldn't sit in any pew?*
A: I didn't say that.
Q: *Aren't all pews beneficial?*
A: Both beneficial and dangerous.
Q: *How could a pew be dangerous?*
A: Week after week something illicit is happening.

Q: *Like what?*
A: Your loyalty to Jesus is being threatened.
Q: *In what way?*
A: Slowly it is being shifted to 'church'.
Q: *What's the solution?*

A: Fiercely defend the lordship of Christ.

Q: *Are there many who would plunder it?*
A: Many. To be safe do not attend the same

church more than once or twice a month.
Q: *Then I will be safe?*

A: To the degree you are “hidden with Christ”.

Q & A: Are You Being Spiritually Abused?

Q: *What is spiritual abuse?*
A: Abuse that damages one spiritually.
Q: *Have you been spiritually abused?*
A: We all have been abused spiritually.
Q: *Who are the abusers?*
A: Usually those in leadership positions.
Q: *Like pastors?*
A: Like pastors.
Q: *What is the most common/harmful abuse?*
A: Usurping the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Q: *How do pastors do that?*
A: By inserting their own authority.

Q: *Where did they get their authority?*

A: Not from Lord Jesus.
Q: *How do pastors gain control?*
A: The same way the pharisees did.

Q: *How did the pharisees gain control?*
A: Jesus: "You cancel the word of God for

the sake of your own tradition."
Q: *Do pastors do the same?*
A: Relentlessly. With finesse.
Q: *They "cancel the word of God" with traditions?*
A: Evangelical traditions.
Q: *Are there many evangelical traditions?*
A: Yes, many.... all treacherous.... all destructive.

Q: *What's my protection?*
A: Fiercely protect the lordship of Christ over you.

Q & A: Unite And Control

Q: *Control what? Who?*
A: The congregation.

Q: *Who wants to control?*

A: The pastor.

Q: *Are you suggesting ill intent?*

A: Just doing what he's trained to do.

Q: *Bringing people under his leadership?*

A: Leadership. Control.
Q: *How does he accomplish this?*
A: By uniting the people.

Q: *How?*
A: Using catchwords such as “team players”,

“home church”, “church family”, etc.
Q: *Is creating a “family” a method of control?*
A: Every family has a father, a leader.

Q: *And that leader of this family is.... ?*
A: It sure isn't Lord Jesus.

Q: *And everyone is eager to join the family?*

A: No one wants be an outsider.
Q: *But didn't our Lord appoint these pastors?*
A: Denominational lords appointed them.
Q: *How can we recognize a true leader?*
A: True leaders of Christ point to Christ.
Q: *Christ as lord, Christ as leader?*

A: Christ and Christ alone.

Q & A: <u>Are You Being Controlled?</u>

Q: *How do I know if I am being controlled?*

A: There are certain indicators.

Q: *Such as?*
A: You're being controlled if....

*** if you have been coerced to tithe

*** or coerced to finance salaries

*** or coerced to finance buildings

*** or coerced to trust others with your money

Q: *Ouch! Is there more?*

A: Oh yeah. You're being controlled if....

*** if you need someone's permission

*** if you are a 'team player'

*** if you are a church member

*** if a certain congregation is your 'family'

*** if you give account to anyone other than Christ

*** if you call anyone other than Christ your pastor

*** if you are not governed by the Holy Spirit

Q: *This is painful. Almost finished?*

A: Hardly. You are being manipulated if....

*** if told God would have us do (build) this or that

*** if you have made a pledge

*** if there is an unwritten “can't talk” rule

*** if your opinions are not welcomed

*** if not free to contribute during gatherings

*** if you give special honour to the licensed

*** if not free to challenge the accepted

*** if another dedicates your children

*** if another baptizes your converts

Q & A: Is Pastor Whoever (P.W.) Your Leader?

Q: *Well, is he?*
A: Well yeah.
Q: *Just when did P.W. become your leader?*
A: Umm....
Q: *Was it when you first attended his church?*
A: No.
Q: *Was it three months later?*
A: No.
Q: *A year later?*

A: About that.... I guess.
Q: *Why did you make P.W. your leader?*

A: Umm....

Q: *Was it because everybody else did?*

A: Umm....

Q: *Or because he's credentialed?*

A: Umm....

Q: *When did Lord Jesus become your leader?*
A: That's easy.... when I was converted.

Q: *So now you have two leaders?*

A: Umm....

Q: *Did Jesus make P.W. Your leader?*

A: umm.... I suppose not.

Q: *Or did you?*

A: I suppose I did.

Q: *Can a christian have two leaders?*
A: Umm.... I suppose not.
Q: *Is it time you depose one of your leaders?*
A: Umm.... I suppose so.

Q&A: <u>What Is A Coward?</u>

Q: *Do you mean a spiritual coward?*

A: I do.

Q: *Well, what <u>is</u> a spiritual coward?*

A: A spiritual coward is a man-pleaser.

Q: *He/she pleases men rather than Jesus?*

A: Jesus: "You are always wanting honor

from each other."

Q: *To whom was Lord Jesus speaking?*

A: Religious leaders. And, indirectly, many of us.

Q: *Were the religious leaders men-pleasers?*

A: All religious leaders are men-pleasers.

Q: *Even evangelical leaders?*

A: All leaders.

Q: *How can you assume that?*

A: Because they all obey "tradition of men".

Q: *Got it. Are true disciples men-pleasers?*

A: Disciples of Christ live to please Christ.

Q: *Hmmm. Are new converts Christ-pleasers?*

A: We all started off wanting to please Jesus.

Q: *And then.... ?*

A: Most backslide, becoming pleasers of men.

Q: *But why?*

A: Following Christ is hard.... real hard.

Q: *And following the crowd is easy?*

A: It doesn't take courage to bunch with the bunch.

Q: *But much courage to follow Lord Jesus?*

A: More courage than most have. Sad.

Q & A: Shame Off You!!

Q: *Do you mean shame ON you?*
A: No..... I mean shame OFF you.
Q: *Do you think I have shame?*

A: Most do.
Q: *Even christians?*
A: Even christians.
Q: *Why is that?*
A: Because most don't "put on Christ".
Q: *And if they don't put on Christ?*
A: Then they will put on something else.
Q: *Something else? Like shame?*
A: Shame, inferiority, guilt, loneliness, etc.
Q: *Are young christians more vulnerable?*
A: No, less so.
Q: *Like really? And that's because.... ?*
A: They "put on Christ" and haven't removed Him.
Q: *And are therefore protected?*
A: Protected from lies of the devil.
Q: *And so the solution is....?*
A: The solution is to "put on Christ".... again.

Q & A : <u>House Church: Good Idea?</u>

Q: *What is a house church?*

A: Christians gathering regularly in a home.
Q: *Is that what the earliest church did?*
A: Certainly. Church buildings (yuck!) came later.
Q: *How were their gatherings conducted?*
A: 1 Cor.14:26: "When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given."

Q: *So there was group participation?*
A: 1 Cor.14:29: "Let two or three prophesy, and let others evaluate what is said."

1Cor.14:31: "You can all prophesy one by one,

that all may learn and all may be encouraged."

Q: *Is a house church simply a cell group?*

A: A cell group (yuck!) is an extension of a church.

Q: *Does the house church have a pastor?*
A: No pastor.

Q: *No tithes? No collections?*

A: No tithes, no collections, but plenty of food.

Q: *They share meals?*

A: Lotsa meals, lotsa fellowship, lotsa mutuality.
Q: *Should I attach myself to a house church?*
A: Ask the Lord Jesus... if, where and when.
Q: *How important is that?*
A: The Holy Spirit knows your need and every

detail of every house church. Wait upon Him.

Q & A: <u>Don't Defend Religion!</u>

Q: *You mean, don't defend <u>bad</u> religions?*

A: Don't defend <u>any</u> religion.

Q: *Even the good ones?*

A: There aren't any good ones!

Q: *Not one!?*

A: There <u>was</u> one, the Mosaic religion.

