

Loving God and People (Part Two)

My policy is I don't get involved!

Work in nursery?
Ha, I raised my kids

I have to make a living.

I don't feel lead

I want to go to a large church where I don't have to do anything

I want to hear the preaching, not work with kids.

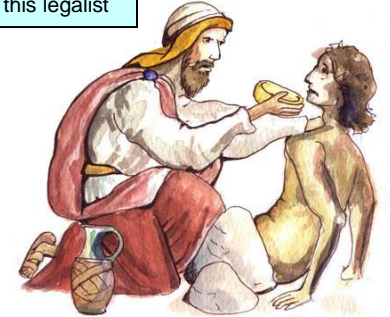
It took me five years to find a church to attend and now YOU want me to get involved?

I am going to a church that doesn't preach like this legalist

If I don't commit I don't have to do anything.

I. Get involved in the lives of other people

Luke 10:25-37 33 "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.
 34 "So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
 35 "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'
 36 "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"
 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



II. Allow yourself to be used by the Lord and allow Him to receive the glory:

Luke 19:28-38 33 But as they were losing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you losing the colt?"
 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."
 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.
 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.
 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,
 38 saying: " `Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' "
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Will you become a minister of compassion?

Will you allow yourself to be used of the Lord as He reveals He has need of you?

Will you become a worker in His kingdom?

Are you willing to get involved and do the dirty work?

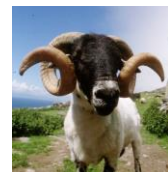
Are you willing to love the unlovable?

III. Take advantage of the opportunities He brings your way:

Matthew 25:32-46 " 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 `for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 `I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'
 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'
 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'
 46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Are you the sheep of His pasture or an old goat who likes to butt heads?



The only difference between the sheep and the goats is what they did and didn't do!

Some ministries of compassion you can be involved in:

Children's ministry
 Youth
 Concert Ministry
 Ministry to the poor
 Prison Newsletter
 Convalescent Hospital
 Door to door ministry
 Car wash ministry

Discipleship Ministry
 Phone calling
 Visitation teams
 Sending cards
 Intercessory prayer
 Healing Ministry



Good works are okay!!!

James 2:18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.