

Be an Intentional Christian

A couple of weeks ago Rev. Kunju Raju said, "A lot of Christians are passive Christians. We need to be intentional Christians." He said this in reference to the passage in 2 Peter chapter 1 where Peter is exhorting us to 'add' certain virtues in our Christian life.

It made me think about my own life. What kind of a Christian am I? What I do as a Christian, are they intentional? Or am I just passively doing everything as a routine? Do I benefit, does God get any glory, and are others blessed through my life and actions?

I go to church almost every Sunday. Being the day to worship God together with other believers do I go with an attitude of 'I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."?' Or to be seen as a good church member in the sight of others and avoid a call from the pastor/elder? Is my soul like 'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God, my soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?' Can I say this, 'My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.'?

I pray on a regular basis. Am I eager and longing to speak to God my creator and Father? Or do I pray always to get something or accomplish something? Are my prayers honest conversation and requests from my heart or just lip service?

I read Bible regularly also. Of course it complements the prayer. Same way as prayer, am I eager and willing to listen to God speaking to me? Or I do it because pastor said we should read the Bible regularly and also try to read the entire Bible this year? Does it speak to me, stir me and/or challenge me? (Bible verses and passages should not only make us happy and feel good they should challenge, correct and make us repent also). Or is it just plain boring?

I give regularly from my finances for the work of God. God loves that, but the Word says God loves a cheerful giver. So I don't gain anything unless I am giving cheerfully except saving some tax dollars. Maybe I give the tithe cheerfully, but what if I am prompted to give over and beyond tithe? God says in His Word to test Him by giving. Am I willing to go to that level?

I love others, I like to help others and I like to do other activities. Are all these out of agape love? Is there any trace of show or pride or self-promotion involved? Am I faithful in what is expected of me?

There are many questions I need to ask myself and probably changes to be made, corrections to be done and God's will be sought.

Am I an intentional, God-approved Christian?

The child who is eager to help around the house is usually too young to do it.

Source Unknown.

**Have you reached the goal of the Bible reading plan for the week?
Are you happy with the amount of time spent in talking to the Father this week?**

Bible Reading Plan for this Week

February 07, 2016	Romans 11-12
February 08, 2016	Genesis 20-23
February 09, 2016	Judges 1-6
February 10, 2016	Psalms 15-17
February 11, 2016	Job 11-12
February 12, 2016	Isaiah 29-33
February 13, 2016	Matthew 14-16

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
REV. JACOB OOMMEN & SIS. JOLLY JACOB**

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),
Bro. Babu Thannickal, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew,
Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol),
Usha Danielkutty, Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Baby Anaya
Sis. Mary, wife of Pastor John Thomas & all who are
sick among us.**