Q: *The religion God gave the Israelites*

through Moses?

A: That's it. It ended at Calvary's cross.

Q: *Did Jesus replace it with another religion?*

A: He replaced it with "a new covenant".

Q: *Then why all the religions?*

A: People like religion. Evangelicals defend

their religion more fiercely than the Bible.

Q: *So it was man who gave us religion?*

A: It certainly wasn't Jesus.

Q: *Hmmm. How do you define religion?*

A: Religion is an alternative to, a distortion of,

a subtraction from, an addition to the Bible.

Q: *Not worthy to be defended?*

A: Defending religion is an affront to Jesus.

Q & A : <u>Man-Gazing</u>

Q: *What's man-gazing?*

A: Man-gazing is gazing at a man or mew **Q:** *Like when christians gaze at movie stars?* A: Or pastors. Or christian elites.

Q: *Were you ever a man-gazer?*

A: Afraid so.

Q: Did you *gaze upon pastors?*

A: Mostly I gazed upon spiritual celebrities. **Q:** *Did you repent?*

A: Thoroughly.

Q: *Is man-gazing an evangelical problem?* A: Big time.

Q: *Can a man-gazer be a Christ-gazer?*

A: One cannot simultaneously look upon two. **Q:** *Do man-gazers love Jesus?*

A: Love Jesus, yes. Love Jesus supremely, no. **Q:** *And if we repent and become Christ-gazers?* A: Men will be kept within peripheral view only

.. where they belong.

Q: *And not the focus of one's attention?*

A: Christ should be our focus, centre, hub.

Q: *How do man-gazers become Christ-gazers?* A: Only through sincere repentance.

Q: *And after repentance?*

A: Pursue Christ diligently (or mm-focus win mum).

Q & A : <u>Knowing Jesus vs Knowing About Jesus</u>

Q: *There's a difference?*

A: A huge difference.
Q: *In what way?*
A: I knew <u>about</u> Jesus many years before I <u>knew</u> Him.
Q: *What do you mean by <u>knowing</u> Jesus?*
A: Intimate relationship, relevant attachment, loyalty.

Q: *And knowing <u>about</u>?*
A: Detached, remote, impersonal data.

Q: *And you <u>knew</u> Jesus when first converted?*

A: I became another branch abiding in the Vine.

Q: *Did <u>knowing</u> Jesus lead to knowing more <u>about</u> Him?*

A: I was hungry to know about the One I now knew.

Q: *Does knowing <u>about</u> Jesus lead to <u>knowing</u> Him?*
A: Not necessarily. The church is split into two groups.
Q: *Like really? What's the first?*
A: The smaller group desiring, primarily, to <u>know</u>

Jesus more and more intimately.
Q: *And the second?*

A: The majority who study to know <u>about</u> Him.
Q: *Why would anyone shy away from intimacy?*
A: Many prefer a <u>distant</u> Jesus because more of

Jesus requires less of self.

Q: *It's the lordship of Christ vs the lordship of self?*

A: 'Me' can be, and often is, an idol.

Q: *What's the future for a me-christian?*

A: Less, much less, brighter than a Jesus-Christian.

Q & A : <u>Heresy Hunters</u>

Q: *What are heresy hunters?*

A: Christians who publicly expose false teachers.
Q: *You have a problem with that?*
A: Heresy hunters are themselves guilty of heresy.
Q: *Like really? An example of their heresy?*
A: Most endorse/promote the two-tier system.

Q: *The what?*
A: The perverse division of Christ's church into

the ministerial class and the laity class.
Q: *Is this ministerial-laymen division harmful?*
A: All heresies are harmful.
Q: *Are other heresies common to heresy hunters?*
A: Evangelical tithing is an accepted heresy.
Q: *How harmful is the evangelical tithe?*

A: Extremely injurious, causing millions to perish.
Q: *Like really? Can it be?*

A: Evangelicalism is funded by money intended

to finance Christ's Great Commission.
Q: *How do evangelicals misspend those funds?*
A: Buildings and salaries.
Q: *Are either Scriptural?*
A: Jesus would call buildings “treasures on earth”.

Q: *And salaries?*

A: Minus the salary, evangelicalism wouldn't survive.

Q: *So heresy hunters should self-inspect?*

A: Jesus: "You look at the speck in your brother's eye,

but do not consider the plank in your own eye."

Q & A : <u>Inept Evangelicals Go Fishing</u>

Q: *You're speaking of "fishers of men"?*

A: Jesus: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers

of men."
Q: *Why call evangelical fishermen inept?*
A: Because they catch very few fish (men).

Q: *Why is that?*
A: Imagine two lakes, the first sparse fishing, the

second plenteous.

Q: *Why aren't the fish in the first lake biting?*
A: They're simply not hungry and refuse the bait.
Q: *The bait being the gospel of Christ?*
A: Again and again they spurn "Jesus Christ and

Him crucified".
Q: *Why do evangelicals keep fishing this lake?*
A: Conveniently, this lake is in their backyard.
Q: *Where should they fish?*

A: The second lake, located in third world countries.
Q: *Fishing is better there?*
A: The fish are hungry and will take the bait (gospel).
Q: *But isn't the distance problematic?*
A: We catch men by supporting national fishermen.

Q: *Local evangelists?*

A: They can do what we cannot do because they are

where we are not.

Q: *They can catch an abundance of fish?*

A: Lots and lots of beautiful, happy fish.

Q & A: Freedom Comes Quickly, Leaks Slowly

Q: *When does one receive freedom?*

A: We receive freedom when we receive Christ.
Q: *So Jesus imparts freedom to us?*
A: "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free."
Q: *Freedom to live as we please?*
A: Hardly. We are free to please Christ.

Q: *We please Christ by obeying Christ?*
A: Serving Christ is an immense privilege.

Q: *This freedom comes quickly?*

A: Instantly.

Q: *But leaks away slowly?*
A: If not protected.
Q: How slowly?
A: Perhaps years. Perhaps only a few months.

Q: *Is loss of freedom common among evangelicals?*

A: Most are "entangled again with a yoke of bondage."
Q: *Ouch! Is there examples of squandered freedom?*
A: Several. The Galatians provide a grim illustration.
Q: *How did they lose their freedom?*

A: Religionists stole it from them.
Q: *How do evangelicals lose their freedom?*

A: Religionists steal it from them.
Q: *How do they get it back?*
A: Repentance is the answer to most problems.

Q & A : <u>Fiercely Defend the Lordship Of Christ</u>

Q: *Defend Christ's lordship from what?*

A: 1Jn.5:21: "Children, keep yourselves from idols."
Q: *What is an idol?*

A: Something/someone between Christ and christian.

Q: *Why was John concerned?*

A. Because idols usurp the lordship of Christ.

Q: *They gain ascendency to the throne of one's life?*

A: And once seated they begin to destroy.

Q: *How destructive are they?*

A: Idols plunder one's faith, power, usefulness.

Q: *Are idols sometimes people?*

A: Not sometimes, but usually.

Q: *Like family and friends?*

A: And religious leaders.

Q: *How can we identify an idol?*

A: An idol is someone we cater to.

Q: *How do we protect ourselves?*

A: Only by fiercely defending the lordship of Christ.

Q: *Fiercely?*

A: Acts 20:30: "Among yourselves men will.... draw away the disciples after themselves."

Q: *Were these religionists successful?*

A: Gal.1:6: "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you."

Q: *Sad. But is their problem our problem?*

A: Religionists will ensnare anyone who does not fiercely defend his/her lordship of Christ.

Q & A : <u>Catholic-Evangelical Commonality</u>

Q: *Catholicism has uniformity with evangelicalism!?*

A: Both differences and commonality.
Q: *What do they have in common?*
A: For starters, both are religions.
Q: *Do catholics consider catholicism a religion?*
A: Certainly.... the world's one true religion.

Q: *Do evangelicals consider evangelicalism a religion?*
A: They somehow seem unaware of that fact.

