

Does the Church Ask Too Much or Too Little?

Notes: 1. Do you think the Church asks, expects too much? Some do.

(a) Financially - Causes here + abroad; Bldg. bldg.

(b) Sermon on comm's; teach; attendance drives; avoid summer days

(c) Morally - Full of faith + live like beatitudes. Some quit of in moral crisis.

2. Expects too little? Some think so.

(a) when joining - Glad to get anybody.

(b) at communion, Self-examination

(c) attitudes and influence in community

III. - Hippie in St. Louis. "Ch not serious about serious things."

3. Right at one point - Every person has a center of seriousness, a pt. of struggle, a pt. at which he must be taken seriously. Not same with all -

(a) Rom. 7 - Knew drugs with self. Moral flaw or inadequacy crucified. Torn. Knew Script. Some who know best seem least to love, share, forgive. O wretched man! No non-serious (all have problem, none perfect, many worse) please walk 4 days to hear a serious word.

Macheth turning corner on fringe; chasing butterfly; missing promise.

(b) Mk. 10 - felt incongruity between own comfort and mercy of Jewell. Insulted by suggestions miserable, lazy, underserving, put new clothes in S. Army basket.

(c) Prob. of death - Even in adolescent enthusiasm for life, when robust with no evidence of anxiety, always there. A fact, whether on highway or V. Nam. Abused, violator, intruder. Repulsed by injured meanings + injured sweetness in bitter things.

(d) Domestic tension - Can't laugh anymore at bad jokes about marriage problems

III - Rude with Clayton Stuttgart + Munich. He verbally abused by wife, daughter, patient, priest. No man a big man. "I did hope for more who

Has succeeded except where must be to succeed?

Ⓔ Past, Irreparable. If only had not gone, or did it, or said it.
If only. No glb - Look ahead, forget past! Past not just
dust from road over which travels, of which so, try to
shake it off.

Ⓕ Prejudice. What a battle between head & heart!
Ill. - Buck Negler & partition in his restaurant.

Ⓖ Or unused gifts, wasted life, bitterness, dark affection

4. For Ch. to take seriously means no glb and easy answers;
No calling darkness light and bitter sweet. No respect for
Ch. that quakes the Gethsemane where he sweat blood.

5. It means Ⓐ to recognize universality of problem;

Ⓑ to remind me of my frailty, inability. Soul-turkey, not enough.

Ⓒ to set me before God.

Ill. - Who then can be saved? Mt. 10

(O wretched ---; thanks be to God --- Rom. 7.)

↓ Possible with God. Abr. & Sarah

Jesus
Ourselves