

A Spiritual "Sponge Bath"

...by Washed by the Word Church

"...God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Gal 6:14)

It is our duty to be ignorant in many things in the world and to consider ourselves as dead to the world. It is also our duty to turn a 'deaf ear' to many of the things being said in the world and instead to pay attention to the things being said that bring about peace in our heart and soul.

It is to our advantage not to open up doors of discussion about worldly issues that offend others or that cause dissention, but rather to allow each person we come into contact with to have their own opinion. If we are in the right standing with God, we can easily endure to take a "quiet" position on worldly issues that only cause division...and to stand strong and burn brightly on spiritual issues that will impact the eternal souls of the people with whom we come in contact.

- 1) We work hard and sacrifice for some worldly issue, position, or possession
...while the damage done to our relationship with the Lord is something we do not consider or even notice.
- 2) That which profits us only a little, or often times nothing at all, is where we put our focus and our efforts.
...while that which is especially needed and is extremely important in light of eternity, we put on the back burner
- 3) We are all on a steep slope into eternity
...unless we come to ourselves (Luke 15:17) → we will go flying off the cliff into eternity unprepared, without any hope of Paradise!
- 4) It is imperative that we become 'dead to the world' and 'alive to Christ'
...that we seek the salvation of people lost in a dying world; people who don't even know, or care, that there is a 'cliff' in their immediate future!

...Based on Thomas a Kempis'

"Don't Go Looking for Trouble from the World!"