Q: *What other resemblances between the two?*

A: Both have a measure of truth.

Q: *Such as?*
A: Both hold to the Nicene Creed.
Q: *Nicene Creed? What's that?*
A: An ancient statement regarding the christian faith.
Q: *Do both religions believe in the Bible?*
A: Both catholics and evangelicals *claim* to believe.
Q: *But do they?*

A: If catholics did believe they wouldn't be catholics.
Q: *And evangelicals?*

A: If they did they wouldn't be evangelicals.
Q: *What would they be?*
A: Disciples of Christ.
Q: *What do priests and pastors have in common?*
A: Both are credentialed, titled, paid. Both are the main influence in their respective congregations.

Q: *And both are loyal to their religion?*

A: Loyalty to their religion far surpasses loyalty to the people.

Q & A : A False Narrative

Q: *What false narrative?*

A: Pulpit-people are spiritually superior to pew-people.

Q: *Well, aren't they?*

A: Based on 46 years of observation.... no.

Q: *Isn't Pastor Whoever's knowledge superior to most?*
A: Yes.

Q: *Isn't his ability to communicate superior to most?*
A: Yes.

Q: *Isn't his relationship with Jesus superior to most?*

A: Based on 46 years of observation.... no.

Q: *Why does everyone assume the pastor's relationship with Lord Jesus is superior?*

A: Because of what I call pulpit power.

Q: *Pulpit power? What's that?*

A: Pulpits give unwarranted prestige to pulpit-people.
Q: *And this prestige spawned the false narrative?*
A: It did and it does.
Q: *So pew-people could love Jesus just as fervently?*
A: I would rather be a pew-person when giving my account to Jesus Christ than a pulpit-person.
Q: *Like really? Why is that?*

A: Pastors are the most ardent religionists in the church.

Q: *And also the most influential?*

A: They use their influence to promote their religion.

Q: *Not good?*

A: Very not good.

Q & A: A Faraway Jesus

Q: *A faraway Jesus? Not a nearby Jesus?*

A: Relationally, most prefer a faraway Jesus.

Q: *But why?*

A: "The light has come into the world,

and men loved darkness rather than light."

Q: *I know heathens love darkness, but christians!?*

A: Christians love light AND darkness.

Q: W*hat light do christians love?*

A: Christians love Jesus, "the light of the world."

Q: *What darkness do christians love?*

A: Lukewarmness. Stinginess. Raunchy entertainment.

Excessive luxury. Prominence. Love of money. And....

Q: *And?*

A: And religion, perhaps the most subtle of all idols.

Q: *How do I know if I have an idol?*

A: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

Q: *What has my attention has me?*

A: Exactly.

Q: *So to choose darkness I must avoid Jesus?*

A: Amen. A nearby Jesus would be most uncomfortable.

Q: *That's why most prefer a faraway Jesus?*

A: Yes, that's why most prefer a faraway Jesus.

Q & A : <u>What You Don't Know Hurts Them</u>

Q: *What is it I don't know?*

A: You don't realize your potential in Christ.
Q: *How do you know what I don't know?*
A: Rare is the one living out his/her potential.
Q: *Aren't I doing as much as the next guy?*
A: You do bear fruit; every christian does.

Q: *So what's the problem?*
A: Jesus said, "By this My Father is glorified, that

you bear <u>much</u> fruit."

Q: *How does my limited harvest hurt others?*

A: Jesus wants to <u>abundantly</u> bless others through you.

Q: *Others? What others?*
A: Those of the world and those in His church.
Q: *How can Lord Jesus do that?*
A: It is something Jesus and you do together.
Q: *So the problem is with me?*

A: It certainly isn't with Jesus.
Q: *So I must repent?*

A: To bear <u>much</u> fruit, you must <u>sincerely</u> repent.
Q: *And then?*
A: Pray to know your potential through Christ.
Q: *For what purpose?*
A: You will be inspired and motivated.

Q: *And my fruit will increase from meagre to much?*

A: From meagre to very much.

Q & A : How Religions Ensnare

Q: *How do religions ensnare christians?*

A: A few methods are common to most religions.
Q: *One example?*
A: Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Q: *And?*
A: If religionists capture your treasure (money) they capture your heart.

Q: *And when they capture my heart?*
A: Ensnaring your heart is ensnaring your loyalty.

Q: *Ouch! That's why the tithe doctrine is so damaging?*

A: The awful (corrupt, fraudulent) evangelical tithe damages one's relationship with Lord Jesus.

Q: *Like really? How?*
A: Loyalty transfers from Christ to religion?
Q: *If not to my church, where should I give?*
A: Give to Lord Jesus.
Q: *How do I give to Jesus?*
A: By placing your givings under the governorship of the Holy Spirit.
Q: *Will that assure my heart will always be set on Jesus?*

A: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Q & A : The S.A.D. Is Sad Indeed

Q: *The S.A.D.? What's that?*

A: The Standard American Diet.
Q: *A diet standard to Americans?*

A: A diet most are addicted to.

Q: *Why is it sad?*
A: Those on this diet are prone to disease.
Q: *Of what does the S.A.D. consist?*
A: Much processed and refined foods, and scant

plant-based foods.

Q: *Not good?*
A: Adam and Eve ate a plant-based diet.

Q: *Does that indicate we're all intended for the same?*

A: I think so. Now let's discuss a second harmful diet.

Q: *What's that?*

A: I call it the S.E.D.

Q: *The S.E.D.? What's that?*
A: The Standard Evangelical Diet.
Q: *A spiritual diet fed specifically to evangelicals?*
A: It makes evangelicals spiritually sad and droopy.

Q: *And susceptible to spiritual disease?*

A: Indeed.... lukewarmness, confusion, sterility.
Q: *Of what does the S.E.D. consist?*
A: Much religion/non-essentials and little of Jesus.
Q: *Why do pastors feed it to their congregation?*

A: The S.E.D. is the only diet pastors know.

Q & A : "The Father Of Lies"

Q: *Why did Jesus call the devil "the father of lies"?*

A: There are a few possible answers.
Q: *Such as?*
A: Some assume He meant satan is the most skilled liar.
But perhaps Jesus meant he was the first to lie.

Q: *And in that sense he 'fathered' lying?*
A: Now he has a myriad of creepy liars under him.

Q: *Am I protected?*

A: Yes, to the degree you walk with Christ.

Q: *What are you saying?*

A: The closer we are to our Good Shepherd, the

better protected we are?
Q: *Makes sense. How damaging are the devil's lies?*

A: Extremely. As truth makes free, untruth enslaves.

Q: *Are there many misconceptions in Christ's church?*

A: Lots and lots and lots and lots.

Q: *Like really?*

A: Every denomination, every church, every christian

carries a mixed baggage of truth and error.

Q: *So in me is both truth and untruth?*

A: In you, in me, in him, in her.

Q: *But those closest to Jesus have more truth?*

A: And less untruth.

Q: *How do I free myself from misconceptions?*

A: Jesus promises, "Ask, and you will receive."

Q: *Are we talking a process?*

A: Yes, a lifetime process.

Q & A : <u>Who Were The Laodiceans?</u>

Q: *Well, who were they?*

A: One of 7 churches in the book of Revelation.

Q: *Was Jesus pleased with these 7 churches?*
A: A few.
Q: *Was He pleased with the Laodiceans?*
A: Lord Jesus was very not pleased.

Q: *Why was Jesus agitated with the Laodiceans?*
A: Because they were "lukewarm".

Q: *Lukewarm?*

A: "Neither cold nor hot."

Q: *Jesus doesn't like that?*
A: His message to them: "Because you are

lukewarm.... I will vomit you out of My mouth."
Q: *What did He mean, "vomit you out of My mouth"?*
A: May you and I never find out.
Q: *Do we have a "Laodicean" problem today?*
A: Evangelicals are, seemingly, equally lukewarm.
Q: *Like really? Neither cold nor hot?*

A: Sadly, we live in the "Laodicean" age.
Q: *Is this Q & A a warning?*
A: It is. Apathy is very contagious.
Q: *How does one recover passion for Jesus?*
A: Repentance. And then fiercely protect your

renewed passion for Christ.

