

# Two Equally Bad Ditches - Both Leave the Doors open to Satan

It seems like we get into extremes, or ditches in the body of Christ. There's usually a ditch on both sides of the road. **One ditch** is when someone thinks, *"There couldn't possibly be anything I could have done wrong to cause me to forfeit my blessing."*

## But what about fear? And worry?

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. Job 3:25

## How about strife?

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3:15

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Peter 3:7 - 12

**And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:25,26**

You could be sowing discord among the brethren: **These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16**

Fear, worry strife, unforgiveness and disobedience, may not be a real big deal to you. But if you don't deal with them, you'll end up giving place to Satan, who will take advantage of your vulnerability. There are a '*gazillion*' sins a person could commit to cause them to lose their hedge of protection.

And then, there's **the other ditch**, where you're attempting to get someone to receive their healing and they think they're too unworthy, or they haven't been good enough. They go on and on with guilt and condemnation. ***Your sins are underneath the blood of Jesus, and you want to keep them there! Don't go digging them up!***

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9**

**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1**

**I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Isaiah 43:25**

## Attending Church is no Substitute for Attending to the Word

Every believer must keep him/herself built up spiritually, and no one can do this by just going to church! I want to say that again: ***You cannot get built up spiritually by just attending church services and helping out with the church.*** You, as an individual, must personally spend time in God's Word and pray every day to the point that your mind is renewed to the Word, and all you ***talk*** is the Word, and all you ***believe*** is the Word.

If you think all you need to do is attend church regularly, your problem is you're deceived into thinking that going to church is enough to give you a *card blanche* to walk in divine health.

Very few people who are active in church are active in attending to the Word. If you don't personally attend to the Word every day, you're personally not growing spiritually, and you're personally not making any spiritual progress to any great degree. Anyone, no matter who they are, that ever thinks that they're safe because they attend church regularly, is deceived. They're either self-deceived, or Satan has deceived them.

Every believer is required by God to fellowship with Him every day in His Word, and in prayer. If you don't feed on the Word, and develop a prayer life, you become spiritually anorexic and will be unable to resist the devil, sickness and disease. You hear the following religious lies in church services where people are not attending to the Word: *"It may not be God's will to heal sister so-and-so", "It may be their time to go", "God uses sickness to teach us."*

## The Problem of Religiosity in the Body of Christ

I pastor, and I've preached in a lot of churches. I'm no novice or *"Johnny-come-lately."* One of the biggest problems I've seen today in the Body of Christ is religion. When you get into religion, you don't even know you're in it. Religion robs people of their spiritual authority, so they don't live as more than conquerors, and they're usually offended about something,

When it comes to conversations about God, religious people want to only talk about what they believe and how great their church and pastor are. They don't talk the Word. When they talk about their church and their beliefs, their visions, dreams, prophecies and so-called spiritual experiences, all they want you to do is listen to them. They don't want you to counter anything they say by giving them the Word.

Religious people just want you to believe that if it came from their church, it's ok. But it's not ok, no matter whose church it came from! It's not ok if it came from my churches, or anyone else's churches; it's not ok if it came from my ministry, or anyone else's ministry! If it's not the Word, or backed with the Word, you're not required to accept it or believe it! ***On the contrary, reject it.***

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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