

Wisdom's House Briefmail: By Wisdom a House is Built. 4/4

. . . and you thought I dropped off the edge of the earth.

This is the last of four "Briefmails" where I will connect the condition of our nation, and in many ways the church, with the wisdom of the age that is reflected in what we call socialism.

Our national crisis is a reflection of the crisis in the church.

The state of our economy and of our political system both, are symptomatic of the spiritual state of our nation. Our spiritual state is a result of generations of a form of Christianity which is significantly mixed with and built on the wisdom of the age. The results are staggering: 96% who call themselves Christians do not have a Biblical world-view. 98% of America says they believe in Jesus, but have no significant actions or life-style that demonstrates such a belief. Though there are many who say they know the Lord in cultural Christianity, to most this is only an empty claim. This crisis stems from having become skilled at starting & maintaining churches with the wisdom of the age reflected in different forms of attraction, from web pages to worship arts, that must continually but our skill building with the Spirit of Wisdom - bearing spiritual offspring who know simply how to live in love and build others who do the same - is almost completely gone. Those who are leading in the church (including myself) bear the central responsibility and accountability for this epidemic. We are products of the spirit of the age and few of us know anything but the form of Christianity of recent history. Our generation has known a religion that can be entered into with little or no cost. Baptism is not a symbol of identifying with Christ's death unto a life wholly consecrated to Jesus, but a statement of entitlement - eternal life is mine, and a life of blessing is expected to follow. The gospel of salvation being a free gift does not include if the revelation of that gift does not result in a willingness to lay your life down for others, the What is needed is one who will come in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the generation in authority (mothers and fathers) toward the next generation. This will be the function of the Spirit of Wisdom. We know this because the result will be the children's hearts being turned to their fathers, or as the angel phrased it to John the Baptists father in Luke 1:17, ". . . the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous." Many are whole-heartedly seeking, praying, and declaring the absolute need for awakening and reformation for all who call themselves Christians, but don't truly know Jesus, His Cross, and His Church.

What do you mean, "We've lost a generation?"

CONNECT THE LOSS OF A GENERATION WITH SPIRITUAL SOCIALISM

For years we've known, that young people were leaving church at 18 years of age. There was simply not enough 'connectivity' with the Kingdom, and too many attractive options were offered as they started out in life. We would say, "Wow, that's not good," between event planning and staff meetings, but never felt the gravity of this reality until the tears started to come in prayer. Revelatory tears that had spiritual clarity unavailable in this realm, we could see a generation being swept away. In a dream, the Lord said, "Does not Wisdom cry out?" (For more on this experience, listen to the podcast 'Week 1' @ itunes; search: wisdomshouse.) God began to reveal to us the role of Wisdom's intercession and mentoring in how He builds His family. Jesus called it making disciples. Paul spoke of the spirit of adoption, and that the earth groans for the sons (and daughters) of God to be revealed.

We can't spend our way out of this . . . we don't need more big events, attractive videos, or web pages. Many seek after 'the presence' of God as the answer. Please here me: I, more than most, want the Lord's presence, but if this is our only cry then we are missing God's heart, and His revealed plan. We need each one to teach one to reach one. We need to turn our hearts to the children and to prayer. Many are saying, "We need to be like the Church in the book of Acts!" Yes . . . but we must accept that 'way of life' on early church terms, not western, individualist and materialist terms. Loving our brothers and sisters must reflect the Wisdom that God released in the cross, and was revealed in true church community and the governing mind-set and station of BEING the Church.

But we don't truly understand this, we build by inviting those we want to know the Lord to come to church to find out about Him. Not a bad idea, IF we see ourselves as personally responsible for their spiritual growth. Otherwise it is nothing more than turning them over to the government for their provision.

Wisdom's House is the Family of God, and by Wisdom this House is built. The ability to communicate the gospel will always be simple, but in the hour we live, we have many who have believed in the gospel, but

We see the church as our place to be fed, not our place to give. Got a problem, call "the church" they have people who can help you . . . and on and on . . .