Q: *Because?*

A: The lukewarm will come after you.... again.

Q & A : Do You Want God's Manifested Presence?

Q: *Of course I do. But how?*

A: First, you must understand God's omnipresence.
Q: *God's what?*
A: Omnipresence.... being everywhere at the same time.
Q: *You mean God is here in my room?*

A: He was there before you got there.

Q: *Will He be here after I leave?*
A: He is in every room in every house in every country.

Q: *Can it be? Is God also outside in my yard?*

A: God is, right now, in everybody's yard.

Q: *Does that mean Lord Jesus is everywhere?*

A: Since Jesus is God, He is omnipresent. Jesus is 'here'.
Q: *Wow! What's the next step?*
A: You must live in the awareness of His presence.
Q: *Oh-oh. I must continually be aware that Jesus is 'here'?*
A: Continually aware, no. Frequently aware, yes.
Q: *But is Jesus really present?*

A: He is, He was and always will be.
Q: *Will the awareness of His presence increase in time?*

A: It takes determination and diligence.
Q: *But what about the manifested presence of God?*
A: The manifested presence comes to the degree we live

in the awareness of His presence.
Q: *Like really? When should I get started?*
A: Yesterday.

Q & A : Daily Meetings With God

Q: *Are you talking a regular prayer time?*

A: We're greatly advantaged by daily prayer.
Q: *Does it matter what time of day?*
A: Many prefer first thing in the morning.
Q: *When they are the freshest?*
A: They are giving their first/best to God.

Q: *How long do serious christians pray?*
A: Some an hour, some two or three.

Q: *Do they produce much fruit for Jesus?*

A: Actually, none.

Q: *None!?*

A: We don't produce fruit; we bear fruit.

Q: *Oh. Do they bear much fruit?*
A: Any man or woman regularly meeting with

Jesus will bear an abundance of fruit.
Q: *When should I start? And for how long?*
A: You would be wise to deposit the matter unto

the supervision of the Holy Spirit.
Q: *Is that so important?*

A: If not, it may be just another broken resolution.
Q: *So I should just "wait upon the Lord"?*

A: Obey the Holy Spirit. Don't do more or less.

Q & A : Religion Motivates Me

Q: *You!? Religion motivates you!?*

A: It really does.
Q: *But.... but.... how?*

A: It motivates me to expose its corruption.
Q: *Oh. That's why you write what you write?*
A: I see what few see and report what few report.

Q: *Why do evangelicals refuse to see and report?*
A: There are no nice answers.

Q: *How damaging is religion?*
A: Harm to congregations can be measured by

how far the religion strays from NT writings.
Q: *Every religion compromises the Bible?*
A: NT writings and religion oppose each other.

Q: *How do you define religion?*
A: Religion is a ruling authority, the false kind.
Q: *Why do christians submit to evangelicalism?*

A: Evangelicalism is propagated by christians.
Q: *So..... we can trust christians, right?*
A: Seemingly we trust christians over Christ.
Q: *And evangelicalism over the Bible?*
A: Every sunday religion has opportunity to

further its cause.

Q: *Its cause being....?*

A: Capturing affection and loyalty set on Christ.

Q & A : <u>Shepherds Before The Sheep</u>

Q: *Shepherds? You mean pastors?*

A: Pastors and those considered to be pastors.

Q: *And the sheep are the congregation?*

A: Those having placed themselves under pastors.

Q: *Explain, "shepherds before the sheep".*

A: Shepherds often (usually?) put the welfare of

fellow shepherds above that of the sheep.

Q: *Did you see that in catholicism?*

A: Abusive priests were shifted elsewhere, putting

unsuspecting others at risk.

Q: *Shepherds before the sheep?*

A: Shepherds before the sheep.

Q: *Is the same problem within evangelicalism?*

A: Being socially/fraternally connected, there is

a strong bond between pastors.

Q: *And when pew-people complain of abuse.... ?*

A: Pew-people are severely disadvantaged.

Q: *But shouldn't we trust our pastors?*

A: Considering pastors trustworthy because they are licensed, titled and salaried is a grievous mistake.

Q: *How so?*

A: Credentials, titles and salaries are non-Biblical and therefore contrary to Jesus.

Q: *How much abuse is there within evangelicalism?*

A: Multiply what most think times 10 or 20.

Q & A : <u>Social Justice vs Social Injustice</u>

Q: *What is Social Justice?*

A: It's religion's attempt to create justice.

Q: *Does it work?*

A: Nothing religion does works.

Q: *Is Social Justice just?*

A: Paul understood true Social Justice.

Q: *Which is?*
A: "I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world."
Q: *What was Paul's "obligation"?*
A: Paul's obligation is the same as ours.

Q: *Which is?*
A: Jesus: "Make disciples of all nations."

Q: *I see. What is Social <u>Injustice</u>?*

A: Keeping the gospel of Christ to ourselves.

Q: *What does Social Injustice look like?*
A: An evangelical driving his extravagant car from

his extravagant house to his extravagant church.
Q: *Is it as shameful as it sounds?*
A: Evangelicalism is funded by funds Lord Jesus

intended to finance His Great Commission.

Q: *How much money is squandered? Millions?*

A: Not millions, but billions..... every year.
Q: *Spent on what Jesus called "treasures on earth"?*
A: It's called Social Injustice.

Q & A : Truth Costs Plenty

Q: *But isn't truth free?*

A: Yes, God dispenses truth freely.
Q: *And yet it costs?*
A: The religion you are attached to is built upon

non-truths.
Q: *You're suggesting truth brings conflict?*
A: Frequently. Religionists are touchy, defensive.

Q: *So if I embrace truth I can expect discord?*
A: Truth will eventually set you free from religion,

and religionists won't like that.

Q: *They insist I submit?*

A: You must bunch with the bunch or pay a price.
Q: *Can I expect persecution?*
A**:** Yes. The majority has unfair advantage over the

individual. Power often translates into abuse.

Q: *How did religions evolve?*

A: We tend to bunch with the bunch and eventually

the bunch becomes our security and fellowship.

Q: *Instead of Jesus?*

A: Instead of Jesus.
Q: *Is there a way of avoiding their disfavour?*

A: Only one.... silence.

Q: *But isn't silence hypocritical?*

A: It can be. And it can be offensive to Lord Jesus.

Q & A : <u>UNDERSTANDING PASTORS</u>

Q: *What's to understand about pastors?*

A: You live in one world, pastors live in two.
Q: *What's my world?*
A: Church life.... fellow pew-people.... pastors.
Q: *Isn't that also the pastor's world?*
A: Yes, one of two.

Q: *And his second world?*
A: He belongs to a brotherhood of denominational

peers.... all of them outside your social sphere.

Q: *To which of these two realms is he most loyal?*

A: Not yours.

Q: *How do you figure?*
A: One day he will leave your congregation for

another, but he's glued to his denomination.
Q: *Isn't the pastor loyal to the congregation?*
A: Understand: he's an agent, not of Christ Jesus,

but the denomination who appointed him.
Q: *An agent?*

A: While you are his ministry; they are his lords.

He teaches you; he obeys them.
Q: *What do his supervisors expect of him?*

A: To lead you into Bible truths.... AND.... to bring

you into submission to them.
Q: *Ouch! So how do I protect myself?*
A: Simply be the branch abiding in “the true vine”.

Q: *The true vine being Lord Jesus?*

A: Jesus the true vine; religion the counterfeit vine.

Q & A : <u>Evangelicalism Weakens You</u>

Q: *Who me!?*

A: You and every other evangelical.
Q: *Going to church weakens me?*
A: Didn't say that. Religion weakens you.

Q: *Can I attend church without being religious.*

A: Yes. But caution is advised.

