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Mind Of Christ

I Corinthians 11:1

“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”

I remember something my high school choir director taught us years ago; “If you’re on stage and can see someone in the audience, they can also see you. Act like someone is ALWAYS looking at you.” Guys, someone’s always looking at you. A wife, a child, a co-worker... the list goes on. What sort of an example are you giving them to follow?

Have we looked around at the world recently? Is it possible that we’re looking at the results of a generational curse that we brought on the world because we claimed the blood of Christ over our sins, but have failed completely to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)? When pressed, can we even express what worship is? Often, we think of little more than the music that proceeds the “talking” parts of church service. What if it is more? And, what if the expectation of our Father in Heaven is that we – men – were created to uniquely teach a life of worship to those coming after us.

Think of it like this: If the next generation of church leadership were going to be as dedicated to living for the cause of Christ as you are today, would you be hopeful for the future of Christianity, or should we go ahead and start writing her obituary?

Because that’s what is at stake. Not that we take responsibility for the choices and behaviors of someone in the future, but that we take responsibility for leading those members of the future in a way that instructs them on HOW to chose and HOW to behave in the future. Often, we’re so concerned with whether they can make a good shot from 200 yards, or whether they can mobilize a double-play on a grounder to shortstop, that we’re missing our first calling to train up the next generation and instead happily escorting them to the gates of Hell. Think I’m wrong? I’d love to be – but the statistics tell a difficult story.

Gentlemen, this is one of those problems that is easy to solve. We just need an abundance of three things: **Grace, Time, and Willingness**. Even better, two of the three have already been given to us all. God Almighty is the giver of grace, so He’s got that covered. And time... He holds it in His hand (Job 12:10) and we can’t have any more or less than He has already ordained.

But willingness... that’s on us. God is a perfect gentleman and doesn’t force you to do anything. If He did, we wouldn’t have this problem. He commands, expects even, but He doesn’t force. He calls us, specifically and uniquely as men, to train the next generation and lead them on paths of righteousness. He commands that we **KNOW** his Word and that it be on our lips morning and night. He calls us to a life of worship.

Are you willing? Everyone is an example, good or bad. We were called to be good examples of Christ in a fallen world. It’s time we took up our mantle of responsibility and offered ourselves on the altar of obedience. We were created and called for this purpose. Join me and let’s start today reclaiming the world in the name of the Most High! Are you willing?