Q: *Why?*

A: Religion is as contagious as the flu.
Q: *How does my religion weaken me?*
A: It weakens your attachment to Jesus.

Q: *And a weakened relationship = less outgrowth?*

A: Definitely. Plus it negatively influences others.

Q: *How do I negatively affect others?*
A: Your attachment to religion influences others

to become attached.

Q: *Evangelicals beget evangelicals?*

A: They certainly don't beget disciples of Christ.

Q: *That's how religion escalates?*
A: Evangelicalism was once a few; now its millions.
Q: *And if I forsake my religion?*
A: You will influence others to do the same.
Q: *Will Pastor Whoever be pleased?*
A: You gotta be kidding.

Q & A : <u>Your Very Own Path</u>

Q: *Path? What path?*

A: Your own path through your own christianity.
Q: *My own pathway? Like unique to me?*
A: None other will be like yours.
Q: *If we love Jesus, shouldn't our paths be similar?*
A: Paul and John and Peter loved Jesus, but they

were quite different from each other.

Q: *And they each had unique trails to tread?*

A: Each possessed specific callings and giftings.

Q: *So all christians have a unique outcome?*
A: Unfortunately most follow christians, not Christ.

Church-ianity produces cookie-cutter christians.

Q: *I attend church. How can I expect a unique path?*

A: Life-in-the-Spirit guarantees unique christianity.

Q: *What is life-in-the-Spirit?*
A: It's simply a Spirit-directed life.

Q: *Instead of man-directed?*

A: Spirit life is opposite to team-player life.
Q: *The Holy Spirit is the decision-maker?*
A: We must learn to be sensitive to His leading.
Q: *Is such a life common?*
A: Very uncommon.

Q: *Why is that?*

A: Only those completely surrendered to Lord Jesus will be totally surrendered to the Spirit.

Q & A : <u>What Is A Hireling?</u>

Q: *Is a hireling simply one who is hired?*

A: A hireling works for wages only. His main incentive is money. He is an employee.

Q: *Hmmm. What is a servant?*

A: A servant is opposite to a hireling-employee. He serves with little or no remuneration.

Q: *Were the apostles hirelings-employees or servants?*

A: Like Lord Jesus, the apostles were servants.

Q: *Servants to whom?*

A: As servants of Jesus, they served whoever.

Q: *Free of charge?*

A: Their Master instructed, "Freely you have received, freely give."

Q: *Why don't today's leaders "freely give"?*

A: Unlike the apostles, they do not serve, primarily, Lord Jesus.

Q: *Does that make pastors hirelings-employees?*

A: Pastors are salaried employees masquerading as servants.

Q & A : Why Does It Hurt To Give?

Q: *Is giving difficult for most?*

A: It must be.
Q: *Why do you say that?*
A: So few are generous givers.
Q: *Are you speaking of the saved or un-saved?*
A: Both, though less so for christians.

Q: *But doesn't feeding sunday's collection plate*

indicate generosity?
A: Most of that is payment for services rendered.

Q: *What's the cure for christian stinginess?*

A: Giving. The more we give the easier it gets.
Q: *Easier, but never easy?*
A: Giving always takes faith.
Q: *Confidence that Lord Jesus will replenish?*
A: Because Jesus replenishes, it costs nothing to give.
Q: *Can it be? It costs nothing to give?*

A: It costs nothing to give little and it costs nothing

to give lots.

Q: *When will Jesus restore our giving?*

A: There is an interval between sowing and reaping.
Q: *Hmmm. To whom should we give?*
A: Only those giving to Jesus can expect a return.

Q: *How do we give to Jesus?*

A: By giving as the Holy Spirit directs.

Q: *How much should we give?*

A: “According to your faith let it be to you.”

Q & A : A Sad Tale

Q: *So what's stirring in that imagination of yours?*
A: A tale of a congregation about to embark on

a building project.
Q: *Are these people passionate for Jesus?*
A: If they were they wouldn't be building.

Q: *They had left "first love"?*
A: Long ago. But Jesus, in His mercy, sent an

itinerant revivalist to invite the strays back.
Q: *That must have thrilled the pastor?*
A: Yes and no.
Q: *Yes and no? Why no?*
A: The people's enthusiasm for the project fizzled.

Q: *The pastor's project was seriously threatened?*

A: And his reputation was at stake.

Q: *Like really?How so?*
A: He had convinced his people God had

sanctioned the building project.
Q: *Oh-oh. So what did the poor guy do?*
A: He used the bully-pulpit to persuade and coerce.

Q: *Did he manage to convince the people to build?*

A: He called for a vote.

Q: *But wouldn't the building project eventuate the*

people departing, again, from "first love".

A: That's what building projects do.

Q: *Tell me!.... how did the people vote!?*
A: Sad tales don't have happy endings.

Q & A : "JOSHUA: Man Of Fearless Faith"

Q: *Is that a book you're reading?*

A: A fine book authored by a fine writer.
Q: *And that being.... ?*
A: W. Phillip Keller.
Q: *What are you learning?*
A: The book reinforces what I already know.

Q: *What's that?*

A: Never follow the crowd, no matter how large.

Q: *Did you follow the crowd when a catholic?*
A: If I did I would never have found Christ.

Q: *How about when attending evangelical churches?*

A: If I did I would have lost my fervour for Christ.

Q: *Did Joshua follow the crowd?*

A: Joshua loved the crowd but followed God.

Q: *Is that why God chose him as leader?*

A: God will put first those who put Him first.

Q: *In what other way has the book benefitted you?*

A: It caused me to repent of unbelief.

Q: *You lack Joshua's fearless faith?*

A: Joshua was different from most, including me.

Q: *In what way?*

A: Joshua simply believed God and God's promises.

Q: *But don't you believe God's promises?*

A: Upstairs, yes. Downstairs in my heart, there's ugly unbelief. Thus an occasional need to repent.

Q: *What do you think.... do evangelicals follow the crowd, or do they follow Jesus?*

A: If they followed Jesus they wouldn't be evangelicals.

Q & A : <u>Another (Tall?) Tale</u>

Q: *What's* this *tale about?*

A: It's about you and your neighbour.
Q: *Like really? Is my neighbour a christian?*
A: He is, but you're not.
Q: *Don't like this. Does he preach to me?*
A: After some persistence he leads you to Jesus.

Q: *So all is bliss, right?*
A: Not quite. Your neighbour is a control freak.

Q: *Oh-oh. He wants to control my christianity?*

A: He coerces you to walk his walk, talk his talk.

Q: *And if I allow that?*
A: You cannot be both man-controlled and

Spirit-controlled.
Q: *Got it. So what's the point of this tale?*
A: Your local church is like your neighbour.

Q: *Oh? Both are control freaks?*

A: More than influence, they want to control.

Q: *How does church gain control of one's*

christianity?

A: By making him/her dependent on them....

spiritually and socially.

Q: *So what's the answer?*
A: Galatians 5:11: "Stand fast.... in the liberty

by which Christ has made us free, and do not

be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. _____

Q & A : Three Acclaimed Writers Agree

Q: *Who are these three prominent writers?*

A: A.W. Tozer (1897-1963), Andrew Murray (1828-1917),

W. Phillip Keller (1920-1997).

Q: *Where were they in agreement?*
A: They all seem to connect evangelicals to a distant Jesus.

Q: *A distant Jesus?*

A: Because of evangelicalism, evangelicals are satisfied with a feeble (distant) relationship with Jesus Christ.

Q: ***T****heir writings indicate that?*

A: Tozer: "Why do so many enthusiastic new converts later run out of steam and settle down to a life of dull religious routine? Why do they lose their first zeal and accept the dead average of sub-normal spirituality?"

Q: *Hmmm. And does Murray concur with Tozer?*
A: Andrew Murray: "You have had to complain of disappointment: as time went on, your expectations were not realized. The blessings you once enjoyed were lost; the love and joy of your first meeting with your Saviour, instead of deepening, have become faint and feeble. And often you have wondered what the reason could be....

The answer is simple. You wandered from Him."
Q: *And Keller? Do his writings suggest a "distant Jesus"?*
A: Phillip Keller: "We tend to look at Israel's conduct with scorn and contempt. We fault this ancient race for their folly and lack of faith. We are astonished by their fears

and failures. Yet, the tragic truth is most of us still live our 'grasshopper lives' the same way. In cynical unbelief we go on wandering through our wilderness experience, not daring to trust Christ completely."

Q & A : <u>The Inner Circle</u>

Q: *The who-what?*
A: The inner circle of fellowship with Jesus Christ.
Q: *Oh, that inner circle. Is that where most live?*
A: Few, very few, live within Christ's inner circle.

Q: *Hmmm. So there must be an <u>outer</u> circle?*
A: Yes. Most live in the outer circle of fellowship.

Q: How do you know that?

A: Their speech gives them away.

Q: *What does an outer-circle christian look like?*

A: He/she is occupied with "treasures on earth" and not the "judgement seat of Christ."

Q: *Are they protected?*
A: There is very little protection from the devil intent on recapturing slack christians.
Q: *Don't you believe "once saved, always saved"?*
A: I would if I could but I can't so I don't.
Q: *Hmmm. Is there an inner and outer circle of fellowship in heaven?*

A: Definitely. As there is rankings of angels there is rankings of christians.

Q: *When will our status with Jesus be revealed?*

A: At the upcoming judgement seat of Christ.

Q & A : Ministry Birthed From Relationship

Q: *Relationship with Jesus will birth ministry?*

A: Quality relationship will birth quality ministry.
Q: *How can you be so sure?*
A: Jesus: "He who abides in Me, and I in him,

bears much fruit."

Q: *So if I improve my relationship with the Lord*

Jesus, my ministry will be more fruitful?
A: Guaranteed.

Q: *Therefore the quality of my ministry indicates*

the quality of my relationship with Jesus?

A: It does.
Q: *Is every christian called to minister?*
A: Certainly. "By this My Father is glorified,

that you bear much fruit."
Q: *But shouldn't we be credentialed?*
A: Jesus wasn't. The apostles weren't. I'm not.

Actually, credentials are a hindrance.
Q: *In what way?*

A: Allegiance is required from those who

endorse you.
Q: *Is that so bad?*

A: Abiding in Jesus requires devotion to Him.
Q: *Can't I be devoted to both?*
A: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God."

Q & A: Love The Brethren But Hate Their Religion

Q: *Hate their religion? Isn't that a bit strong?*

A: We should love what Jesus loves and hate what Jesus hates.

Q: *Lord Jesus hates religion? Like really?*

A: Perhaps as much as He loves the brethren.

Q: *But why does Jesus hate religion?*

A: Religion sabotages His brothers and sisters.

Q: *How?*
A: Christ has set us free; religion snuffs out that freedom.
Q: *Freedom to do what?*
A: Freedom to be led by the Holy Spirit.
Q: *Aren't evangelicals led by the Holy Spirit?*
A: Hardly.

Q: *What/who leads them?*

A: Their religion leads them.
Q: *Leads them into what?*
A: Deeper and deeper into spiritual bondage.
Q: *From whence they came?*
A: Paul: "Do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."
Q: *Are evangelicals so entangled?*
A: All religionists bear a "yoke of bondage."

Q & A: The Power Of Assumption

Q: *Assuming something prompts a response?*

A: Expect a child to fail and he's apt to fail.

Q: *And if I assume my child will succeed?*

A: You release a positive power into his life.

Q: *The power of assumption?*

A: That's it.
Q: *Is this power exercised in the church?*
A: Every sunday at collection time.
Q: *How so?*
A: The pastor usually begins by stating the

benefits of generosity, quoting Scripture.

Q: *How can that be a problem?*

A: The pastor assumes the congregation's

generosity will be directed toward the church.
Q: *And that influences people to feed the plate?*
A: Coerces is a more fitting word.
Q: *To what degree are the people coerced?*
A: To the degree they trust the pastor.
Q: *Is that trust warranted?*
A: A true shepherd would admonish the people

to be directed by the Holy Spirit. Only.
Q: *Don't they know they must give an account?*
A: We must all give an account to Lord Jesus.

Q & A: I Got Really, Really Angry!

Q: *When did you get really, really angry?*

A: February, 1972 after reading a tract.
Q: *What were you searching for?*
A: Truth. Reality. Relevance.
Q: *Who gave you that tract?*
A: A catholic nun.
Q: *A nun!? Like really?*
A: God had told me she had what I was searching for.

Q: *Truth, reality, relevance?*

A: Yes. The Spirit had told her to give the tract to me.
Q: *Wow! How did that make you feel?*
A: Very excited.... until I studied it.
Q: *Why did the tract anger you?*
A: All it talked about was Jesus! This was nothing new!

I had heard about Jesus since childhood!
Q: *Then what happened?*
A: Holy Spirit said, over and over, "Give Jesus a chance!"

Q: *And?*

A: So I deposited myself, as a gift, unto Jesus.

Q: *That's when you were "born again"?*

A: Not yet. The Holy Spirit spoke again: "In like manner, *receive* Jesus as a gift."

Q: *And did you receive Jesus.... as a gift?*

A: Yes. And I suddenly became "born of the Spirit".

Q & A: Ministry Birthed From Relationship

Q: *Why must ministry be birthed from relationship?*

A: Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Q: *Are most ministries born out of relationship?*

A: Most are not. Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them."

Q: *Can I have my own ministry?*

A: All are called to be a minister of God's truth.

Q: *How can I be assured of a successful ministry?*

A: Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Q: *So what do I do and when do I do it?*

A: Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Q: *So I must grow in faith?*

A: Jesus: "According to your faith let it be to you."

Q: *But how do I develop my ministry?*

A: You don't. Simply do what the Holy Spirit says.

Q: *That's it?*

A: Do nothing more and nothing less.

Q: *Why didn't my pastor tell me that?*

A: He wants you to support his ministry.

Q: *Is that why he preaches, "Be a team player"?*

A: A team player serves the team, not Christ.

Q & A: Don't Bow To False Authority!

Q: *How can we recognize false authority?*

A: Those who bow to true authority easily recognize false authority.

Q: *Who, in the church, has true authority?*

A: Jesus: "All authority has been given to Me."

Q: *But what about human authority?*

A: Since all authority has been given to Jesus, there is none left to be divided among men.

Q: *How does Jesus express His authority?*

A: God's authority is expressed in the Bible.

Q: *So leaders speaking the Bible are speaking*

authoritatively?

A: Anyone speaking Bible truth is speaking authoritatively.

Q: *So who are Christ's leaders.*

A: Christ's leaders are those preaching Bible truths.

Q: Regardless if they are credentialed?

A: Jesus wasn't credentialed, nor His apostles, nor the seventy.

Q: *Do evangelicals bow to false authority?*

A: Evangelicals, like all religionists, consistently bow to false authority.

Q & A: The Plight of Christ's Church

Q: *What is the condition of Christ's church?*

A: Christ's church in N. America is lukewarm.

Q: *Who belongs to Christ's one true church?*

A: Every born-again believer.

Q: *They are spread throughout local churches?*

A: Every local church consists of those belonging to Christ's church and those who do not.

Q: *Are you qualified to appraise Christ's church?*

A: Anyone can accurately assess the church.

Q: *Anyone? How?*

A: By listening.

Q: *By simply listening? Listening for what?*

A: Passionate christians speak Christ frequently.

Q: *And lukewarm christians?*

A: Lukewarm christians rarely speak Christ.

Q: *What do lukewarm christians speak?*

A: Church.... religion.... politics.... christianity.
Q: *But not "Jesus Christ and Him crucified"?*
A: Exceptional is the evangelical who speaks

Christ more than rarely.
Q: *Can it be?*
A: To know, listen. Simply listen.

Q & A: The "Can't Talk" Rule (see note)

Q: *The "can't talk" rule? What's that?*

A: It's an unwritten rule within evangelicalism and

most other religions.

Q: *Why unwritten?*

A: Because it's devious and defenseless.

Q: *Just what is the "can't talk" rule?*

A: Basically.... don't speak contrary to Pastor

Whoever.

Q: *And when I don't agree with him?*

A: If you hope to advance in the church, pretend

you do.

Q: *If I share my concerns with others what reaction*

might I expect?

A: Isolation.... persecution..... etcetera.

Q: *Etcetera?*

A: The pastor may suggest you find another church.

Q: *A pastor would do that?*

A: You will find out if you vocalize, for example, your disdain for the tithe. Or query into his salary.

Q: *How widespread is the "can't talk" rule?*

A: It's as predominant as the fear of man.

Q: *Is the fear of man a major factor within evangelicalism.*

A: The fear of man is prevalent in every religion.

Note: I picked up the term "can't talk rule" from "The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse" by David Johnson and Jeff VanVonderen. If every evangelical read this superior book abuse within evangelicalism would dwindle. One quote: "If you speak about the problem out loud, *you are the problem.* In some way you must be silenced or eliminated."

Q & A: <u>Deception Infiltrates The Careless</u>

Q: *Who are the careless?*

A: Sheep who have strayed from the Shepherd.

Q: *The Shepherd being the Lord Jesus?*

A: Only those close to the Shepherd are protected.

Q: *Protected from what?*

A: Everything bad.... including deception.

Q: *Why do christians stray from their Shepherd?*

A: Most have given themselves over to a religion.

Q: *And thus given themselves over to deception?*

A: They have forfeited much of their protection.

Q: *How rampant is deception in Christ's church?*
A: It seems all are infected to varying degrees.

Q: *How can christians combat deception?*

A: Example: "In the Name of Jesus Christ I renounce and rebuke all deception!"

Q: *But can I take authority over deception I, obviously, don't know I have?*
A: You can. Authority is exercised by faith.
Q: *How do I get more faith?*
A: By drawing closer to the Good Shepherd.

Q: *Is my love for Jesus a measure of faith?*

A: And your faith in Jesus is a measure of love.

Q: *Love for Jesus will protect me from deception?*

A: More love = more faith = more protection.

Q & A: Hebr. 13:17: Obey Your Leaders

Q: *How many leaders do you have?*

A: Well, according to Hebrews 13:17, several.

Q: *Tell me, are you the light of the world?*

A: Jesus did say, "You are the light of the world."

Q: *And tell me, Is Jesus the light of the world?*

A: Jesus also said, "I am the light of the world."

Q: *Are you both the light of the world?*

A: I am but a reflection of Jesus, the true light.
Q: *Why did He say, "do not be called teachers"?*
A: Teachers are only a reflection of The Teacher.

Q: *Did the apostles heal the sick?*

A: Jesus did instruct them, "Heal the sick."

Q: *But isn't Jesus the only healer?*

A: They were but reflections of Christ the Healer.

Q: *Eph.5:23: "Christ is the head of the church".*

Do you realize "head" means leader?

A: I do.

Q: *How many heads does the church have?*

A: I get it.... the church has but one Head, one

Leader.... Lord Jesus.

Q: *And the leaders of Hebrews 13:17 must be....?*

A: Mere reflections of the one true Leader.

Q: *So how many leaders do you have?*

A: I have but one Leader, one Teacher, Jesus!!

Q & A : Your Very Own Jesus Account

Q: *What's a Jesus Account?*

A: It's a bank account that belongs to Jesus.
Q: *Who feeds the account?*
A: You do.... every day.
Q: *Every day!?*
A: Every day you give something to Lord Jesus.

Q: *How much do I put into this Jesus Account?*

A: “Let each one give as he purposes in his heart.”

Q: *Suppose I can't afford to give?*

A: “My God shall supply all your need.”

Q: *But where will the extra money come from?*
A: In part, from the money you normally give to your church.
Q: *But who will cover church expenses?*
A: That's not your problem. Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth.”
Q: *Are you saying my church building is an earthly treasure?*

A: Elaborate buildings aren't “treasures in heaven”.
Q: *How will I spend the money that's in the account?*

A: Since this is a Jesus Account, ask Jesus.

Q: *And spend it only as His Holy Spirit directs?*
A: The Holy Spirit can do much with little.
Q: *My very own Jesus Account! Will Jesus bless me?*
A: Honour Jesus and Jesus will honour you.

Q & A : Jesus Account = More Of Jesus

Q: *A Jesus Account will give me more of Jesus?*

A: Relationally speaking, yes.
Q: *How can that be?*
A: Jesus taught, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Q: *My heart follows my “treasure”?*

A: Like a submissive puppy.

Q: *Why does my heart follow my income?*
A: Spending income is spending life, the amount of

life consumed earning it.

Q: *And?*

A: If your life, for example, is spent on stuff, stuff

will capture your heart.

Q: *Things will become my god?*
A: Useless stuff will sit on the throne of your life.
Q: *Suppose my givings are spent on religion?*
A: Religion will sit on the throne of your life.
Q: *Does that happen often?*
A: Almost always; that's why such scant fruit within

evangelicalism.
Q: *So what's the answer?*

A: A Jesus Account is one answer. It will cause you

to be attracted to/focussed on/serve Lord Jesus.

Q & A : A Jesus Account Assures A Better Account

Q: *A better account? What are you referring to?*

A: " is the one to whom we are accountable."
Q: *We all must give an account to Jesus?*
A: "We must all stand before Christ to be judged."
Q: Why?
A: "We will each receive whatever we deserve."

Q: *Yikes! On what basis will I be judged?*
A: Obedience/disobedience.

Q: *A Jesus Bank Account assures a better account?*

A: Jesus: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Q: *A Jesus Account will help me do that?*
A: Definitely, providing you steward it faithfully.
Q: *By feeding it generously?*
A: Yes. And, equally important, by releasing

accumulating funds as the Spirit directs.
Q: *Isn't donating to my church equally profitable?*
A: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man."
Q: *But if I'm not adept at being Spirit-led?*

A: You must learn.
Q: *Does the Spirit really guide us individually?*

A: The Holy Spirit will most certainly guide the

one fully committed to Jesus Christ.

Q & A : Is A Jesus Bank Account Practical?

Q: *Well, is a Jesus Account practical?*

A: Very, if it's under the control of the Holy Spirit.
Q: *How might the Spirit direct me to disperse from*

my Jesus Account?
A: Probably heavy into The Great Commission.

Q: *What makes you think so?*

A: "God so loved the world that He gave His only

begotten Son."
Q: *Got it. But would my meagre donations count?*
A: Meagre? An average $5 per day = $1825 per year.

Q: *Wow! It adds up, doesn't it?*

A: $20 daily = $7300. That converts into many souls.

Q: *Wow again! Should I support a missionary?*

A: There's a better way. Supporting national

evangelists will result in many more converts.

Q: *Nationals?*

A: Someone living in a third world nation.

Q: *An evangelist speaking their language?*

A: Perhaps 2 to 5 nationals can be supported for the

cost of sending out one missionary.

Q: *Intriguing. But a trip to the bank every day?*

A: Daily set aside a donation and bank whenever.
Q: *Hmmmm. My very own Jesus Account?*

A: Your very own Jesus Account.

Q & A: A Jesus Account Will Develop You

Q: *Develop me into what?*

A: Into what you want to be.

Q: *What's that?*

A: A mature christian.
Q: *You're saying I'm not mature!?*
A: If you are you're quite uncommon.
Q: *Most christians are immature? Like really?*
A: Evangelicals are kids in stretched skin, adults

never graduated from kindergarten.

Q: *They do not/cannot think for themselves?*
A: Followers only, not of Christ but christians.

The way it is has stunted their growth.

Q: *The way it is?*

A: The accepted way of doing church/christianity.

Q: *How will a Jesus Account develop me/us?*
A: It will wean you from dependence on others.
Q: *Motivate me to direct my own christianity?*
A: It will cause you to lean on Christ.... alone.
Q: *Instead of Pastor Whoever?*
A: Pastor Whoever and many etceteras.

Q: *A Jesus Account will really benefit me?*

A: It will develop you into a disciple of Christ.
Q: *Instead of a disciple of man?*

A: Amen and amen.

Q & A: Five Signs of Spiritual Immaturity: # 1

Q: *Is spiritual immaturity a problem?*

A: Stunted spiritual growth is a massive problem

among evangelicals.
Q: *Who is to blame?*
A: Those in charge, mostly.

Q: *Pastors?*

A: Pastors are agents only.

Q: *Agents? Agents of whom?*

A: Most are appointees of a denomination.

Q: *And they spawn spiritual juveniles?*

A: Evangelicals are kindergarten adults.

Q: *How does one recognize spiritual immaturity?*
A: I thought you would never ask.....

1: Asking Another/Others for Permission.

Q: *Permission to do what?*
A: Whatever.

Q: *And if we do seek man's permission?*

A: That indicates the lordship of man.

Q: *Ouch! But can we trust our own discernment?*

A: We can trust our Shepherd to lead us.

Q: *We don't need Pastor Whoever's permission?*

A: No more than I need yours or you need mine.

Q: *So seeking man's permission is adolescent?*

A: And insulting to Jesus, the Lord (director,

supervisor, administrator) of our lives.

Q & A : <u>Five Signs of Spiritual Immaturity: # 2</u>

Q: *So what's your second sign of immaturity?*

A: *# 2*: **<u>Relinquishing The Governance Of The Holy Spirit.</u>**
Q: *Is that as bad as it seems?*
A: Those not governed by the Holy Spirit will certainly

be governed by another.
Q: *Another?*
A: The local church, Pastor Whoever, a spiritual elite.

Someone or something will fill that vacuum.

Q: *Why would anyone surrender to others?*
A: Their religion demands allegiance.

Q: *But why would they capitulate?*

A: Most of us have a strong yearning for acceptance.

Acceptance is dispensed only to the cooperative.

Q: *By cooperative you mean submissive?*

A: Don't question, never challenge, be a team player.

Q: *Do evangelicals submit to evangelicalism?*

A: Certainly. That's what makes them evangelicals.

Q: *But suppose an evangelical refuses?*
A: Those who haven't relinquished the leadership

of the Spirit are not evangelicals.
Q: *Even though they attend an evangelical church?*
A: Attending an evangelical church does not make

one an evangelical.
Q: *What does?*
A: Bowing to evangelical dictates.
Q: *So our choice is....?*

A: Be governed by the Holy Spirit or be governed

by religion.

Q & A: 5 Signs of Spiritual Immaturity: # 3

Q: *And # 3 is....?*

A: # 3: **The Immature Are Easily Impressed**
Q: *Impressed by whom/what?*
A: Church edifices, numbers, elite personalities.

Q: *Anything else?*

A: Credentials, giftings, charismatic charm.

Q: *Sigh..... is there more?*

A: Financial savvy, pulpit presence, intellect.
Q: *So it's immature to be impressed by the 'flesh'?*
A: The artist, not the artwork, should impress us.

Q: *The artist (Artist) being the Lord Jesus?*
A: He alone is worthy of our praise, awe, loyalty.

Q: *What should impress us?*

A: That which impressed Jesus.
Q: *What impressed our Lord?*

A: Jesus marvelled at the centurion's faith.

Q: *Faith should inspire us?*

A: Faith in our Lord Jesus should impress us.
Q: *And not outward appearance?*

A: "John was clothed with camels hair and a

leather belt around his waist."
Q: *And John impressed Lord Jesus?*

A: Jesus: "Among those born of women there

has not risen one greater than John."
Q: *So how do we mature?*
A: Ask Jesus (earnestly, repeatedly) to mature us.

Q & A : Five Signs of Spiritual Immaturity: # 4

Q: *And # 4 is…..?*

A: **# 4 Sign of Immaturity: Awelessness.**
Q: *Awelessness? What's that?*
A: The inability/reluctance to be awed.
Q: *Should we be awed?*
A: We are surrounded by amazement.

Q: *You're talking nature?*

A: Everything that crawls and walks and flies is an

awesome creation of our God, worthy of reflection.

Q: *So maturity is….?*

A: Noticing. Considering. Appreciating.

Q: *And praising Him for His handiwork?*

A: That and much more.

Q: *Such as?*

A: We are actual "heirs – heirs of God and joint

heirs of Christ."
Q: *Astounding, isn't it?*

A: Astounding X 1000.

Q: *Why aren't we awed? Why do we forget?*

A: Forgetting is what we do, being distracted by

things unworthy of our attention.

Q: *Such as?*

A: What Jesus called "treasures on earth."

Q: *So what's the answer?*

A: Ephesians. 4:23: "Let your minds and hearts be made new."

Q & A : Five Signs of Spiritual Immaturity: # 5

Q: *What is the fifth?*
A: # 5: **Herd Mentality**

Q: *Herd mentality? What's that?*
A: Believing and doing whatever the bunch is believing and doing.

Q: *Like keeping in step, flowing with the flow?*

A: Pastor Whoever would call you a team player.

Q: *What's the opposite of herd mentality?*
A: Christ mentality.
Q: *Christ mentality?*
A: Keeping in step with Jesus, flowing in the Spirit.
Q: *Who occupies the team player's heart?*
A: Mostly, the team.... especially the coach.
Q: *The coach? Like Pastor Whoever?*

A: And to a lesser degree his underlings.
Q: *His assistant pastors, elders, etc.?*

A: They assist, mostly, Pastor Whoever, not Christ.
Q: *But isn't there safety in numbers?*
A: No.
Q: *No?*
A: Christ is "my fortress, my high tower and my

deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge." Jesus is our sufficiency.

Q: *Those of Christ mentality are better protected than those of herd mentality?*

A: The Christ-centered are advantaged in every way.

Q & A: YES and NO

Q: *YES and NO?*

A: In each of us there is a YES to Jesus and a NO to Jesus.

Q: *Like really? Even non-christians?*

A: The NO in unbelievers is greater than their YES.

Q: *They DON'T want Jesus more than they DO want Jesus?*

A: Exactly.

Q: *How can they possibly be converted?*

A: Their YES to Jesus must surpass their NO.

Q: *Hmmm. What about christians?*

A: Some want MORE of Jesus and some do not.

Q: *Their NO (to more of Jesus) outweighs their YES?*

A: Exactly.

Q: *But that's not true of most evangelicals, is it?*

A: Evangelicals have a bigger YES to evangelicalism than to Jesus.

Q: *How do you know that?*

A: Simple. Evangelicals follows the decrees of evangelicalism.

Q: *Christians following christians instead of Christ?*

A: Exactly.

Q: *So their YES to religion eclipses their YES to (more of) Jesus?*

A: Exactly.

Q & A: Herd Mentality

Q: *Herd mentality? What's herd mentality?*

A: Herd mentality is the mentality of a herd.

Q: *What is the mentality of a herd?*

A: Strong devotion to the herd.

Q: *Does the world have a strong herd mentality?*

A: Oh yeah.

Q: *Do many/most christians have a strong herd mentality?*

A: Oh yeah.

Q: *Including evangelicals?*

A: Oh yeah.

Q: *How do you know that?*

A: Their speech and their spending give them away.

Q: *Spending? How does their spending give them away?*

A: Money talks.

Q: *Money talks?*

A: Those devoted to the herd finance the herd.

Q: *Hmmmm. Does a disciple of Christ have a herd mentality?*

A: Certainly not. He/she has a Christ mentality.

Q: *How do I know if I have a Christ mentality?*

A: Those obedient to Christ's words have a Christ mentality.

Q: *Christ's words? You mean the Bible?*

A: Loyalty to the Bible is loyalty to Lord Jesus Christ.